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The Best of Times or the Worst of Times



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IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. The words of Charles Dickens reverberate in Jewish life and our time.

The holidays of Purim and Pesah clearly identify the dangers facing our ancestors. Haman's accusation echoes through the ages: "There is a certain people... whose laws are different from those of every other people's... it is not befitting the king to tolerate them (Esther 3:8)." On Pesah, as we recall the enslavement in Egypt, the *Haggadah* reminds us: "In every generation, there are those who rise up to destroy us." Yet these crises brought us "from bondage to freedom, from darkness to a great light".

Josette and I visited Poland after the killings in Paris and before the shooting in Copenhagen. We came to Israel after skirmishes at the border with Syria and before the Israeli elections. During our trip to Warsaw and Jerusalem, I frequently reflected on the Jewish past and present, asking myself whether we face the spring of hope or the winter of despair.

Josette and I explored the bold new museum that presents the complex history of Jewish Poland, investigated the remnants of the historic ghetto and glimpsed the future of the community at a time of great anxiety in Europe. The eight galleries of Polin: The Museum of the History of Polish Jews documents the 1,000-year history of Polish Jews from their arrival in Poland through the present day.

The museum presents the first arrival of Jews in Polish lands, why they stayed, the tremendous creativity and growth of the community (over 3.3 million before the Holocaust) and the near total annihilation during the Shoah. Without eliding over past crises, the museum points to the unbroken presence of Jews as part of Polish history (something that our Weisfeld lecturer, Moshe Rosman, will discuss when he visits at the end of April), a story of "cooperation and competition, coexistence and conflict, separation and integration."

Rather than see the Holocaust as the end of Polish

Jewish life (there now may be as many as 25,000 Jews in the country), the museum reviews the complex post-Shoah question of whether to stay or leave, the period under Communist rule, and the post-1989 small-scale renewal of Jewish life after the revolution. We visited the Lauder-Morasha School with over 240 students, ate in kosher restaurants and saw the home of the Jewish Theatre.

My friend, the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Michael Schudrich, tells me that each week he counsels Poles who have just discovered their Jewish heritage and seek to determine what that means to them. Many go, as we did, to the Jewish Historical Institute for genealogical research. This was especially rewarding for us as I was able to trace my Kohl family back to 1788 and Josette was able to get documentation about her great-grandparents from 1862!

Although the community is small, there is an enormous Jewish presence in Polish consciousness. In addition to Holocaust memorials (we stood at the *umschlagplatz* from where many of Josette's family were sent to Treblinka), there are festivals of Jewish culture, Christian-Jewish dialogue efforts, courses in Jewish studies and artistic projects. The present Polish government has a zero-tolerance for anti-Semitism.

At a time when we see Jews killed in France and Denmark along with criticism of Israel from many governments in Europe, it is important (and ironic) that the two strongest European allies of Israel are Germany and Poland. After the worst of times during the Holocaust, it is not yet the best of times, but Poland is no longer simply a bleak landscape.

In Israel, our attention shifted to the challenges and uncertainty of the present, as well as to the hope for the future. We joined the leadership mission of CIJA (Centre for Israel and Jewish Advocacy) to update ourselves on contemporary diplomatic, internal and strategic issues facing Israel.

Whether from the Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or independent security experts, attention was constantly directed to the general instability in the Middle East and the insecurity at borders because of hostile Hizbollah (in

Lebanon), Hamas (in Gaza), ISIS (near the Golan Heights) and al-Qaida/ Muslim Brotherhood (in the Sinai). Everyone agreed that the greatest threat was Iran which seeks a Shi'ite sphere of influence from the Gulf to the Mediterranean, sponsors terrorism and negotiates in the international "bazaar" while developing the potential for nuclear weapons.

Media commentators and political leaders from various parties and perspectives pointed to the strategic withdrawal from the region of American power and influence, as well as to the Palestinian decision to shift from direct negotiations to the international legal arena, effectively stalemating any possibility of a two-state solution. As one person dryly commented, "If you think too much about all this, it could ruin your weekend." Is this the worst of times?

While not minimizing the severity of the dangers facing Israel, a number of the speakers who briefed us pointed to many more positive developments. Tal Becker, Legal Advisor to the Foreign Ministry, has helped to craft the Hartman Institute iEngage Project (which we use in our Congregation). He reminded us that Israel is a strong state with the determination and creativity to thrive and flourish. Jonathan Medved, a venture capitalist, pointed to the many successful technology ventures in the "Start-up Nation". Even during the Gaza conflict last summer, the Israeli economy continued to grow.

Israel has come a long way from the time when all desserts were mousse and visitors brought coffee, clothing and other supplies to their relatives. Now Israeli food is excellent, restaurants are exported (think Aroma), women in our congregation look for clothing "made in Israel", and *Waze* guides drivers on the 401. On a personal note, we spent time with our grandchildren, watching, with pride and anticipation, their growth in an exciting country filled with a zest for life. This may not be the best of times, but it is far from the worst of them.

As we remember our deliverance from the ancient Haman and Pharaoh, as we pray for safety from contemporary anti-Semitism, terrorism and Iranian nuclear missiles, let us also celebrate the rebirth of Jewish life in Poland and the hard-won miracle of Israel, its many successes and exciting future.

For more information on the sources referenced in this article, visit www.beth-tzedec.org/page/articles/a/display/s/1/item/the-best-of-times-or-the-worst-of-times

MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING

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Building for the Future: A Transformation



Quality architecture starts with respect and builds on trust.

TWO YEARS AGO, CAROLYN KOLERS (THEN PRESIDENT) and I (then Chair of the Board) joined with a group of dedicated members of the Congregation, skilled in the business of building and property development, to re-start the process of developing plans to renew and revitalize our Synagogue building. We recognized that the building was in dire need of repair and that changes were necessary in order to sustain us as a congregation for generations to come. Balancing those needs with the desire to preserve and protect the integrity of the original design and our guiding objective to create flexible, functional spaces, four key areas of improvement were identified: the Sanctuary, the Jacob Hendeles Chapel, the Paul and Ted Orenstein Mezzanine Hall and the parking lot entrance. A new Renovation Committee was then born, now co-chaired by Stephen Kauffman and me. Carolyn shared these renewal plans with the Congregation in her 2012 Kol Nidrei address and related President's column, and the Renovation Committee subsequently worked to develop preliminary conceptual plans which were presented at two town hall meetings about one year ago. We were encouraged by the positive responses, and last spring we formed the Architect Selection Committee to continue to move the process forward. I want to inform you of the progress we have made and what lies ahead.

This past October, the Architect Selection Committee issued a request for proposals to a number of major architectural firms and received four responses. The responses were reviewed, the four firms made presentations to this Committee, and ultimately Hariri Pontarini was chosen as the firm of architects for our project. Siamak Hariri, as principal-in-charge, and Doron Meinhard, as lead architect, will be leading their team. I quote from their submission to us:

“Quality architecture starts with respect and builds on trust. In working with various public and cultural institutions, we have come to understand intimately the heart of such a community and its attendant needs and requirements. The insights of everyone involved in the process are essential to creating spaces that are inspiring to users and attuned to their settings. We build consensus among groups, considering varying viewpoints and needs, to come to well-crafted, enduring and sustainable solutions.

“A holistic long-term plan is needed for the building. Through the years, various unplanned additions have resulted in inefficient use of space and awkward circulation. Interior and exterior renovations are also needed to maintain the building envelope, improve its energy efficiency, and upgrade to current building code standards. Beth Tzedec Congregation must rethink and reconfigure individual spaces to create a cohesive building that accommodates its congregation's changing needs, and look toward its future growth.

“Improving the intimacy and adaptability of spaces is a primary consideration. The goal of the renovation projects is to create spaces that encourage highly engaging, participatory experiences. Among the many needed improvements, Beth Tzedec Congregation has prioritized the following projects:

- Updating the Sanctuary to increase warmth and intimacy, and improve flexibility, accessibility, energy efficiency, and sightlines and sound quality.
- Expanding the Chapel to accommodate more seating and improve lighting and sound.
- Creation of a new, elegant entrance from the west end parking lot, improving security and harmonizing kitchen, office and loading dock needs.
- Review of the building envelope.
- Updating and expanding some existing spaces, such as the Mezzanine Hall, Banquet Hall, Board Room, Lounge and offices.”

In the Sanctuary, in order to achieve these priorities, we are considering raising the floor to the level of the foyer, thereby eliminating all stairs from the foyer and making the Sanctuary accessible from several entrances. We would also create an accessible *bimah* (as I announced to the Congregation on Yom Kippur). A removable divider would be added, hanging down from the lip of the balcony, giving us the flexibility of having both the ability to expand the area of the Banquet Hall for large *smahot* and dinners, and a new multi-media equipped meeting space ideal for educational purposes. The flexibility built into this plan would preserve our capability to use this space as part of the Sanctuary for prayer and other events by having the partitions open at both the west and east ends.

The Jacob Hendeles Chapel is one of the most frequently used rooms in the building and is in need of a

complete overhaul. The seating is uncomfortable, its capacity is too small for our needs and many users would like the option of having a centre *bimah*. We intend to increase its capacity to around 350 people and to equip it with a moveable *bimah*. We could then use the Chapel more often for Shabbat services as an alternative to the Sanctuary.

We look forward to making the Paul and Ted Orenstein Mezzanine Hall a bright, sun-filled space for celebrating *smahot*. We aim to make it a sought-after venue for weddings, *b'nei mitzvot* and community activities and to provide a source of revenue to the Congregation. We are also exploring the possibility of having a roof-top terrace adjacent to this Hall which could be used for outdoor weddings and summer *davening*, as well as housing our Congregational Sukkah each fall.

Upon entry from the parking lot, congregants should appreciate that they are entering a magnificent shul and that all its space is sacred. To accomplish this, the corridor from this entry leading to and including the foyer will form an open and inviting "spine" serving the major rooms of the shul.

As these plans begin to take shape, it was an honour to welcome the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Joe Oliver, to Beth Tzedec on February 20, when he formally announced the awarding of a grant to us from the federal government's Enabling Accessibility Fund. We shall use this grant as seed money to improve accessibility of our Sanctuary.

I want to close with a *todah rabbah* to our Cantor Simon and Larry Wallach for bringing us the *Motown Megillah Sing-Along and Dinner*, and a pitch to participate in one of Beth Tzedec's annual premier events. This year's *Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show: Passport to Style*, will be held on Sunday, May 10, thanks to the efforts of committee chair Patti Rotman and her dedicated team of volunteers. This very successful fundraiser has become a Mother's Day tradition for over 250 women of all ages and has raised in excess of \$38,000 to support our Out of the Cold Program. If you cannot attend, please consider calling the Synagogue office to place an ad in the *Women of Honour Booklet* in honour or memory of all the special women in your lives.

Hag kasher v'sameah to all!



Consulate General of Israel

The Community is invited to attend

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The Official Memorial Ceremony for Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terror

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TUESDAY, APRIL 21 AT 7:30 PM

Doors open at 6:45 PM

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Program in Hebrew and English

The ceremony will be followed by an evening of Israeli songs

Milestones and celebrations

Births

Lily Yael, daughter of MELANIE & AARON KOHN, granddaughter of ADA & THE LATE MARTY KAZMAN and JOY & DAVID KOHN, great-granddaughter of ROSE KAZMAN, born November 9.

