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Passover!
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A vibrant poster for a Purim event. The background is red with a sunburst pattern. At the top, there's a string of colorful triangular bunting flags. Below the flags, the word 'PURIM' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath 'PURIM', the word 'CARNIVAL' is written in large, yellow, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below 'CARNIVAL', the text '& Family Megillah Reading' is written in a smaller, yellow, cursive font. On either side of the main text, there are illustrations of triangular hamantaschen (Eggs) and colorful balloons. The date 'WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the date, the times 'Carnival at 4:00 PM / Family Megillah reading at 6:00 PM' are written in yellow, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A paragraph of text in white, sans-serif font describes the event: 'Put on your costume and join the fun at the Beth Tzedec Purim Carnival! Kids of all ages will enjoy carnival booths, bouncy castles, a toddler play zone, dance party and costume contests for best family, baby/toddler, kid, team and adult costumes.' Below this paragraph, another line of text in white, sans-serif font states: 'No charge for activities; kids' food available for purchase.'

PURIM CARNIVAL & Family Megillah Reading

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Carnival at 4:00 PM / Family Megillah reading at 6:00 PM

Put on your costume and join the fun at the Beth Tzedec Purim Carnival! Kids of all ages will enjoy carnival booths, bouncy castles, a toddler play zone, dance party and costume contests for best family, baby/toddler, kid, team and adult costumes.

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On the Necessity and Impossibility of Being a Jewish Philosopher

with Prof. Michael Morgan



Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 PM

What has Jewish philosophy meant in the past and what does it mean in the present? Do we doubt the possibility of Jewish philosophy? Is it a way of thinking about Judaism and Jewish life that can be beneficial to us all and which might very well be necessary for some of us?



מרכז למדעי היהדות

Presented in partnership with the
Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies

The Senator Jerahmiel S. and Carole S. Grafstein Lecture

Matzah and Maror, Mitzvah and *Maggid*



At the heart of our Passover celebrations is a narrative that has sustained our people.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, OUR SON LOST HIS CHERISHED *nounours* in the pedestrian mall in central Jerusalem. He was inconsolable. A friend, coming to visit us for Passover, brought a similar teddy bear from the same manufacturer. But there was no special attachment to the new bear, who remained without a little boy to love it. If I had been Franz Kafka, the story might have had a different ending.

The 40-year-old Kafka left Prague in September 1923. In love with Dora Diamant, a 25-year-old kindergarten teacher from a *Hasidic* family in Poland, they lived together in Berlin. Whenever he would visit the centre-city, Kafka wrote in his diary, “I have trouble with my breathing, start to cough, become more anxious than I ordinarily am, see all the dangers of this city uniting against me.” He usually remained in the peaceful Steglitz neighbourhood where he walked everyday in the park.

According to Dora, one day she and Kafka met a sobbing little girl. In response to his concern, the girl explained to him that she had lost her doll. Kafka told her “Your doll has gone off on a trip.” “How do you know that?” “Because she’s written me a letter.” “Do you have it?” “No, I left it at home, but I’ll bring it with me tomorrow.” Was it possible that this mysterious man was telling the truth?

Kafka took great care with this task. The next day he returned with a letter which he read out loud to the girl. The doll is very sorry, but she’s grown tired of living with the same people all the time. She needs to get out and see the world, to make new friends. It’s not that she doesn’t love the little girl, but she longs for a change of scenery, and therefore, they must separate for a while. The doll promises to write from afar.

Every day for three weeks, Kafka brought a new letter from the doll. As his tuberculosis worsened, Kafka planned to return to Prague (where he would die in June of 1924). In the version that Dora told to the French literary critic, Marthe Robert, Kafka “finally decided to have the doll marry. He described the young man, the engagement . . . , the preparations for the wedding, then in great detail the newlyweds’ house.” Overly busy, the

doll could understandably no longer visit her former mistress.

Max Brod does not mention this ending, but writes that before leaving Berlin for Prague, Kafka made sure that the little girl received a new doll. According to yet another version, Kafka insisted that this was the doll that originally belonged to the little girl. She appeared different because she had gone through many remarkable experiences. Life had changed the way she looked.