Maya, daughter of IFAT WITZ & DORON GOLD, granddaughter of ABRAHAM & DORIT WITZ and ESTHER & DAVID GOLD, born December 28.

James Frederick, son of JOE & ESTI HEALE, grandson of MORTY & ELAINE GOLDBACH and MIKE & JOANN HEALE, born January 14.

Maxim "Max" Charles, son of GILLIAN HARNICK & ANDREY MATUSEVICH, grandson of BEVERLEY & CHARLES HARNICK and NATALIA & YAKOV MATUSEVICH, great-grandson of PEARL HARNICK, born January 22.

Weddings

David Gurau, son of IRVING & SUSAN GURAU, and **Rebecca Rockman**, daughter of GERRY & JOSIE ROCKMAN, who were married March 22.

Zoe Mandel, daughter of ROBERT & MARLENE MANDEL, and **Sidney Kremer**, son of ALEX & ANNA KREMER, who were married March 26.

Gail Collie, daughter of FRANCES MANDELL-ARAD & THE LATE MARVIN MANDELL, and **Stuart Teperman**, son of MARVIN TEPERMAN & THE LATE ESTELLE TEPERMAN, who will be married May 3.

Mandy Meirovich, daughter of BRIAN & HEIDI MEIROVICH, and **Paul Engel**, son of DAVID & JUDY ENGEL, who will be married May 31.

Sarah Bledin, daughter of NIKI BLEIDIN and GEOFFREY BLEIDIN, and **Jordan Applebaum**, son of FRAN APPLEBAUM and STEPHEN APPLEBAUM, who will be married June 7.

Congratulations to

Chaz Firestone, son of SHERRY & JAY FIRESTONE, and **Rebecca Theise**, daughter of RAE THEISE KERZNER & FRED THEISE², and stepdaughter of GARY KERZNER of Queens, NY, on their engagement.

Yonit Grossman, daughter of DAVID & CAROL GROSSMAN, on receiving her Bachelor of Professional Studies in Education degree, Honours with Distinction, from Niagara University.

Mike Katz, on being inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

Danny Richmond, on being awarded the Emerging Young Leaders Award by the Intercultural Dialogue Institute.

Carole & Marvin Sherkin, on their granddaughter **Eilat Ravid's** Bat Mitzvah on March 28 (in Israel).

Matthew Solomon, son of GERRY SOLOMON and MARLENE & SHELDON ALSPECTOR, and **Tanya Stone**, daughter of HOWARD & SHELLEY STONE, on their engagement.

Dr. Jesse Witchel, who celebrated his 95th birthday on April 8.

Many Thanks

Coleman & Wendy Rotstein, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on December 27 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Morris Rotstein**.

Coleman & Wendy Rotstein, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 3 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Saul Wolfman**.

The Zabitsky Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on January 31 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Haskell Zabitsky**.

Dr. Eudice Goldberg and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 14 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Richard Goldberg**.

Ricky & Peter Cohen, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on February 21 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Randy Mark Stupp**.

Susan Friedrich & Harry Enchin, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 21 to commemorate the yahrtzeiten of **Rozalia & Miksa Friedrich**.

Dr. Marvin Goldstein & Judy Betel, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on February 21 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Betel**.



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 June, July, August and September is May 1.

Barry & Susan Phillips, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 28 to commemorate the yahrtzeiten of **Arnold Phillips** and **Ethel Hamer**.

Joshua & Rhonda Charlat, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 4 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Alexa**.

David Golden & Connie Putterman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 18 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Liora**.

Sender & Lisa Tator, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 18 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Halle**.

Harold Maltz & Sharon Kreidstein, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 25 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Sam**.

Steven & Rebecca Isenberg, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 2 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Lauren**.

Michael & Erin Leranbaum, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 23 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Charles**.

Exploring Pesah with Professor Noam Zion

Thursday, March 26 to Shabbat, March 28



THURSDAY, MARCH 26

The Structure of the Haggadah—6:30 to 7:25 PM

Prof. Noam Zion gives a special presentation for those in the process of converting and others who are less familiar with the *Haggadah*. We will be using *A Different Night Haggadah* at this program. If you have a copy, please bring it along. Copies will be available for \$16.50.

The Four Daughters and Sons in Art, Midrash, Psychology and Politics—7:30 PM

A phenomenal presentation on the modern Jewish struggle with the changing ideals of what we wish for in our children. A fantastic in-depth look at a key portion of the Haggadah that will surely enhance your entire seder.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Pre-Pesah Friday Night Live Service & Dinner—6:30 PM

Get in the mood for Pesah with a rousing musical Friday Night Live Kabbalat Shabbat service with Cantor Simon Spiro and the fabulous Beth Tzedec Singers, followed by a delicious non-Passover dinner and lecture with Prof. Noam Zion on *101 Ideas for a More Participatory Seder*. Cost: \$40 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4). Dinner by advance reservation only by Monday, March 23. We will be using the *A Night to Remember Haggadah*. Copies are available for pre-purchase for \$16.50 or you can bring your own copy.

SHABBAT, MARCH 28

Shabbat with Professor Noam Zion—Services at 8:45 AM

Prof. Zion continues his lecture series with a pulpit address on *Liberating your Seder: Dispelling Five Misconceptions of the Seder*. Following the Kiddush, he will answer questions and give a brief, fascinating presentation on *From Maxwell House to Starbucks: The Homemade Haggadah and the Changing North American Seder*.

Sponsored by The Anne Belle & Manuel E. Pusitz Memorial Lecture



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 date: **Thursday, April 16** at 7:30 PM*

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

Annual General Meeting

All members are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, May 26** at 7:30 PM.

Family Symbols and Stories

Our stories recall and transmit our experiences and link them with those of family, friends and community.



WORKING IN A SYNAGOGUE KEEPS ONE CONSCIOUS OF the Jewish calendar, and it seems we are always getting ready for one holiday or another. From Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, to Sukkot and Simḥat Torah, Ḥanukkah, Purim, Pesah and Shavuot, our Jewish life is defined by the sights, smells and symbols that light up our lives. Daily and weekly, ritual objects give context and colour to who we are. Symbols, wrapped around experiences, come to life from childhood to old age, from generation to generation, through stories. Our stories recall and transmit our experiences and link them with those of family, friends and community.

People often ask, “Do you remember when...?” or “Where were you when...?” Given an anchor—a reference event or symbol—we recall and even relive our past experiences. Our senses: sound, sight, smell, taste and touch, help retrieve memories and allow us to feel like and relive how a holiday looks and smells. Imagine your bat mitzvah aliyah, your first taste of maror on Pesah, the smell of latkes on Ḥanukkah. Read the following phrases and imagine. Can you picture the experience?

- Did your bubbe or auntie make gefilte fish or grate horseradish for *yontif*? Did you help?
- Did your dad make cheesecake for Shavuot? Did you stand on a chair and mix beside him? Do you remember those first bites?
- Did your kids make hamantashen for Purim? Did you have a flour fight?
- What was it like when you heard or blew a shofar for the first time? Who were you standing with? Who held you? Is it different today?
- As a child, did you light your own *hanukkiyah*? Was it oil or candles? Did you hold the *shamash*?
- Do you remember receiving your *tefillin*? Your *tallit*? Do you have a favourite kippah? What do you think of when you say the *brakhah* before wrapping yourself in your *tallit*? Did you tie the *tziziot* yourself?

Jewish life is vibrant, fun and enriching. Living Jewish is something that we do every day, in small or large groups, at home and in the synagogue. Each experience enhances and gives our lives a richness and texture. Every event and new relationship adds a new chapter to our storybook life.

When I go on a trip, I take pictures to help recall my experiences. Back in the day, I used to make prints and share them with others. Now, most of my photos live on a memory card or in a digital picture frame. Sometimes, they make it to a photo/storybook. Undoubtedly, the very best are stored on my mental hard drive and are accessed by different stimuli. I share these pictures through stories with friends and kids. The more we talk and share our lives, the more the pictures come to life.

One of my most enlightening experiences has no pictures but is relived each time we prepare to take out the Torah from the *Aron Kodesh*. I came from a small town and our little shul had only three Torah scrolls. I remember, as a child, standing beside my dad as he had the honour of opening the Ark—it was a thrill! Then one day, we came to “the big city”, to Toronto, for Shabbat services. This time, rather than in a small shul of 20, I was in a huge sanctuary with hundreds of Jewish voices all chanting together. It was *b’kol ehad*, with one voice—and then the doors of the *Aron Kodesh* slid open to reveal more Torah scrolls than I could count. There was so much polished silver adorning the Holy Scrolls that I stood in awe!

When I had my own children, I shared that moment, that story as an example of an experience that connected me to the Jewish people who, throughout our history, participated in the same rituals. Singing together, we are one people. I felt so then and I still do today.

The winter is cold and the city is harsh. Inside Beth Tzedec you will find warmth and tenderness. We are a community that cares about each other. We may have a very large *kehillah* and sometimes it may feel that it’s hard to connect. However, as my friend Diane Grafstein says, “the more you come, the smaller the place becomes”. I encourage you to come to shul, and share your stories with your family, your friends, with me. There are so many ways to connect, so many ways to experience Jewish life. The doors are always open. Please come in.

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



Saturday, May 23 from 8:00 PM until 8:00 AM Sunday

Stay up late enjoying delicious dairy treats, take part in a wild scavenger hunt and other exciting activities. Help us celebrate this fun holiday! Cost: \$10 (includes snacks and dairy breakfast).
RSVPs and parental consent form required by **Tuesday, May 19.**

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

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Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



April 6

Alexa Charlat

daughter of Dr. Joshua &
Rhonda Charlat

נחמה רקפת בת יעקב יהושע
ורחל רבקה

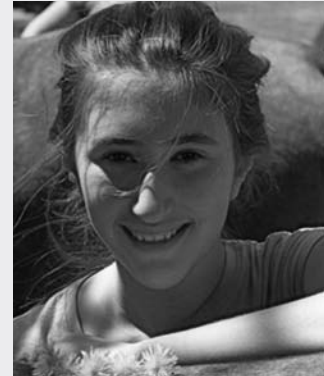


April 18

Halle Shaina Tator

daughter of Sender &
Lisa Tator

פרומא שיינא בת אלכסנדר
ראובן ולאה מלכה



April 19

Liora Roslyn Golden

daughter of David Golden
& Connie Putterman

ליאורה רייזל בת דוד משה
וצפורה



(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) April 25

Samuel Maltz

son of Harold Maltz &
Dr. Sharon Kreidstein

שמואל מאיר בן צבי וזיסל

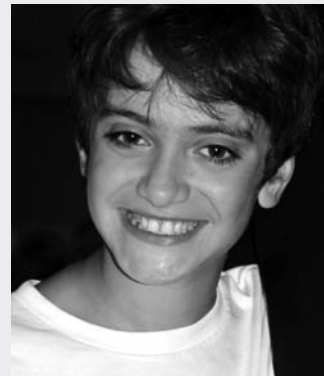


April 30

Lauren Isenberg

daughter of Steven &
Rebecca Isenberg

ליאורה שרה בת שלמה
יחזקאל ורבקה טובה



May 23

Charles Cole Leranbaum

son of Michael &
Erin Leranbaum

שמשון בן מיכאל ואהרונה



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

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

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



PROFESSOR MOSHE ROSMAN: Poland and Ukraine: New Insights into Jewish Civilization

Thursday, April 30 to Shabbat, May 2

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 AT 7:30 PM

Surprising Voices of Jewish Women in Early Modern Poland

An examination of how Jewish women in the early modern period participated in Jewish culture, public and private religious ritual, education and intellectual life.

FRIDAY, MAY 1 BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Lecture and Dinner

The 'Golden Age' of Polish and Ukrainian Jewry?

Cost: \$38 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4).

Dinner by advance reservation only by **Monday, April 27.**

SHABBAT, MAY 2 AT SERVICES AT 8:45 AM

The New History of Hasidism

A pulpit address continuing with a question and answer session following the Kiddush.



Moshe Rosman is Professor of Jewish History at Bar Ilan University in Israel. His ground-breaking research has been honoured with two National Jewish Book Awards (America), the Zalman Shazar Prize (Israel), the Jerzy Milewski Award (Poland), and the Jordan Schnitzer Award of the Association for Jewish Studies.

The Real-Life Jazz Singer



As long as there have been movies, there have been cantors trying to get into movies.

THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW ME WELL

know that I am a huge movie buff. I believe I have mentioned before that my wife and I are often accused of constantly speaking in movie quotes because the scripts become cemented in our brains.

As long as there have been movies, there have been cantors trying to get into movies. More often than not, when a cantor is fortunate enough to get cast in a film, he finds himself playing the role of “the cantor”, singing a Hebrew prayer to add authenticity to a scene taking place at a synagogue or Jewish funeral. My friend Rafi Frieder, an Israeli cantor in New York, is the cantor in the Ben Stiller film *Keeping the Faith*, and my friend Chayim Frenkel, a cantor in Los Angeles, plays the cantor in the Billy Crystal film *Mr. Saturday Night*. Cantor Uri Frenkel, Chayim’s father, got the role of the cantor in the 1980 remake of *The Jazz Singer* with Neil Diamond, and in the original 1927 *Jazz Singer* starring Al Jolson, the part of the cantor singing *Kol Nidrei* went to none other than the great *hazzan* Yossele Rosenblatt.

If you’re like me, you get a kick out of seeing a cantor in a Jewish scene on screen. You look and listen carefully in case there’s a blooper to spot and discuss later with your friends. Sometimes, the presence of a cantor in a scene seems contrived, although in a film like *The Jazz Singer*, it fits in easily to the story line: the young son of a

cantor turns his back on his father’s profession in order to seek a career in show business. This classic tale has been re-told on stage and in film for many generations, so much so that the term “Jazz Singer” is recognized to mean someone who sings both liturgical and popular music.

When I was performing in Europe in the late 1970s, one of the reviewers of my show referred to me as “the British Jazz Singer” because I was known as the cantor who was also in mainstream show business (or possibly the pop singer who was also a cantor). Somehow the name stuck and they called me “the British Jazz Singer” for decades following. I was young, and the idea of a real-life jazz singer was a novelty.

Long before I was born, however, there was another “real-life Jazz Singer” and from the first note I ever heard him sing, I was instantly enthralled.

Born in Bessarabia, Moishe Oysher came from a line of six generations of cantors. Instead of becoming a cantor, however, he became an actor and entertainer. He was a star of the Yiddish theatre right here in Canada—first in Winnipeg, then in Montreal—before moving to the United States where he continued to perform on stage, film and radio. Many years later, he took a High Holy Day job as a cantor on the Lower East Side of New York, thus becoming the first singer to step from the *bine* (stage) to the *bimah*

(pulpit). The rest of his life was a finely worked balancing act between the two worlds.

For last year’s Ashkenaz Festival, I presented a one-hour performance of Moishe Oysher’s songs. The overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from the audience coupled with a suggestion from Moses Znaimer to develop the concept further encouraged me to do just that. On Tuesday, May 12 at the St. Lawrence Centre, I am delighted to present *The Wonderful World of Moishe Oysher*. It has been extremely rewarding to put together this music event with more story lines, pictures, sound bytes and movie clips, along with the most memorable and enduring songs that are associated with this great charismatic entertainer. The show will feature the fabulous Moishe Oysher Orchestra as well as surprise guests who will present a tribute to the iconic Barry Sisters. This concert is a part of *Jewish Music Week in Toronto* and tickets go on sale to the public on April 1. Beth Tzedec members, though, can take advantage of an early bird opportunity to purchase tickets in advance, available only through the Beth Tzedec office until April 6.

I look forward to seeing you all at this new, exciting musical event. Before Passover, take a break from preparing and ‘YouTube’ Moishe Oysher’s *Chad Gadyo*. Then you’ll understand everything!

B’shalom,
Cantor Simon



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YOM HA'ATZMAUT COOK & SHOOK

Special Family Edition

Sunday, April 19 from 12:15 to 2:00 PM

Enjoy a day in Israel! Feel Israeli culture in our special Beth Tzedec *Shook!* Meet the people, check out the stands, vendors and all the action. "Shop" for the ingredients you will need to make your very own Israeli-style family breakfast. Fun for everyone! Cost: \$10 per family. RSVPs required by **Tuesday, April 14.**

Please let us know about any food allergies and we will try to accommodate. Meal will be nut-free.



Charles Novogrodsky

Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 PM

JEWS AND BASEBALL

Teacher and ethno-racial, gender equity and human rights consultant **Charles Novogrodsky** discusses Jews in baseball.



Mike Katz

Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 PM

JEWS AND BASKETBALL

Mike Katz, former head coach of the Varsity Blues and Humber College men's basketball teams, and assistant coach of Team Canada's men's basketball squad in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, presents three coaches who shaped basketball history.

Choosing a Jewish Name



A name is a signifier of what is important, a stand-in for one's aspirations and newfound identity.

IN HER BEAUTIFUL POEM “EACH OF US HAS A NAME”, THE Hebrew poet known simply as Zelda writes:

Each of us has a name
given by God
and given by our parents

Each of us has a name
given by our stature and our smile
and given by what we wear

Each of us has a name
given by the mountains
and given by our walls

The poem continues, listing the many sources of the names that we acquire. Yet Zelda never mentions that, for some people, their name is self-chosen. One of the final tasks of someone in the process of conversion is to choose for herself or himself a Jewish name.

Where to begin? Since a name is a signifier of what is important, a stand-in for one's aspirations and newfound identity, the soon-to-be Jew often spends many weeks contemplating the appropriate nomenclature. Ultimately, hopefully, choosing a name or two that is kind to the ear and imbued with personal meaning is the first step to a new life.

For parents of a newborn, picking a name may involve various considerations. Many babies are often named after relatives. Traditionally, for Ashkenazim, the relatives are deceased while for *Sefaradim* the relative is among the

living. Some choose a similar sounding name to the relative, often keeping the first letter. This is especially common for a boy named after a woman or vice-versa. Others opt to find a Hebrew name with a meaning similar to that of relative's name—whether English or Hebrew. A boy named after his great-grandmother Gertrude (from the German for strength) may be given the Hebrew name Amir, Avihayil, Eytan, Gibor or Guryon, all of which are connected with strength. There is rarely just one Hebrew equivalent of a given English name. Phonetics, meaning and popularity will be considerations in choosing an appropriate name.

Those converting to Judaism generally do not have Jewish ancestors after whom to name themselves. I also discourage them from finding a Hebrew equivalent of their given English name as I believe that their new identity—as signified by their Hebrew name—should be independent of the identity they carried up to that point in their life. Rather, Jews by choice will often think about what in Judaism is most important to them and choose a name accordingly.

Whether for yourself or your child, Rav Baruch and I are always happy to assist families in choosing the right name.

Debra and I thank the Congregation for the many kind wishes following the birth, *brit* and naming of our second son, Ezra Hillel Shalom. Feel free to ask me about his names at any time.

Havurat HaSefer Contemporary Jewish Philosophy Reading Group

Wednesdays—April 15, May 6 & 27 and June 17

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Havurat 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.

Beth Tzedec CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL

A New Direction in Hebrew School Education

- ✓ Activity-based Jewish learning for students in JK/SK to Grade 7
- ✓ Flexible class options—Sunday mornings plus one-hour Hebrew tutorial during the week (optional online tutorials available)
- ✓ Art, music and creative play incorporated into the curriculum
- ✓ Younger students learn Hebrew Through Movement, a brand-new approach to language acquisition



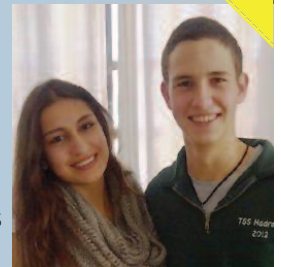
For information, contact Director of Education and Family Programming Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org

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Israel Through Our Eyes EVENINGS WITH OFIR AND OR

Tuesdays, April 28 and May 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Ofir Hoory and Or Klein, our *shinshinim* (Israeli Young Emissaries), share their experiences as a window into Israeli society. Through their sharing about their lives, they will present a vision for Israel's future and demonstrate the roots of their passion for Israel engagement. Please RSVP to Or and Ofir at or.ofir.shinshin@gmail.com



For Adults



Reframing Jewish Education



We know what we want students to know, feel, do and believe, but how we get them there needs a brand new approach.

I USE THE INTERNET FOR PRETTY much everything, but I am most satisfied when I use the Internet to figure out how to do something that I would have otherwise had to hire someone else to do. Recent examples include changing the air filter in my car, replacing my shower spout, installing a car seat base and mounting my TV stand. This is, of course, over and above the many times a day where I use the Internet for things like finding a recipe, looking up a product review or restaurant menu, trying to diagnose an illness, and communicating with friends and family without being face to face.

We have moved beyond the do-it-yourself society; we are now in a learn-it, research-it and do-it yourself world, where each person can access all of the world's knowledge from the five-inch screen in their pocket or purse. When it comes to Jewish knowledge, this is also true. There are many wonderful and easily accessible online resources that explain Jewish ritual or offer opportunities for self-guided study. But in the same way we as a society sometimes stop and wonder if this immediate access and online interconnectedness is eroding something that is core to our being, I as a Jewish educator sometimes stop and wonder if this is the best direction for our community and, specifically, our children.

There is something incredibly powerful and transformative about an experience—a real life, in person experience. The current model of the Beth Tzedec Congregational School understands that learning by doing is the most powerful, effective and efficient way of developing Jewish skills and values. Our classes and lessons are structured so that each subject is taught in a deeply relevant way. When learning about Passover, for example, students in different grade levels not only learn the meaning of the holiday and its key songs, blessings and rituals, but they explore how the themes of the holiday—what makes someone different, slavery and free choice, bitterness in our world, peoplehood and connection—relate to their own lives as Jews, Torontonians, Canadians and citizens of the world.

For this type of learning to be meaningful, however, it has to be presented in a fun and engaging way; this is the challenge of 21st century Jewish education. We know what we want our students to know, feel, do and believe, but how we get them there needs a brand new approach that recognizes who our children are as learners and people, and what motivates them to participate and piques their interest. Additionally, parents and other family members are part of this equation, meaning that teaching methods need to keep the

whole family in mind.