Except for what Dora Diamant later recounted, we have no records of any of these letters from the great writer. Recently, this Kafkaesque narrative has been described in a short story by Guy Davenport (“Belinda’s World Tour”) and a children’s book (*Kafka and the Travelling Doll*) by Jordi Sierra i Fabra. Had I been as creative as Kafka, perhaps I would have told a wonderful tale about a boy’s bear on an international trip.

At the heart of our Passover celebrations is a narrative that has sustained our people and, as Michael Walzer has pointed out in *Exodus and Revolution*, inspired millions beyond our covenantal community. Our seder meal is structured around Matzah and Maror, Mitzvah and *Maggid* (the Telling). We proceed from identifying the bread of affliction to recounting the four questions, telling the two narratives that “begin in degradation and end in praise,” detailing the debate between Ben Zoma and the Sages regarding Exodus and memory, describing the four children, remembering the enduring promise, reviewing the plagues, singing *Dayyenu*, and ultimately arriving at the three symbolic foods pointed to by Rabban Gamaliel. All these are different ways of telling the same story.

In recent years, many of us have added contemporary voices to the seder story: a recollection of Holocaust and heroism, Sharansky on Jewish identity and inner freedom, Hebrew women who contributed to liberation (with Miriam’s water bowl or a fish on the table), poetry reflecting the Zionist experience, even Canadian commentary. We tell the story emphasizing divergent directions and our seder meals are of different duration. Does that make our *haggadah* recitations divergent? Yes.

Does the essential narrative remain the same? I believe so. As long as we have the Matzah and the Maror, the *Mitzvah* (of not eating *hametz*) and the *Maggid-Telling*.

I think this can be a metaphor for contemporary Jewish life. There are various expressions of Jewish identity and practice. Rather than thinking of them as divisive, let us pay attention to what we hold in common. We share an amazing saga of faith and fidelity to God through periods of celebration and challenge. Our covenant connects us to other Jews throughout the world and over the passage of time. It extends beyond ethnic loyalty to a quest for the ethical in our relations with other people. It is a legacy that we can sustain, in a world full of trivial eye-candy and international uncertainty. Some who differ on matters of faith share *mitzvot*; others who have varying practices may hold some beliefs in common.

Is my *nounours* recollection correct? Will my son remember the event? Does my vignette resonate with other parents?

Did the Kafka doll incident really occur? Was it a parable? Did Kafka author it or did Dora? Each of the contemporary versions is quite compelling, but I don't think we'll ever know. Still, there are many life lessons we can take from Dora's report. In Paul Auster's retelling in *The Brooklyn Follies*, a character comments, "by the time those three weeks are up, [the girl] has the story, and when a person is lucky enough to live inside an imaginary world, the pains of this world disappear."

Did the Exodus occur in fact or fiction? One of my friends, a contemporary scholar of Bible, told me that when he sits for seder, he places the question of archaeology and authenticity, history and verisimilitude, aside and walks the path of our people, past and present. Whatever divergences in belief or behaviour, as long as we continue to eat the matzah, weep from the maror, refrain from the *hametz* of bread, pasta and whiskey and continue to tell the ancient saga, then we, our ancestors and our descendants will again leave Egypt on the path to Sinai and the Land of Promise.

Board of Governors Meetings

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

Upcoming meeting dates:

Tuesdays, March 22, April 19 and May 24 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 31 at 7:30 PM.**

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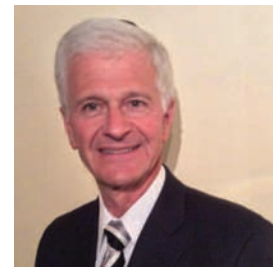
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Acknowledging with Gratitude



Our volunteers come aboard to build our community and to strengthen the *kehillah kedoshah*, the sacred congregation, that is Beth Tzedec.

IN A JANUARY 29 EBLAST TO THE CONGREGATION, I WAS pleased to announce that Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl has agreed to defer his retirement by two years, to July 2019. Over the past 22+ years, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl has provided tremendous leadership to our congregational family. As our spiritual leader, he has celebrated with us in times of joy and has provided guidance in times of sorrow. Under Rav Baruch's leadership, Beth Tzedec continues to be an outstanding voice for Conservative Judaism in North America.

With the Rabbi continuing to provide caring leadership to our membership, the Board will continue to move forward, planning and implementing a broad range of programs and services to our members and to the entire community. Over the past several years, with changes to our operations, we have eliminated the operating deficit that existed a number of years ago, as we deliver more than 250 programs to our membership each year. We continue to introduce exciting new programs that touch our youth, our 20s & 30s and our young families. None of this would have been possible without the volunteer efforts of numerous committees and our Beth Tzedec staff, all working together.

The Rabbi's extension comes at a time when we are embarking upon a physical and spiritual renewal. The renovation of the Paul and Ted Orenstein Mezzanine Hall and surrounding areas is now well underway. We look forward to the completion of a stunning event venue this summer. This phase of our renovation plans is but the first of a series of renovations designed to transform our building, making our services and programs more accessible and engaging to the Congregation. The budget for this phase is \$3.7 million. Most of the bids for the work in this phase have come in and we anticipate that we will be under budget by approximately \$200,000.

Beth Tzedec continues to lead in its delivery of *hesed* activities. For one week starting May 15, Beth Tzedec members will participate in the *Peace of Mind* program by hosting soldiers who have served in an IDF high-risk combat unit. *Peace of Mind*, developed by the Herzog Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psycho-Trauma, is an intervention program that changes lives. A crucial element of the program includes hosting by an overseas Jewish community during the most intensive therapeutic work. The program provides the treatment needed in order to strengthen the IDF soldiers' emotional health

and resilience, allowing them to continue their civilian lives as healthy and productive citizens. I invite you to support this program by calling 416-433-6617 to contribute funds to Beth Tzedec's involvement in *Peace of Mind Canada*. We are grateful to Marnie Burke, chair of our Israel Action Committee, along with Rhonda Charlat, Vered Feldman and Risa Levine, for leading this initiative at Beth Tzedec.

I want to thank all who have taken the time to respond to the strategic planning survey that was made available to every member of the Congregation. The information submitted will be organized and analyzed by our consultant working with the Strategic Planning Committee. It's not too late to respond to the survey. You can access it online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPZCKZ6> or contact the Synagogue office to have it mailed to you. We look forward to the completion of our strategic plan in the near future.

As my term as President of the Congregation comes to a close, I reflect on the hundreds and even thousands of hours that volunteers devote to so many committees. In service to the community, our members attend meetings, host and organize Shabbat dinners, *daven* at shiva houses and nursing homes, sponsor the rescue of refugees and even bake cookies for hundreds of 20s & 30s who attend the Connect Lounge on Rosh Hashanah. We are fully engaged in the task of repairing the world—*tikkun olam*.

Our volunteers come aboard to build our community and to strengthen the *kehillah kedoshah*, the sacred congregation, that is Beth Tzedec. Even our name, the House of Righteousness, is a call to action, a call to *hesed* and *tzedakah*. I have been privileged to be enrolled in this year's Shalom Hartman Institute of North America's seminar series on "Justice and Righteousness". In the first session in November, we explored the covenant that God made with Abraham and identified three central ideas that came from *Bereisheet*, Chapter 17: 1. We should not be indifferent to suffering; 2. We should not be indifferent to evil; and 3. How do we systematically improve society to create the adaptive change that will enable justice and righteousness to thrive? We continue to devote our efforts to this last question.

Hag Purim sameah and hag kasher v'sameah!

Milestones and celebrations

Births

Shayna Rose, daughter of ERICA & SAMUEL SILVER, granddaughter of BUNNIE & ROBERT JOSSE and CATHERINE & MARK SILVER, great-granddaughter of EDWARD FELDMAN, MAXINE CASBY and AL SILVER, born December 16.

Ivy Rae, daughter of RACHEL KOZIEBROCKI & CHARLES FRANKFURT, granddaughter of CAROLYN FEINBERG KOZIEBROCKI and LORRIS & ROBERT FRANKFURT, born December 20.

Max Barnett Simcha, son of BRIAN & RACHEL JACOBS, grandson of RON & GLORIA JACOBS and ERNIE & BONNIE SINGER, great-grandson of DOROTHY FREEDMAN and HARVEY JACOBS, born December 21.

Kyla Graciela, daughter of MICHELLE & LUCAS MARGULIS, granddaughter of ELLEN & LAWRIE MANN and ALEJANDRO & ROXANNA MARGULIS, great-granddaughter of ANN SAMUELS, NORA MANN and FREIDL SZEWC, born December 30.