In our Synagogue's school, we tackle this challenge head-on. We learn in lots of different spaces—the Kimel Family Gym, our school kitchen and art room, the Hendeles Chapel and the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall—and through many different activities. We teach Hebrew to younger students through movements and games, and to older kids through activities like sports, cooking and the arts. Our learning about and celebration of Jewish holidays and Shabbat involves songs, performance and authentic ritual. We learn prayers not by rote but with meaning and context.

All of these educational approaches are being shaped and guided by our relationships with experts and colleagues in the field, both here in Toronto through UJA Federation's WOW program, and the ReFrame Project of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Of course, our doors are always open, and any member of the Congregation or the community is welcome to see the Congregational School in action, either by trying a class as a student (JK to Grade 7) or by meeting with me and taking a tour. We are doing amazing things and are at the forefront of Jewish education in Toronto. Come visit and see what we're all about!

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

The Shalom Hartman Institute's **Donniel Hartman** speaks at Beth Tzedec on **Monday, April 27 at 7:30 PM**. Watch for details.



Jewish Service Network Day Trip for Grades 6 to 8

Sunday, April 26 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Spend the day seeing friends and working together for a good cause. This day trip to Hamilton is a wonderful way to do an important *mitzvah* and have a great time, too.

Cost: \$30 (includes transportation, lunch and snacks). Advance registration required by **Friday, April 17.**

With the support of



Chocolate Seders

for Nitzanim & Kokhavim

Sunday, March 29

12:15 NOON to 1:30 PM

Prepare for Pesah by experiencing the exodus from Egypt with lots of chocolate! Go through the order of the seder while enjoying a whole variety of chocolate activities. Note: Each group will have their own program.

Cost: \$5; RSVPs requested by **Wednesday, March 25.**



Getting Ready for Passover with your Kids



The Mah Nishtanah shouldn't be the *only* questions you ask this year!

MAH NISHTANAH! THE FOUR

questions that your kids ask at the seder are supposed to engage them and spark their curiosity. The night is different from a normal night. How can we help them realize this and start asking questions to prepare them for the holiday?

Here are our four questions (and two for good luck) that YOU can ask and discuss with your family:

1. "When Israel was in Egypt's land... Let my people GO!" What do you think it was like to be a slave in Egypt? What would it be like if we were slaves today?
2. God took us out of Egypt so that we could be free people. What does it mean to be free?
3. Moshe, Miriam, Aaron... Who are the characters in the Passover story? Who are your heroes?
4. Matzah, bitter herbs and *tzimis*... Oh my! What is all this weird food about? What are your favourite holiday foods? What are you most excited to eat at the seder?
5. "Eliyahu HaNavi" ... If you open the door for Elijah, who would you like to see?
6. "L'Shanah Habah B'Yerushalayim" (If you have never been to Jerusalem...) What do you think Jerusalem looks like? (If you have been..) Would you want to live in Jerusalem, and why or why not?

See if your kids have any more questions that they want to ask you about Passover. Indulging their curiosity and getting them excited will help make for a more enjoyable and meaningful holiday for the whole family! Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins will really *shep nachas* when they see how impressive your little ones are!

Bonus: Have each child in your family bring four questions to the seder table. They could be questions they researched and know the answer to, or open-ended questions for discussion.

Thank you RINX and Bounce Entertainment

On Saturday evening, January 17, Beth Tzedec, together with Robbins Hebrew Academy and Camp Ramah in Canada, celebrated the end of Shabbat together on the ice! Over 200 people came out for *Havdalah and Skating* program, a beautiful end to Shabbat and a fun start the new week together as families.

We would like to give a big thank you to RINX Real Entertainment for hosting this event. What an awesome venue! We loved skating on the ice and the delicious pizza party afterwards. RINX is a great place for a party!

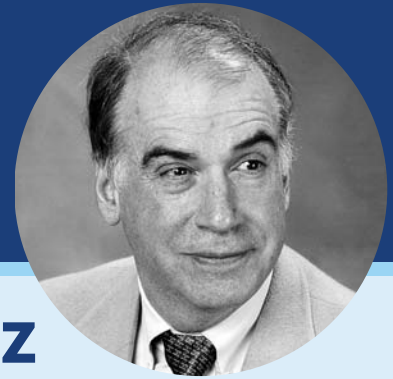
Our party would not have been the same without the awesome DJs from Bounce Entertainment. Bounce has been a wonderful partner to Beth Tzedec this year, helping us celebrate and bring the party to the next level. Bounce Entertainment threw a great party for us at our *Summer Israel Rally for Kids*, our *Kick-off BBQ*, *Family Fun Day* and *Havdalah on Ice*. They sure know how to keep the party going!



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Join us as we bid farewell to our *shinshinim* Or Klein and Ofir Hoory on **Friday evening, June 12.**

THE SAM & SARAH KERZNER HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
GUEST SCHOLAR WEEKEND



Professor Stephen Berk

70 Years After Auschwitz

THURSDAY, MAY 28 AT 7:30 PM

70 Years Later: The Second World War in Historical Perspective

This lecture will be held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue (100 Elder St.).

Presented in partnership with Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue

FRIDAY, MAY 29 BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Lecture and Dinner

Putin: The Practice of Power

Cost: \$38 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4).

Dinner by advance reservation only by **Tuesday, May 26.**

SHABBAT, MAY 30— SERVICES AT 8:45 AM

Pulpit Address with Question & Answer session following Kiddush

A Tale of Two Elections (Israel and the U.S.A.)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Breakfast at 9:30 AM; Lecture at 10:00 AM

After 70 Years: Auschwitz and Anti-Semitism

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

Men's Club and Sisterhood members can reserve a seat by calling the Synagogue office by May 28



Diorama Exhibit commemorating Israel's Independence Day by Gedalia Shimon

April 12 to 30

To commemorate Israel's Independence Day, we are displaying a miniature diorama illustrating the Israeli Forces in 1982 approaching the Beqa Valley and overcoming the Syrian position.

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Howard J. Perlmutter



Beth Tzedec's 29th President, 2001-2003

Howard J. Perlmutter was the 29th President of Beth Tzedec Congregation during the years 2001 to 2003. He was also an active board member of the Beth Tzedec Foundation of Toronto.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Carol, his children Lloyd (Dawn), Michael (Jennifer) and Craig (Margot), his grandchildren, and his brother David (Renee).

OUR FAMILY HAS HAD A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE Perlmutter's since the summer of 1973, when our son, Anthony, and their son, Michael, went off to camp together (at the suggestion of Carol Perlmutter made to my wife, Lynn (her former "camper")). It is an honour to have been asked to craft this piece in memory of our dear friend.

Howard was a caring individual and a lover of nature. When the Jewish summer camp at Algonquin Park faced financial trouble, he purchased it to ensure it was restored to success. Howard and Carol built their own summer retreat on the camp's grounds so they could spend summers together, keeping an eye on their children and, eventually, their grandchildren.

Howard and Carol appreciated the arts, enjoying museums, galleries and haute couture both in Toronto and in Israel, and even becoming patrons of Bezalel in Jerusalem. They structured a co-venture with the Hermes family of Paris leading to Hermes' first retail boutique in Canada in Toronto's Hazelton Lanes. Howard also teamed up with his son, Lloyd, to give life to the Beaver Canoe retail chain.

Howard always put others first. People knew they could count on him for quiet, sage counsel. He was active in community organizations, as President of Jewish Family & Child Services and a founder of the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR) in Canada, and was committed to UJA, Think First and Digger House.

Howard led by example. He made the time and took enormous pleasure in guiding his three sons through the

vagaries of life. They attended USDS (now Robbins Hebrew Academy), as Howard understood well the importance of the "day school" to the "Jewish life" within our synagogue and vice versa.

During Howard's years as President, he focused on creating a new physical plant for our synagogue, expanding its facilities and seeing it move into the 21st century. He understood the interrelationships between lay, rabbinical and professional leadership and worked tirelessly to ensure that the three leadership functions worked in harmony. His experience and expertise as a visionary "builder" in the Canadian commercial real estate market was an asset to him with respect to the synagogue and the day school.

Howard's love for Beth Tzedec extended to Rabbi Baruch and Josette when they entered the Beth Tzedec family. He maintained a deep connection with and true affection for our Rabbi, and they remained close personal friends.

In his eulogy of Howard, Rabbi Baruch reflected on three principal values of Howard's and Carol's almost 60-year relationship: "love" for one another, for God, and for strangers; "respect or reverence" for parents and for God; and "joy" for his family and friends, his synagogue and its institutions, and the work that surrounded them.

May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and may his memory ever be for a blessing.

—Schuyler 'Skip' Sigel

Joseph Kerzner



Beth Tzedec's 16th President, 1979-1980

Joseph Kerzner was the 16th President of Beth Tzedec Congregation during the years 1979 and 1980. Joe, along with his brothers, created the Sam & Sarah Kerzner Holocaust Memorial Institute endowment, the funds of which underwrite the annual lecture weekend with Professor Stephen Berk.

We extend our deepest condolences to his companion Lisa Koeper, his children Jeff and Cheryl (Ron) Pancer, his siblings Gertie Gangel, Anne Zaretsky, Lou (Helen) Kerzner, Max (Dolly) Kerzner and Albert (Anita) Kerzner, and his grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

JOE KERZNER WAS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART AND HE had a great deal of influence on my life. It was Joe who encouraged me to become Chair of the Beth Tzedec Board when he was the President. As I was just 40 years old, I told him that I didn't feel I was ready for such a major responsibility and his response was, "Don't be ridiculous. Of course you are ready." He was my mentor and made me see strengths in myself that I didn't realize I had.

Joe was a natural leader, leading by example when he believed in a cause. He never asked anything of anyone that he wasn't prepared to do himself. When Beth Tzedec initiated "naming opportunities" to raise needed funds, Joe was the first to make a commitment with the Joe Kerzner Fellowship Hall. When we needed a special focus for the 25th anniversary celebrations, Joe once again stepped up and donated a new Sefer Torah. The dedication ceremony was one I will never forget. He continued to make meaningful contributions to our shul over the years, including sponsoring the Stephen Berk weekends.

Joe had a unique style as President of the shul. Whenever a significant decision was made, Joe would immediately invite us all for a "very serious Kiddush"

at his home to mark the occasion. So many decisions appeared significant in Joe's eyes that we seemed to be there on a regular basis. More importantly, he was a *mensch* and always wanted us as a Board to come to the right decision. There were times he didn't agree with a decision we had reached, but he accepted the majority rule and said, "I'm with you 100 percent and let's have a serious Kiddush!" Joe's enthusiasm was a positive influence on the Board, encouraging us to achieve productive results. More importantly, he helped to repair the fractured relationships that were the aftermath of the Rosenberg era.

I am honoured to have been asked to reflect on Joe's contribution to Beth Tzedec, as he genuinely loved and was dedicated to our shul. I am also so glad that I had a chance to know him and to work with him. His impact at a crucial time in the history of Beth Tzedec should not be forgotten.

May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and may his memory ever be for a blessing.

—Paul Rothstein

Irwin (Bob) Cohen



Beth Tzedec's 28th President, 1999-2001

Irwin (Bob) Cohen was the 28th President of Beth Tzedec Congregation during the years 1999 to 2001. Following his terms as President, Bob continued in a leadership role as Chair of the House & Security and Museum & Archives committees.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Sandy, his children Howard (Lisa) and Ellen (Eric) Pervin, and his grandchildren.