Dillon Pierce, son of MATTHEW & DANIELLE LINDZON, grandson of SUSAN & PAUL LINDZON and JOANNE & ALLAN RUDOLPH, great-grandson of PHYLLIS & AB FLATT, PHYLLIS LINDZON and FAGIE RUDOLPH, born January 9.

Yoav David, son of DANA & LAURENT SOLOMON, grandson of SUSAN & ABRAHAM BORN and JOCELYN & JEAN CLAUDE PETY (of Lyon, France), born January 14 in Israel.

Dylan Brody, son of JEN & LANCE SINGER, grandson of LORI CHADWICK, AVI & MARLENE ALLEN, AVRIL SINGER and STAN SINGER, great-grandson of RENEE TOPPER and SYDNEY & NITA RABINOWITZ, born January 30.

Max Andrew, son of BRIAN & JACQUELINE GRAY, grandson of DONNA & STEVEN GRAY and SUZANNE & MARVIN RUBINSTEIN, great-grandson of IRENE GRAY, born February 4.

Hunter Lucas, son of ZOE MANDEL & SIDNEY KREMER, grandson of MARLENE & BUTCH MANDEL and ALEC & ANNA KREMER, great-grandson of MILDRED SONSHINE, born February 5.

Weddings

Claire Tobias, daughter of DR. NORMAN TOBIAS & AVA KANNER-TOBIAS, and **Adam Mechanic**, son of AMY & BARRY MECHANIC (of Providence, RI), who were married January 17.

Jillian Casselman, daughter of LISA & NEIL CASSELMAN, and **Justin Lipton**, son of LISA & SHAYNE LIPTON, who were married February 27.

Beverley Abramson & Buddy Schwartz, who were married February 28.

Congratulations to

Lindsay E. Farber, daughter of RACHEL & GLENN FARBER, granddaughter of DR. ROBERT FARBER and SALLY KERT, on receiving her doctorate degree in Neuroscience.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, who will receive the Gordon Wolfe Award for Outstanding Jewish Communal Professional Leadership.

Ari Grossman, who was appointed Associate Director of Business Operations for the Department of Athletics and Recreation at the University of Waterloo.

Jan & Mark Lapedus, who celebrated their 46th anniversary on December 30.

Irving Lindzon, who celebrated his 78th birthday on January 21.

Ruthe Mann, who celebrated her 94th birthday on January 11.

Dr. Harold Weizel, who celebrated his 90th birthday on September 21.

Many Thanks

The Kirshenblatt and Quitt Families, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on December 26 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Gordon Quitt**.



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 April 25.

The Josse and Silver Families, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on January 2 in honour of the naming of their granddaughter, **Shayna Rose Silver**.

Dot Whitehouse and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 2 to mark the conclusion of shiva for **Louis Whitehouse**.

The Basian and Granovsky Families, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 9 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Bette Hillman**, and in memory of **Dr. Herbert Basian**.

Mark & Jan Lapedus, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on January 16 in honour of their 46th anniversary and the birth of their grandson **Aiden Reid Bier**.

Jeff Olin & Deborah Mecklinger, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 16 in honour of the memory of **Stan Levenson**.

Dot Whitehouse and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 23 to mark the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Louis Whitehouse**.

Harry Enchin & Susan Friedrich, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 30 to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of **Norman Enchin**.

Sheldon & Patti Rotman and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on January 30 in honour of the marriage of **Jodi Rotman & Ryan Tkatch**.

Dr. Mel & Ruth Steinhart, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 30 to commemorate the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sam Siegel** and **Harry Steinhart**.

Murray & Janice Tkatch, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on January 30 in honour of the marriage of **Ryan Tkatch & Jodi Rotman**.

Risa Levine & David Weisdorf, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 6 in honour of the birthday of **Stan Levenson**²¹.

Howard & Joyce Simmons, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 6 to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of **Hilda Green Simmons**.

Phyllis Flatt and Harold Wolfe, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 13 to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of **Max Wolfe**.

Louise Shogilev and Earl Consky, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 13 to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of **Max Consky**.

Beverly Abramson & Buddy Schwartz, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on February 20 in honour of their marriage.

Toby Saltzman and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 27 to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of **Kenneth Saltzman**.