I WAS ASKED TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES of Bobby Cohen in 300 to 400 words. Frankly, even 300 to 400 minutes would not be enough. When my wife Sandi and I first met Bobby, it was at a shul committee meeting. Sandi was quick to say “Who was that man at the head of the table? He seems like such a nice and kind man.” And so began a 25 year friendship with a nice and kind man and his wonderful wife Sandy.

When Bobby walked into a room, there was life. Always with a warm welcome, a smile, a joke, he was the epitome of a *mensch*. Yes, everyone loved Bob because of who he was.

He was a leader. Whether President of Beth Tzedec or Chair of House Committee, whether leading the *Kohanim* onto the *bimah*, being honoured as *Hattan Bereisheet*, selected Mr. Star Princess or given the distinguished Queen's Medal, he was a respected role model.

He represented what God would want all of us to be...a man with warmth and compassion, who journeyed through life with happiness and appreciation for all his fortune, his family. How proud he was of his children and grandchildren. So many of our conversations involved an exchange of thanksgiving for our blessings of family.

He walked humbly but with pride. He complimented and comforted. He loved the Purim plays. He loved the meetings in the parking lot and coffee shop after the shul meeting. He loved this shul *b'kol l'vavcha, b'kol nafshecha, uv'kol m'odecha*—with all his heart, with all his soul and with all his might.

And oh how he loved the cottage and how happy he was to have friends visit. He loved to travel and travel we did around the globe. When travelling on a cruise, he was one of the first on the dance floor and the first to lead Kabbalat Shabbat services. He was the life of the dinner table with his Yiddish jokes.

He enjoyed life. It's hard to envision life without him. Yet I have no doubt his hopes and his prayers, his thoughts and his dreams, will live on in each of us who were privileged and honoured to know him.

He will be remembered with affection.

May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life and may his memory ever be for a blessing.

—Hon. Jack M. Grossman

Games Afternoon

Our Thursday Games Afternoon program continues to grow, with over 35 participants now joining us for Bridge and Mah-jong. Beginning this spring, we will offer Canasta lessons and Chess matches. **PICTURED L-R:** Tillie Oslender, Lou Beaverstein and Brian Waldman take a break from Bridge.



Tikkun Olam Project for Teens & Seniors

Teens and seniors took the opportunity to get to know each other while baking desserts for the Out of the Cold program on January 18.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program Family Activity

Jordan Dacks and his grandfathers David Dacks and Jay Taradash make a kiddush cup at the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program on February 4.



Hanukkah Candles

On December 17, our young members lit the Hanukkah candles with our *shinshinim*. **PICTURED L-R:** Or Klein, Sydney Rubinstein, Ella Worth, Samantha Weisdorf, Jacob Sciommarella, Noah Greenspoon and Ofir Hoory.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program Field Trip

On February 22, families in the Beth Tzedec Bar/Bat Mitzvah program toured St. Paul's Church with members of the church's youth group.



Jews In Sports

On February 24, sports and hockey enthusiasts braved the record-breaking cold weather for award-winning journalist and broadcaster David Grossman's presentation on "The Good Old Hockey Game", as part of the Jews in Sports lecture series. Pictured are Randy Spiegel, David Grossman and Mike Colle (MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence).

BETH TZEDEC'S SEVENTH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CHAI TEA & FASHION SHOW

PASSPORT TO *Style*

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



SUNDAY, MAY 10



Doors open at 2:30 PM

Event begins promptly at 3:00 PM

Adults: \$48

Young Adults 13 & Under: \$30

Music courtesy of Del Vinyl Entertainment



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

All proceeds benefit Beth Tzedec's **Out of the Cold** program

Special thanks to the Pollock and Gold families for their sponsorship in memory of Ricky Pollock^{z"l}



7th Annual Beth Tzedec Mother's Day Chai Tea and Fashion Show



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

PJ Library Story Time

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



Sundays—March 29, 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.



Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

Family Shabbat

June 6, 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 11:00 to 11:40 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 11:00 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 there is a Family Shabbat). 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 (11:00 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 Ofir and Or. Junior Congregation is divided into two groups based on age and will often regroup for exciting programs together.

Young Shamashim

Following Services on March 28, April 18 & 25 and May 9, 16, 23 & 30

An intensive two-year program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their *davening* skills. Meet for a nosh, *zemirot* and learning.

Teen Shabbat Lunch

Shabbat, April 25 and May 30

12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM

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

Reflections from the March of the Living

Following Services on Shabbat, May 23

Beth Tzedec's 2015 March of the Living participants reflect on and share their moving experiences and stories from a week in Poland and a week in Israel.

For Children in Grades 1 to 5

Shabbat Sports & Games

Every Shabbat

2:30 to 4:00 PM

Program 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 2 (*Nitzanim*) and Children in Grades 3 to 5 (*Kokhavim*)

Chocolate Seder

Sunday, March 29

12:15 NOON to 1:30 PM

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

Shavuot Sleepover

(Grades 2 to 5)

Saturday, May 23

8:00 PM to 8:00 AM Sunday

Stay up late enjoying delicious dairy treats, take part in a wild scavenger hunt and other exciting activities while celebrating this fun holiday! Parental consent form required. Must pre-register by Tuesday, May 19.

Israeli Music Mania

(Grades 1 to 3)

Sundays, March 29 & April 12
from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Wednesday, March 25 & April 15
from 4:00 to 5:30 PM

Learn fun new songs with Or and Ofir, culminating with a performance at our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on April 19.

For Children in SK to Grade 2 (Nitzanim)

Cook & Shook

Tuesdays, April 14 and May 5
4:00 to 5:30 PM

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

For Children Grades 3 to 5 (Kokhavim)

Cook & Shook

Tuesday, March 31 and May 19
4:00 to 5:30 PM

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

Jewish Service Network Day Trip

Sunday, April 26
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Spend the day in Hamilton with friends taking in the sights and working together for a good cause. A wonderful way to do an important *mitzvah* and have a great time, too! Advance registration required by Tuesday, April 21. Cost: \$30

For Children in Grades 9 to 12 (BTTeens)

Hadashot

Thursdays, April 15 and May 6
7:30 PM

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

For Families

Yom Ha'atzmaut Cook & Shook

Sunday, April 19
12:15 to 2:00 PM

Call all families! Experience Israeli culture in our special Beth Tzedec *Shook!* Meet the people, check out the stands, vendors and all the action. 'Shop' for all the ingredients you will need to make your very own Israeli-style family breakfast. RSVPs required by Tuesday, April 14. Please let us know of any food allergies and we will try to accommodate. Food will be nut-free.

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.



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

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



Next Year's *Shinshinim*

Beth Tzedec has been very fortunate in the past to have outstanding *shinshinim*, and next year we anticipate the same. Our 2015-2016 *shinshinim* are Yarin Sasson (l) and Avishag Berstein (r), pictured with Daniel Silverman. We look forward to welcoming them both in September.



RABBI STEVE WERNICK

The Next Great Jewish Paradigm Shift: Creating Intentional Communities

Shabbat, April 25—Service begins at 8:45 AM

We live in a time of great disruption. There are a sea of changes in the ways in which we relate to our world, to each other and to God. These disruptions—technological, demographic, economic, sociological, scientific and more—are changing all religious institutions. A special community kiddush luncheon follows services.

Rabbi Steven Wernick is the Chief Executive Officer of the NEW United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). Under his leadership, USCJ has become a leader in understanding the paradigm shifts and in partnering with local *kehillot* to adapt to them. Rabbi Wernick has been named one of Newsweek’s 50 Most Influential Rabbis in America and The Forward’s List of 50 Influential Jewish Leaders.

Everything’s Coming Up Aces

In baseball, it is a nickname for a pitcher. In tennis, it is an unanswered serve. In golf, it is the elusive hole-in-one. At Beth Tzedec, ACE is our Annual, Capital and Endowment campaigns. All are good things, but at Beth Tzedec, ACEs are a real winning strategy to help make a big difference in our community.

For more information on giving opportunities, contact Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3415 ext. 211 or email rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org.



Our *Friends of Beth Tzedec* and other contributors help bridge the gap between the cost of running the shul and membership contributions.



Family donors to our capital projects enable us to build or renovate spaces within our shul, helping maintain our house of prayer as a place of dignity.



Bequests and planned gifts allow us to continue to offer outstanding programming for the spiritual, educational, cultural and social growth of future generations.

Our Shabbat service experiences

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

Sanctuary Services 8:45 AM, every Shabbat. Our musical Sanctuary Service offers a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience with Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler, Cantor Sidney Ezer and Lorne Hanick. Cantor Simon Spiro and the Beth Tzedec Singers lead *Shaharit* and *Musaf* with varied music each week. 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 (through June). Looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience? The Little Minyan offers a traditional service in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere full of song, spirit and warmth. Participants lead portions of the service, and Little Minyan tunes are 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 prepare or give a *D'var Torah* are always welcome.

Monthly Family Services 10:00 AM, Shabbat morning, June 6. 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 participate in Tot Shabbat. Everyone rejoins the service for concluding prayers before the Family Lunch.

Youth Services see page 26 for further details:

Junior Congregation (Ages 6 to 12) at 10:30 AM every Shabbat (11:00 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*.

Torah Tots (Ages 3 to 5) at 10:15 AM every Shabbat and Yom Tov except when there is a Family Shabbat. Drop your children off or join them for singing, stories, free play and a snack.

Young Shamashim following Services on March 28, April 18 & 25 and May 9, 16, 23 & 30. An engaging program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their *davening* skills. Meet for a *nosh*, *zemirot* and learning.

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



Weekly Torah study with Professor Arnold Ages

9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat. Traditional and modern interpretations of the weekly Torah reading.

Lively Learning with Cantor Simon Spiro

Following Services on April 18, May 16 and June 13

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

Torah Next Dor with Rabbi Adam Cutler

11:00 AM on April 4 and May 9 & 30

Join Young Professionals@BT in Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's study, as we eat, drink and examine pressing topics from sources both ancient and modern.

Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz

10:00 to 11:15 AM on April 5 and June 7. See page 46 for further details.



HARRY HOUDINI

POSTER CHILD OF THE JEWISH IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE

LECTURE WITH BARBARA RUSCH AND
MAGIC PERFORMANCE WITH BEN-ZION TRAIN

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 PM

Be amazed by feats of grand illusion and be entertained by stories of master magician Harry Houdini, the quintessential Jewish immigrant. Artefacts related to the life and astounding career of Houdini will also be on display. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$10

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



TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT



Building Jewish Identity

featuring guest scholar **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich**

Saturday evening, May 23 from 8:10 PM to 2:00 AM

Minḥah-Ma'ariv service and Havdalah is followed by a light supper and keynote address from Rabbi Harvey Meirovich on *Was Ruth Truly Accepted as a Convert*. The evening continues with late-night study sessions and cheesecake breaks. No charge.



Sponsored in memory of Anne Firestone²¹

Kosher Meals on Wheels for Holocaust Survivors

Home care funding for Canadian Holocaust survivors has increased significantly in response to the unmet needs in our community. Circle of Care can now provide 100 additional Holocaust survivors with Kosher Meals on Wheels. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals one morning each week. For information, contact Lysa Springer at 416-635-2900 ext. 496 or lspringer@circleofcare.com.