The Solish Family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 27 to mark the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Lloyd Solish, Q.C.**

Robert & Sheila Masters, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on March 5 to commemorate the *yahrtzeiten* of **Reuben Dennis**.

Cole Reiken & Deborah Drukarsh Reiken, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 2 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Samantha Lauren Reiken**.

Andrew & Alisha Rotstein, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 7 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Max Evan Rotstein**.

Barry Simon & Susan Eiley, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 7 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Mitchell Simon**.

Gunnar Bradley Einarsen & Amy Jennifer Lilker, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 14 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Eva May Lilker Einarsen**.

Michael & Stephanie Beallor, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 21 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Mackenzie Louis Beallor**.

David Finkelstein & Rachel Urowitz, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 28 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jonah Finkelstein**.

Adam & Miriam Joseph, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 28 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Ellie Aliyah Joseph**.

Mahzor Lev Shalem

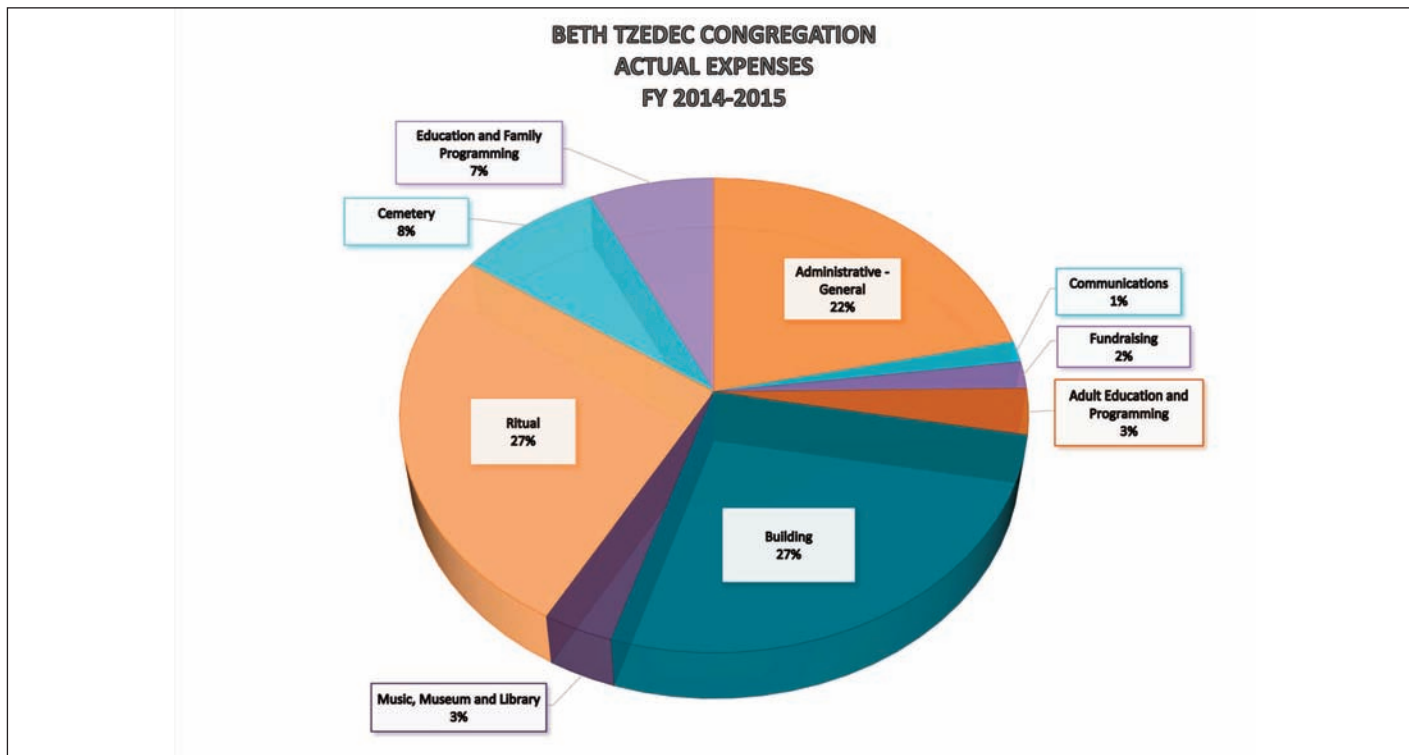
Last year, Beth Tzedec introduced *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, a completely updated prayer book for the High Holy Days.

You can now inscribe a volume of *Mahzor Lev Shalem* in honour or in memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion. Each *mahzor* will bear a personalized bookplate in acknowledgement.

For more information or to arrange for an inscription, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or visit www.beth-tzedec.org/login.



As mentioned in this issue's article by Executive Director Randy Spiegel (see opposite page), the following is a snapshot of how your donations and membership dollars are put to work.



BETH TZEDEC MAX & BEATRICE WOLFE LIBRARY Book and Film Club Selections 2015-2016

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

\$25 per session at the door

APRIL 4

Norwegian by Night

Cynthia Good explores Derek B. Miller's mystery novel.

82 year old Sheldon Horowitz, troubled by the memories of his earlier life and coping with the frustrations of growing old, finds himself on the run from the police with a small boy accompanying him.

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Viva Thornhill Woods Retirement Residence

APRIL 25

Second Person Singular

Cathy Tile analyzes Sayed Kashua's book.

The concept of identity for Israeli-Arabs and Israelis is explored in this compelling novel.

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Living Life on the Avenue Retirement Residence

MAY 9

Gett: The Trial of Vivian Amsalem

Jillian Helfield, Professor of Film Studies at York University, analyzes this award-winning movie.

An Israeli woman fights for three years to obtain a divorce from her husband who refuses to grant his permission to dissolve their marriage. **Note: This program begins at 10:30 AM.**

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Four Elms Retirement

Book & Film Club sponsored by:



And Now, the News ...

In the heart of the city, Beth Tzedec is the “synagogue central”.



MY LATE AUNT ROSE[^]H USED TO SAY, “WHEN THEY SAY news, they don’t mean good news.” And when watching the newscasts from the alphabet soup of networks, it’s easy to see that bad news always, shall we say, ‘trumps’ good news.

In reporting the top BT News items, I am proud to say there is lots of good news to report. Do not adjust your dial—CELEBRATE!

- **High Holy Day offerings rock:** From the High Holy Day prayer services, *Hot Topics* sessions, Connect Lounge, new alternative Services and a new *mahzor*, BT offerings are getting better and more diverse.
- **Attendance tops 10,000 in first six months:** We had a record number of daily/weekly programs for adults of all ages, families, youth, teens and singles on topics from mental health to *Day Trips in Jewish History*, from summer movie nights to the ever-popular *Book and Film Club*, the *Joys of Jewish Music* series, classes and lectures, basketball and floor hockey leagues.
- **Beth Tzedec Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum open for business:** The Museum continues to welcome at least 100 people a month on official scheduled tours, and the collection is accessible for daily visitors.
- **Games, games and more games:** Weekly, as many as 70 people fill the Hurwich Boardroom and Dr. Small Lounge for Bridge, Canasta and non-contact Mahjong (not for the faint of heart).
- **BT community steps up:** Volunteer teams rally to raise money to bring wounded Israeli soldiers to Toronto, to sponsor a family fleeing the devastation in Syria, and to support our ongoing commitment to

take care of our city’s less fortunate through the Out of the Cold program.

- **Fiscal responsibility leads the way:** Once again, the shul leadership and staff worked hard to return a break-even budget while continuing to keep the administrative and building systems running smoothly. Our membership numbers continue to be fairly stable, and this year, we welcomed 107 new members to the Beth Tzedec family.
- **Breaking from the past:** Old walls are coming down and new ones rise to refresh and renew our sacred and celebratory spaces. Renovations are underway with better access and a new second floor banquet hall due to open by September. Rather than behind-the-walls mechanical or electrical upgrades, this year we are putting our Building Reserve Fund money to work in spaces that we all can see, appreciate and enjoy using.

With daily and Shabbat services, life cycle celebrations and community rentals, our BT is buzzing with people and activities. In the heart of the city, Beth Tzedec is “synagogue central”.

And finally, we welcome you to learn more about BT and get involved on a committee or with one of our special projects. To close today’s ‘broadcast’ see opposite page for a snapshot of how your membership and donation dollars are put to work, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org.