Out of the Cold

Out of the Cold is now in its 16th year of operation, run jointly by Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom. Over the years, the number of homeless has increased dramatically, and each week we serve dinner to 200 people, 60 of whom sleep over and receive breakfast, a bagged lunch and a subway token.

We are fortunate to have a very devoted team of volunteers who help make this project a success. Aily Leibtag has organized several Bar/Bat Mitzvah-aged volunteers for the dinner and clothing distribution shifts. These students have a much better understanding of the concept of *tzedakah*.

The Out of the Cold program is completely self-funded. We are grateful for the very generous donation that we receive annually from the proceeds of the *Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show*. Last year alone, \$10,000 was raised for Out of the Cold. Please consider attending this year's wonderful Mother's Day event on Sunday, May 10 at 2:30 PM. Enjoy all the beautiful fashions as you mingle and munch while supporting the Out of the Cold program.

Out of the Cold Art Circle Exhibition

The 6th annual Art Circle Art Exhibition will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at Beth Sholom Synagogue. This exhibition and sale features works created by the guests of the Out of the Cold program, with all funds from the art sales going to the individual artists.

Driving the Elderly to Synagogue

Volunteers are needed to drive members to and from the Synagogue on an occasional basis. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Levy at 416-781-3514 ext. 227.

Thursday Games Afternoon

Games Afternoon continues throughout the year on Thursday afternoons. This social activity has become very successful, and we now have over 35 Bridge and Mah-jong participants each week. New players are always welcome. Bridge begins at 1:30 PM and Mah-jong at 2:00 PM.

NEW THIS SPRING: Canasta lessons and Chess games! Please contact me if you are interested in either game.

As our Games Afternoon program grows, your donations of Bridge tables and Mah-jong sets are very much appreciated.

For information on *Hesed* programs, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3514 and leave a message for me.

—Maureen Tanz
Co-Chair, *Hesed* Committee

Become part of our Women of Honour Booklet

This Mother's Day, pay tribute to all the women in your life with a greeting in honour of or in memory of all the special women in your life!



Half page greeting:	\$72
Diamond tribute:	\$54
Ruby tribute:	\$36
Pearl tribute:	\$18

All tributes, except the half-page greeting, are one line. Deadline for submissions: **Monday, May 4.**

To make your reservation and place an ad in our Women of Honour booklet, please contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

All proceeds benefit Beth Tzedec's Out of the Cold Program



Jewish Treasures OF THE CARIBBEAN

Documenting The Oldest Jewish Sites Of The Western Hemisphere

**A Photography
Exhibit & Reception**

Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 PM

Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum cordially invites you to a special evening with photographer Wyatt Gallery and representatives of several Caribbean islands. Dessert reception follows.

RSVPs to Dorion Liebgott at 416-781-3514 ext. 232 or dliebgott@beth-tzedec.org.

Exhibit continues through April 24, 2015

Presented in partnership with



TORONTO'S JEWISH MOSAIC:

New Roots

An exhibition of portraits by
AL GILBERT, C.M.

Presented as part of Beth Tzedec's
60th Anniversary Celebrations

Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 PM

Portraits highlight Jewish people from over 50 countries who have chosen to make Toronto their home. The participants welcome the opportunity to express their gratitude to this city and to share their individual histories that are as diverse as their countries of origin.

For information or to book a tour of the exhibit, contact Museum Curator Dorion Liebgott at 416-781-3514 ext. 232 or dliebgott@beth-tzedec.org.

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MUSEUM

Dikla Druckman, our Tanenbaum Fellow



WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO DIKLA DRUCKMAN, THE Anne and Max Tanenbaum Fellow for 5775. She will be at Beth Tzedec in late May and early June, and will be part of the Ramah Canada community during the summer.

Dikla Druckman is a 30-year-old rabbinical student in the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem. She has a B.A in Psychology and Jewish Thought, and is about to finish her M.A in Jewish Studies at the Schechter Institute. Dikla was born in Israel, and grew up in the Masorti (Conservative) movement. She joined NOAM, the Conservative Youth Movement in Israel as a participant, and later became a counselor and director.

Dikla is also a counselor at the Israeli Ramah summer camps, including the Netalim Program for Children and Youth with Disabilities. During her army service, she founded and ran a learning enrichment centre for youth-at-risk. After the end of her service, she founded and directed a “Marom” – Masorti Beit Midrash for young adults which acted as a community for university students and young professionals. Dikla worked as a teacher and

coordinator in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for children with disabilities in the Masorti movement.

In recent years, Dikla has been working as a rabbinical intern in several Masorti congregations in addition to teaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah kids and leading lifecycle ceremonies. Over the past two years, she has been serving as a rabbinical intern in the Ramot Zion Congregation with Rabbi Chaya Rowen-Baker as her mentor. In the framework of her role, she teaches classes and leads activities for children, teens, university students and adults on a variety of Jewish subjects such as prayer and spiritual experience, as well as assuming various communal roles which include drafting and delivering Torah sermons and serving as a cantor. Dikla formally studied music and she leads a children’s choir in the synagogue.

Dikla is also studying clinical pastoral education as part of the Chaplaincy Program at the Schechter Institute and is a volunteer spiritual counselor to elderly people and cancer patients. She is an activist on subjects of Jewish pluralism, religion and state and feminism.

Inscribe our new *Siddurim!*

Inscribe one or more of our new *siddurim*, to mark a celebration, special occasion or achievement, or to honour the memory of a loved one. Each *siddur* will bear an elegant, personalized bookplate to acknowledge the *mitzvah* of your gift to Beth Tzedec.



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

Maximizing Brain Health

A two-part series on brain health featuring expert medical professionals from Baycrest and the University of Toronto.

MONDAY, APRIL 28—1:30 TO 3:30 PM

Memory Myths and Facts: Reducing Your Risk of Dementia

Jordana Wynn and Dr. Karen Lau provide everyday tips to help you improve your memory function and discuss exciting new research being undertaken at the Rotman School. *Sponsored by the Kaplan Family and Rivera Retirement Living*

MONDAY, MAY 5—1:30 TO 3:30 PM

Keeping Your Memory Sharp as You Age

Dr. Gillian Rowe discusses the signs of normal and abnormal forgetfulness, and provides tools to help you improve your cognitive health through the use of practical, effective memory building strategies. *Sponsored by the Kaplan Family and Premier Health Care Services*



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

DAY TRIPS IN JEWISH HISTORY

with educator and lecturer

HANA WERNER

WEDNESDAYS:

1:30 PM Refreshments 2:00 PM Lecture

5 sessions: \$35; \$10 each at the door

PART TWO: Personality as a Factor in Jewish History

April 15

Judah and Tamar:
The Story of Disguise and Intrigue

April 22

Rebels in the Bible

April 29

Nameless Biblical Women

May 6

Joshua: A Man of His Season

May 13

Destined from Birth:
Samson and His Escapades



Generously sponsored in memory of Cantor Joseph Cooper ^{z"l}

To register, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or email zglassman@beth-tzedec.org

Shabbat Shirah

There's Shabbat Shirah, and then there is Shabbat Shirah at Beth Tzedec!

EACH YEAR FOR THE ANNUAL SHABBAT OF SONG, OUR own Cantor Spiro puts together a jam-packed weekend with a musical scholar-in-residence to enlighten, educate and entertain. This year, the founder of Boston's famed *Zamir Chorale*, Professor Josh Jacobson, was the guest and—WOW—was it a great weekend! We enjoyed three fascinating presentations during Shabbat and a Sunday morning lecture on *Jewish Music and All That Jazz*. However, the highlight of the weekend was the annual Shabbat Shirah Community Concert. Prof. Jacobson guest conducted the sensational Beth Tzedec Singers, and entertainer extraordinaire Cantor Spiro hosted an outstanding evening of music and laughter.

We were treated to a stunning *Sefardic* version of *Havdalah*, written and performed by special guest Cantor Charles Osborne. The Voices of Tomorrow delivered a musical performance that was as moving as the kids were adorable, followed by a side-splitting rendition of *Cold Chopped Liver*. Soloists performed classical selections from Rachmaninoff to Kurt Weil that were simply breathtaking. Cantor Sidney Ezer showed us a comedic side that

we've never seen outside of Purim, and together with Cantor Simon, performed a duet of Cole Porter's *Friendship* with special lyrics written by Aliza Spiro. A delightful surprise was a performance of *Shir HaMa'alot* by our own *shinshinim*. Hearing Ofir's angelic voice and Or's sensitive guitar accompaniment, one would be under the impression that these *shinshinim* were brought to Toronto to do concerts!

Cantor Spiro was the usual superstar that he is, and closed the show with a moving and beautiful performance of *The Water is Wide*. An encore performance featured Josh Jacobson and Cantor Simon teaching and then getting the entire audience to sing *Aller Brider* with the Beth Tzedec Singers and the fantastic band. It was the best Shabbat Shirah ever, and Beth Tzedec proves over and over, all year long, why we are indeed The Music Synagogue of Toronto!

– Ian Zagdanski and Leonard Cappe,
Music Committee Co-Chairs



BETH TZEDEC MAX & BEATRICE WOLFE LIBRARY
Book and Film Club Selections 2014-2015

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

\$20 per session at the door.



MARCH 30
The Afterlife of Stars

Author Joe Kertes talks about his novel.

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

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Book and Film Club
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APRIL 20
The Golem and the Jinni

Cathy Tile reviews Helene Wecker's magical novel.

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

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MAY 11, 10:30 AM
Bethlehem

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

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

Note: This program begins at 10:30 AM.

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Diagnosed with BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 gene? Facing a risk of cancer?

You don't have to face it alone.

Beth Tzedec is organizing a support group for Jewish adults who have tested positive for the BRCA genes. Connect with others to share experiences and discuss life-altering decisions, Jewish meditations, *halakhic* considerations, prayers for healing and rabbinic counseling.

For more information, contact Zina Glassman at 416-781-3514 ext. 225 or zglassman@beth-tzedec.org.

Beth Tzedec Receives Accessibility Grant



ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION announced that it was awarded a grant from the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF). On-hand to make the announcement at the press conference were the Hon. Joe Oliver, Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence, along with Mark Adler, Member of Parliament for York Centre, S. Blake Teichman, President and Randy Spiegel, Executive Director.

The funds from this grant, totalling \$50,000, will be used to make the Sanctuary space more accessible to all members of the community by creating ramp access to the *bimah/dais*, relocating the choir area, reconfiguring the seating layout and upgrading to new hearing assisted technologies. These renovations and upgrades will remove barriers faced by those with mobility and other challenges, allowing all to fully engage in prayer services, community events and public performances.

“We look forward to applying these much needed funds to kick-start our renovations of the sanctuary, to make it accessible to our congregants and the entire community,” said Blake Teichman.

Since its creation in 2007, the EAF has funded more than 1,800 projects and has improved accessibility for thousands of Canadians.

The Hon. Joe Oliver explained: “The Enabling Accessibility Fund has helped remove barriers and allow Canadians with all abilities gain better access to a variety of programs and services. By providing funding to organizations like Beth Tzedec Congregation, the Government of Canada will continue to improve our quality of life and bring workers, employers and communities together.”

Changes to Our Team

A hearty welcome and an exciting transition.



WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBER TO our professional team, Hadassah Bernstein, in the role of Director of Finance. Hadassah holds a Bachelor of Administrative Studies with Honors in Accounting from York University and received her CPA, CA designation. She began her career with an emphasis on the preparation of audit and reporting packages, helping clients with their filings and acting as a technical resource. For the past four years, she has continued to build on her experience focussing on the not-for-profit and charitable sectors.

After 11 years as Beth Tzedec’s Controller, Tom Laufer has transitioned into a new role as Cemetery Resource and Accounting Resource. Tom will focus on the management of Beth Tzedec Memorial Park while providing assistance to Hadassah as she learns the ropes of the Congregation, and providing additional support to the Beth Tzedec accounting department.

Hag Pesah Kasher v'Sameah
from the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood!

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Thursday, May 28
King's Riding Golf Club
14700 Bathurst St., King City, Ontario

\$350 Golfer / \$1,400 Foursome

12:00 PM Registration
& Barbecue Lunch

1:30 PM Shotgun Start

6:00 PM Awards Reception & Dinner

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Call 416-781-3511 to register or learn more

Chance to win fabulous prizes! Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 20
Kashrut (dietary laws) observed. Women are welcome!!

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



Men's Club Makes a Difference

Men's Club Shabbat

Shabbat, April 25 is Men's Club Shabbat. Men's Club members interested in receiving an aliyah should contact Lorne Hanick at 416-781-3514 ext. 240.

Sunnybrook Shabbat

The Men's Club will conduct Shabbat services for the Jewish war veterans and other permanent residents of Sunnybrook Hospital on May 16. This abbreviated service will begin at 10:00 AM and conclude at 12:00 NOON with a Kiddush following. Parking is free for those attending. Come participate in this intimate and meaningful service

while performing an important *mitzvah*. For information, contact Jerry Grammer at 905-889-8769 or jaygeel937@rogers.com.

Men's Club Awards Breakfast

Mark Your Calendar: The Men's Club will hold its annual Awards Breakfast on Sunday, June 28. Join us for breakfast as we honour our young scholarship recipients.

Yom Hashoah Candle Campaign

The Men's Club is gearing up for the annual 'yellow candle' campaign. Beth Tzedec is the only synagogue that hand-delivers candles to all members. In order to continue to do

this, we need volunteers to help with packaging and delivery. Community service hours are available for students. Contact Hersh Rosenthal at 905-882-8180 or hershr@rogers.com.

Yellow Candle Design Contest

Do you know a budding graphic artist or designer between the ages of 13 and 18? The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is seeking design submissions for their 2015 Yellow Candle campaign. Prizes awarded for the top three designs. Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 1. For information, visit www.fjmc.org or email hershr@rogers.com.

MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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

Applications for 2015 scholarships may be obtained from the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or from Hersh Rosenthal at hershr@rogers.com. Deadline for submissions is **April 14, 2015**.

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

Beth Tzedec welcomes the esteemed **Natan Sharansky** on **Wednesday, July 15**, part of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations.

countdown to Pesah

Friday, March 27 / 7 Nisan

- 7:30am *Shaharit*
- 6:30pm Pre-Passover Friday Night Live & Shabbat Dinner with guest Noam Zion
- 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:20pm Candle lighting

Saturday, March 28 / 8 Nisan

- 8:45am *Shaharit/Shabbat Hagadol* Noam Zion speaks during and following services
- 7:00pm *Minhah/Seudah Shlisheet/Ma'ariv*
- 8:23pm Havdalah

Thursday, April 2 / 13 Nisan

- 7:30am *Shaharit*
- 6:00pm All forms for the sale of *hametz* must be received
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- After dark Search for *hametz*
- Search for *hametz* after dark

Friday, April 3 / 14 Nisan

Erev Pesah

No matzah may be eaten on erev Pesah

Fast of the Firstborn /*siyyum*

(completion of study) followed by breakfast

- 8:00am *Shaharit*
- 9:00-11:00am **Bring your *hametz* to Beth Tzedec for burning**
- By 12:00pm Burn/dispose of all *hametz*
- 6:00pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*

Prior to candle lighting, light a 24-hour candle to use to light candles on Saturday night

- 7:29pm Candle lighting
- After nightfall Begin first seder

Saturday, April 4 / 15 Nisan

1st Day of Pesah

- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services with *Hallel* and prayer for *Tal/Dew*; Kohanim bring blessing
- 4:30pm Early Festival *Minhah*
- 7:35pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- After 8:32pm Candle lighting from an existing flame
- After nightfall Begin second seder
- Count omer 1

Sunday, April 5 / 16 Nisan

2nd Day of Pesah

- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services with *Hallel*
- 7:35pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- 8:33pm *Yom Tov* concludes
- Count omer 2

Monday, April 6 / 17 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- Count omer 3

Tuesday, April 7 / 18 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- Count omer 4

Wednesday, April 8 / 19 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- Count omer 5

Thursday, April 9 / 20 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah

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

Prior to Candle Lighting, light a 24-hour candle to use to kindle *Yom Tov* candles on Friday night

- 7:36pm Candle lighting
- Count omer 6

Friday, April 10 / 21 Nisan

7th Day of Pesah

- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services with *Hallel*
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- Before
- 7:37pm Candle lighting from an existing flame

Kindle a *yizkor* candle from an existing flame before lighting *yom tov* candles

Count omer 7

Saturday, April 11 / 22 Nisan

8th Day of Pesah

Shabbat Pesah

- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services with *Hallel* and *Yizkor*
- 7:00pm Song of Songs (*Shir HaShirim*)
- 7:20pm *Minhah/Seudah Shlihseet/Ma'ariv*
- 8:40pm Pesah concludes

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

Count omer 8



Your Guide to Pesah Observance

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

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

Background

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

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

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

mixture. Therefore, even a minute amount of *ḥametz* renders the whole mixture *ḥametz* and its use on Pesah is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *ḥametz* follows the normal rules of mixture, i.e., it loses its identity in a mixture of one part *ḥametz* and 60 parts of non-*ḥametz* (*batel be-shishim*). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesah.

Practical

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



Erev Pesah—*ḥametz* burning
Friday, April 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

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

Beth Tzedec parking lot, rain or shine.

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

Pesah Guide continued

Prohibited Foods

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

Permitted Foods

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

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

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

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

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

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

Non-Food Items

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

Medicine

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

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

If it is not for life sustaining therapy, consult one of our rabbis. In **all cases**, capsules are preferable to pills and non-chewable medication is preferable to liquid or chewable medications.

Pet Food

Use non-grain food or keep this food away from the kitchen and wash utensils away from the kitchen.

Kashering of Utensils

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

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

Glassware

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

Glass Cookware or bakeware (e.g. Pyrex) **cannot** be kashered.

All metal utensils

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

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

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

Plastics such as tablecloths, cutlery, spatulas and storage containers **cannot** be made kosher for Passover. Consult our rabbis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sale of *hametz*

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

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

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

If you are unable to personally sell your *hametz*, please fax or send this form to the Synagogue office no later than **6:00 PM on Thursday, April 2, 2015.**

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

of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto, Ontario. As my agent, he should arrange for this sale prior to 11:00 AM on Friday, April 3, 2015. I have placed my *hametz* and mixtures and objects containing *hametz* in specially designated storage areas within my home, which is at:

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2ND ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE



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Ab and Phyllis Flatt, acknowledging **Estelle Perlmutter** in memory of **Dr. Gordon Perlmutter**.

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Phyllis and Ab Flatt, honouring **Annette and Harold Grafstein** on their 60th anniversary.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Ricky and Barbara Kirshenblatt** on the birth of their grandson **Aiden Rocky**.

Michael and Rochelle Kerzner, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

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Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund

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

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Berlin**.

Diane Betel, Michele Friedlich-Pollock and Georgine Friedlich-Rosman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Steven Friedlich**.

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

Leonard and Bella Brody, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Betty Brody**.

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Bleema Climans, commemorating the yahrtzeit of the **Hon. Jack Sol Climans**.

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

Sherry and Jay Firestone and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Alan Barad and Hillary Firestone**.

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

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

The Hans Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samantha Hans**.

The Kirshenblatt Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gordon Quitt**.

Michael and Hollis Landauer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Walter Landauer**.

Nathan Lindenberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Lindenberg**.

Lawrie and Ruthann Lubin and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Leo Joseph Cutler and Alta Miriam Cooper**, and marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Ettie Lubin**.

The Marcus-Axmith Families, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Stanley Axmith**.

Max Nisker, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Minnie Nisker**.

Victor Peters, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Martin Peters**.

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

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

Lorraine and Alan Sandler, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Fay Davis**.

Dr. G. Daniel and Anya Schachter and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Benjamin Schachter**.

The Sobel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lilian Fine**.

The Sobel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Meyer Fine**.

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

Sylvia Solomon and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Rose Horowitz**.

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

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

Jeffrey Swartz and Angela Swartz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Irving Swartz**.

Dr. Stephen Tanny and Sharon Weinstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Tanny**.

The Tassis Family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Yajda Yetta Wajgensberg**.

Allan Weiss and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Grace Weiss**.

Michelle White and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Louis White**.

Hon. Roselyn Zisman and Michael Gary, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Zisman**.

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

Sandra Gertner and Millard Roth, acknowledging the **Kerzner Family** in memory of **Joe Kerzner**.

Morice and Cynthia Glick, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Julia Zeidel and Morice and Etta Glick**.

Minabelle Haneford, honouring the **President, Executive and Board of Governors**.

Harvey and Carole Kerbel, acknowledging **Hy and Lily Balsky** in memory of **Polly Soloway**.

Harvey and Carole Kerbel, acknowledging **Louis and Helen Kerzner** in memory of **Joe Kerzner**.

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

Rose Lindzon and family, acknowledging **Cookie and Stephen Title** in memory of **Grace Hillman**.

Pearl Lipton-Silver, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Toby Lipton**.

Chaim Lustig, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eva Horowitz**.

Norman and Susan Mogil.

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| Rhoda Cecily Brown | Martin Peters |
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"May the God of mercy sustain and strengthen them in their sorrow."

Memorial Plaques

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

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| E. Clara Kirschner | Gordon Ruben |
| William Bela Kirschner | Harry Rubin |


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

Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

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

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

Jewish Meditation



Shabbat, March 28 and April 25
10:00 to 11:15 AM

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Elaine and Joseph Steiner, acknowledging **Lorraine Sandler** in memory of **Fay Davis**.

Miriam Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Phyllis Weinstein**.

Gabi Weisfeld.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Lawrie Lubin** in memory of **Ettie Lubin**, and on marking the conclusion of kaddish.

Teddy and Bari Zittell and family, honouring **Norman Kahn** on becoming a USCJ board member.

Hesed Fund

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

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin and family, wishing **Helen Glazer** a Happy Hanukkah.

Terry and Jeffrey Cummings, acknowledging **Trudy Chernin** in memory of **Sadya Engels**.

Owen, Sandi, Justine and Kyle Giddens, acknowledging **Aida Seetner** in memory of **Annalee Katz**.

Helen Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Glazer**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Terry Cummings** in memory of **Michelle Shefsky**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Sara Kachuck** in memory of **Polly Soloway**.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Eric Sobel** a *refuah sheleimah*.

The Grammer Family, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Carole Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arthur Warren**.

Nathan and Carole Greenberg, acknowledging **Estelle Perlmutter** in memory of **Dr. Gordon Perlmutter**.