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



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

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

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

Grades 8 TO 12

Peace of Cake

AN INTERFAITH BAKING DAY

Sunday, April 10 from 3:00 to 5:30 PM

Teens from Beth Tzedec and the Islamic Foundation of Toronto gather for a special afternoon of baking, asking questions and making new connections! We will have the opportunity to ask the clergy questions about both religions and bake delicacies from both traditions. No charge but RSVPs requested by Tuesday, April 5.

To RSVP, contact: Lily Chapnik at lchapnik@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or Sejeda Khan at ssyeda@islamicfoundation.ca or 416-321-0909 ext. 295



Shabbat, April 16 beginning at 8:45 AM

Children and teens take over the Sanctuary Service for a special Youth Shabbat. Everyone—young and old—is welcome to attend! A special Kiddush will follow the Service.

To participate, contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org by Monday, April 11.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

CLUB

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

We are looking for students with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 who are seeking to prepare for this experience with peers in a program suited to their needs.

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

For information, contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org.

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Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR
BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



April 2

Samantha Lauren Reiken
daughter of Cole Reiken &
Deborah Drukarsh Reiken

שושנה לאה בת דוד
ודבורה לאה



May 5

Max Evan Rotstein
son of Andrew Jay &
Alisha Rachel Rotstein

משה איתן בן יעקב
וצביה רחל



May 8

Mitchell Simon
son of Barry Simon
& Susan Eiley

משה בן יהושע ושושנה



May 14

Eva (Coco) May Lilker Einarsen
daughter of Amy Jennifer Lilker
& Gunnar Bradley Einarsen

מיכל בת אביבה



May 19

Mackenzie Louis Beallor
daughter of Michael Gary &
Stephanie Ruth Beallor

גולדה לאה בת נחום הכהן
ושושנה רחל



May 26

Ellie Aliyah Joseph
daughter of Adam
& Miriam Joseph

ליאת עליה בת אברהם
זאב ומרים ריזל



May 28

Jonah Finkelstein
son of David Finkelstein
& Rachel Urowitz

יונה בנימין בן דוד
פלטיאל הכהן ורחל אילנה



Get in the mood for Pesah with Cantor Simon Spiro!

Friday, April 15 beginning at 6:00 PM

- An exciting Friday Night Live musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service with a special appearance by the *Voices of Tomorrow* children's choir
- A delicious Erev Shabbat *hametz* dinner
- A sing-along with some favourite Pesah melodies and a children's holiday quiz with prizes

Cost: \$36 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4). Dinner by advance reservation only by Monday, April 11.

Limited spaces available. Reserve today online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

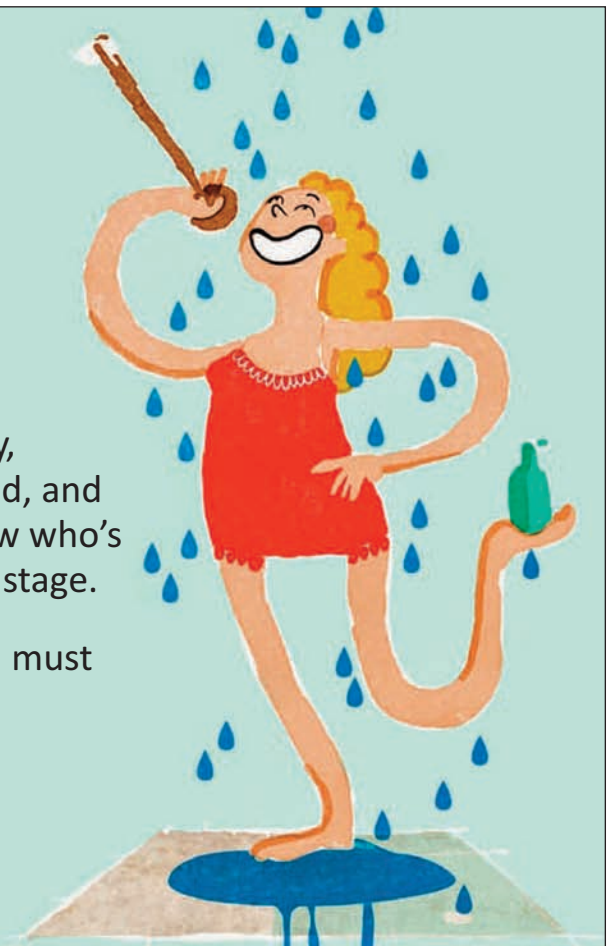
Do you like to sing in the shower? Do you stand in front of the mirror with a hair brush as a microphone? Then, this group is for you!