Mariana Grinblat, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Dr. Oscar Klepper** and **Abram Grinblat**.

Minabelle Haneford, honouring the *Hesed* Committee.

Gloria Houser, honouring **Marilyn Finkelstein** on her special birthday.

Marsha Joseph, acknowledging **Dr. Gerald Halbert** in memory of **Rhoda Cecily Brown**.

Marsha Joseph, acknowledging **Lorraine Sandler** in memory of **Fay Davis**.

Marsha Joseph, honouring **Alan Sandler** on his special birthday.

Ricky and Barbara Kirshenblatt, wishing **Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Ricky and Barbara Kirshenblatt, wishing **Alan Sandler** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Leah Liquornik, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Turowicz**.

Gary and Marcie Mansfield and family, honouring **Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler** on the birth of their son **Ezra Hillel Shalom**.

Dr. Newton and Claire Markus, acknowledging **Max and Dolly Kerzner** in memory of **Joe Kerzner**.

John and Molly Pollock, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Dr. Ralph Halbert** and **Dr. Gerald Halbert** in memory of **Rhoda Cecily Brown**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Ricky and Barbara Kirshenblatt** on the birth of their grandson **Aiden Rocky**.

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

Rose Sobel and Duke Segal, honouring **Dr. Wendy Wolfman** on becoming a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Toronto.

Eric Sobel, wishing **Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler** on the birth of their son **Ezra Hillel Shalom**.

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The Weisz Family, acknowledging **Gizi Kauf** in memory of **Herbie Kauf**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Dr. Ralph Halbert** and **Dr. Gerald Halbert** in memory of **Rhoda Cecily Brown**.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Eugene Bialys** a Happy Birthday.

Ricky Zabitsky and Monte Kwinter, acknowledging **Ralph and Roz Halbert** and **Gerald and Tootsie Halbert** in memory of **Rhoda Cecily Brown**.

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Phyllis Fien, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Esther and Zavel Fien**.

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Library Books

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Little Minyan Fund

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Sephi Band, Jeffrey Mitz and family, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the marriage of their son **Aaron** to **Alexandria Fanjoy**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring **Jay and Sherry Firestone** on the engagement of their son **Chaz** to **Rebecca Theise**.

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

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the marriage of their son **Aaron** to **Alexandria Fanjoy**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring the **Zabitsky Family** on **Isaiah's Bar Mitzvah**.

Nava Jakubovicz, honouring the **Silver and Fanjoy Families** on the marriage of **Aaron Silver** to **Alexandria Fanjoy**.

Mark and Loren Roth, honouring **Eileen and Shoel Silver** on the marriage of their son **Aaron** to **Alexandria Fanjoy**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Eileen and Shoel Silver** on the marriage of their son **Aaron** to **Alexandria Fanjoy**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the marriage of their son **Aaron** to **Alexandria Fanjoy**.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Dr. Daniel Goldberg** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Henry Wolfond and Rochelle Reichert, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the marriage of their son **Aaron** to **Alexandria Fanjoy**.

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<p>30 NISAN</p> <p>ROSH HODESH 1VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 15</p> <p>8:30am Shoharit 11:00am PJ Library Story Time 12:15pm Yom Ha atzmaut Cook & Shook 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>1VAR</p> <p>ROSH HODESH 1VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 16</p> <p>7:15am Shoharit 1:30pm Book & Film Club 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:30pm Conservative Judaismism</p>	<p>2VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 17</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Yom Hazikaron Ceremony</p>	<p>3VAR</p> <p>YOM HAZIKARON</p> <p>Omer Day 18</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner: Rebels in the Bible 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>4VAR</p> <p>YOM HAATZMAUT</p> <p>Omer Day 19</p> <p>7:15am Shoharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>5VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 20</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:54pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>6VAR</p> <p> Tazria - Metzora</p> <p>Omer Day 21</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit/Wernick 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 10:00am Jewish Meditation 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am Junior Congregation 12:00pm Teen Shabbat Lunch 12:00pm Young Shamashim 7:40pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:57pm Havdalah</p>
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<p>7VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 22</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 9:00am Jewish Service Network Day Trip to Hamilton 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>8VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 23</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Doniel Hartman: Talking about Israel</p>	<p>9VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 24</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 1:30pm Maximizing Brain Health: Memory Myths and Facts 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israel Through Our Eyes/<i>Shinshinim</i></p>	<p>10VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 25</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner: Nameless Biblical Women 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Harry Houdini: Jewish Immigrant Experience</p>	<p>11VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 26</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Prof. Moshe Rosman: Surprising Voices of Jewish Women in Early Modern Poland</p>	<p>12VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 27</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Dinner & Lecture/Rosman</p>	<p>13VAR</p> <p> Aharei Mot-Kedoshim</p> <p>Omer Day 28</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit/Rosman 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:45pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:05pm Havdalah</p>
<p>14VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 29</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>15VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 30</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:30pm Conservative Judaismism</p>	<p>16VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 31</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 1:30pm Maximizing Brain Health: Keeping Your Memory Sharp 4:00pm Cook & Shook for <i>Nizanim</i> 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>17VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 32</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner: Ioshua 7:00pm <i>Hadasot</i> for BTTeens 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Havurat Hasefer</p>	<p>18VAR</p> <p>LAG B'OMER</p> <p>Omer Day 33</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>19VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 34</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:10pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>20VAR</p> <p> Emor</p> <p>Omer Day 35</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 9:30am Torah Study/Dr. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 11:00am Torah Next Dor 12:00pm Young Shamashim 7:50pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:13pm Havdalah</p>
<p>21VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 36</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 2:30pm Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>22VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 37</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 10:30am Book & Film Club 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:30pm Conservative Judaismism</p>	<p>23VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 38</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Wonderful World of Moishe Osher St. Lawrence Centre)</p>	<p>24VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 39</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner: Samson 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>25VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 40</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>26VAR</p> <p>Omer Day 41</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:18pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>27VAR</p> <p>SHABBAT MEVARKHIM</p> <p> Behar-Beukotai</p> <p>Omer Day 42</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 9:30am Lively Learning 12:00pm Young Shamashim 8:00pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:21pm Havdalah</p>
<p>28VAR</p> <p>YOM YERUSHALAYIM</p> <p>Omer Day 43</p> <p>8:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>29VAR</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY</p> <p>Omer Day 44</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>1SIVAN</p> <p>ROSH HODESH SIVAN</p> <p>Omer Day 45</p> <p>7:15am Shoharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 4:00pm Cook & Shook for <i>Kochavim</i> 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israel Through Our Eyes/<i>Shinshinim</i></p>	<p>2SIVAN</p> <p>Omer Day 46</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>23SIVAN</p> <p>Omer Day 47</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Toronto's Jewish Mosaic Exhibit Reception</p>	<p>4SIVAN</p> <p>Omer Day 48</p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:25pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle before Shabbat candles</p>	<p>5SIVAN</p> <p>EREV SHAUVOT</p> <p> Bemidbar</p> <p>Omer Day 49</p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 12:00pm March of the Living 8:00pm Shavut Sleepover 8:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:27pm Candle Lighting from an existing flame 10:00pm Tikun L'el Shavot</p>

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<p>MARCH</p> <p>2 NISAN 22</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>3 NISAN 23</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:15pm iEngage: The Tribes of Israel</p>	<p>4 NISAN 24</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Jews in Sports: Jews & Baseball</p>	<p>5 NISAN 25</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm Israeli Music Mania with the <i>Shinshinim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>6 NISAN 26</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 6:30pm Structure of the Haggadah/Zion 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Four Daughters & Sons in Aft/Zion 7:30pm Jewish Treasures of the Caribbean Reception</p>	<p>7 NISAN 27</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm Pre-Pesah Friday Night Live Service & Dinner with Noam Zion 7:20pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>8 NISAN 28</p> <p>SHABBOT HAGADOL  Tzav</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit/Noam Zion 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 10:00am Jewish Meditation 12:00pm Young Sharnashim 7:00pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:23pm Havdalah</p>
<p>9 NISAN 29</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 11:00am Pl Library Story Time 11:30am Israeli Music Mania with the <i>Shinshinim</i> 12:15pm Chocolate Seder for <i>Nitzanim</i> & <i>Kokhavim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>10 NISAN 30</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Book & Film Club 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program</p>	<p>11 NISAN 31</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm Cook & Snook for <i>Kokhavim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>12 NISAN 1</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>13 NISAN 2</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 6:00pm Sale of <i>hametz</i> forms due 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv Search for hametz after dark</p>	<p>14 NISAN 3</p> <p>EREV PESAH/FAST OF THE FIRST BORN</p> <p>8:00am Shaharit 9:00am Public <i>hametz</i> burning 12:00pm Sell/discard <i>hametz</i> 6:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:29pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle before Shabbat candles</p>	<p>15 NISAN 4</p> <p>PESAH DAY 1  Hallel</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 11:00am Torah Next Dor 4:30pm Early Minhah 7:35pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 8:32pm Candle Lighting from an existing flame Second Seder after nightfall</p>
<p>16 NISAN 5</p> <p>PESAH DAY 2</p> <p>Hallel Omer Day 1</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tots 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:35pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 8:33pm Yom Tov concludes</p>	<p>17 NISAN 6</p> <p>HOL HAMOEED PESAH 1st Intermediate Day Omer Day 2</p> <p>7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program</p>	<p>18 NISAN 7</p> <p>HOL HAMOEED PESAH 2nd Intermediate Day Omer Day 3</p> <p>7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Jews in Sports: Jews & Basketball</p>	<p>19 NISAN 8</p> <p>HOL HAMOEED PESAH 3rd Intermediate Day Omer Day 4</p> <p>7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>20 NISAN 9</p> <p>HOL HAMOEED PESAH 4th Intermediate Day Omer Day 5</p> <p>7:15am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:36pm Candle Lighting Light 24-hr candle before festival candles</p>	<p>21 NISAN 10</p> <p>PESAH DAY 7 Hallel Omer Day 6</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tots 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:37pm Candle Lighting from an existing flame</p>	<p>22 NISAN 11</p> <p>PESAH DAY 8 Hallel/Yizkor Omer Day 7</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit/Yizkor 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 7:00pm Song of Songs 7:20pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:40pm Havdalah</p>
<p>23 NISAN 12</p> <p>Omer Day 8</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 1:30pm Israel Music Mania with the <i>Shinshinim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>24 NISAN 13</p> <p>Omer Day 9</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:30pm Conservative Judaism</p>	<p>25 NISAN 14</p> <p>Omer Day 10</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm Cook & Snook for <i>Nitzanim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>26 NISAN 15</p> <p>Omer Day 11</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner: Judah & Tamar 4:00pm Israeli Music Mania with the <i>Shinshinim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm <i>Hadasot</i> for <i>BTTeens</i> 7:30pm <i>Havurot</i> HaSefer</p>	<p>27 NISAN 16</p> <p>YOM HASHOAH</p> <p>Omer Day 12</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>28 NISAN 17</p> <p>Omer Day 13</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:45pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>29 NISAN 18</p> <p>SHABBAT MEARKHAM  Shemini Omer Day 14</p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 12:00pm Lively Learning 12:00pm Young Sharnashim 7:25pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:48pm Havdalah</p>