The Vinyl Chorus

Broadway, pop, Hebrew, Yiddish, Jazz standards and much more—We sing EVERYTHING! On Sunday, June 26, we perform with a professional live band, and under Cantor Simon's direction, it's hard to know who's having more fun, the audience or the singers onstage.

Come join us! No experience necessary, but you must enjoy singing and laughing!

For information, contact Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234 or mlaba@beth-tzedec.org.



Counting Blessings

There is nothing like a physical injury to give you sobering perspective on life.



THERE IS NOTHING LIKE A PHYSICAL injury to give you sobering perspective on life.

A few weeks ago, the weather was gorgeous and my wife invited me (cajoled me, actually) to go with her for a walk on the unseasonably warm February day. The winter snow in Cedarvale Park had melted, turning the ground below me into mud. I slipped down a slope and fell, rupturing my patella tendon. Now, surgery behind me, I write this from my bed where my leg is to be immobile for another few days, after which the staples will be removed and I begin physical therapy to help me walk again.

As painful, uncomfortable and downright inconvenient as my injury may be, I can't help but marvel, with gratitude to Hashem, that it could have been so much worse. With the proper exercise regimen and God's help, I am expected to eventually make a full recovery. (Hopefully, by the time you read this, I'll be up and about a bit more!) Sadly, there are many who are not as fortunate as I.

I know that many of you know what I'm talking about. Over my years here, I have visited the sick and, unfortunately, the dying, in hospital and in homes, and the heartbreak is like none other.

Here in Toronto I've become

familiar with Chai Lifeline, an amazing not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping not only children suffering from serious illness, but their family members as well. Any of us who have had illness in our family know how the entire family is affected, and even more so when a child is ill. With sick children, often one parent moves into the hospital with the child while the other parent remains at home, trying to keep some semblance of normalcy for the other siblings.

There are emotional challenges, financial burdens, logistical issues and extra day-to-day pressures. Chai Lifeline addresses all of these issues with counselling for family members, tutoring for kids who miss school for extended periods, family retreats, sibling programs, two phenomenal summer camp programs for seriously ill children and more. And Chai Lifeline provides all of this at zero cost to the families—all families, regardless of religion, race or cultural background. They don't ask questions; they simply spring into action whenever needed.

On April 11, it will be my distinct honour and profound pleasure to participate in Chai Lifeline's annual concert entitled *British, Yiddish & Kiddush*. I'm the 'British' in the title, and the 'Yiddish' onstage with me is

the delightful Mike Burstyn, today's top Yiddish entertainer and star of Broadway's *Barnum* and the Kuny Lemel movies. Also featured will be Cantor Yitchak Meir Helfgot, known the world over as the greatest *hazzan* of this generation. The show is written and directed by my brilliantly talented wife Aliza, whose work you know so well from *100 Years of Jewish Hollywood*, *The Great American Jewish Songbook*, *The Kids from Brooklyn*, *The Wonderful World of Moishe Oysher*, among others. We'll be accompanied by a 50-piece orchestra at the glorious Roy Thomson Hall.

I hope you'll be able to join me at this spectacular musical evening in support of a very special charity. There is a 20 percent discount price exclusively negotiated for Beth Tzedec members, so please take advantage of it and get your tickets now. (In the coupon box, enter *bethtzedec*.)

I pray that none of us ever has the cause to use Chai Lifeline's services. Rather, may we enjoy the *mitzvah* of giving to such an incredible *tzedakah*.

B'shalom,
Cantor Simon

**COMING
SOON!**

Stay tuned for information on the second annual **Vinyl Chorus Concert** being held Sunday, June 26.

Beth Tzedec's 55+ Singles Friendship Group

Protecting Your Assets

with Steven G. Kelman

Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 PM

Avoiding identity theft, 'bubbie and zayde' scams, and relatives with questionable intentions while planning and managing investments can be trickier than you think. Award winning business writer, financial educator and advisor Steven Kelman will discuss strategies to avoid potential pitfalls.

Cost: \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door (refreshments included). To reserve, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



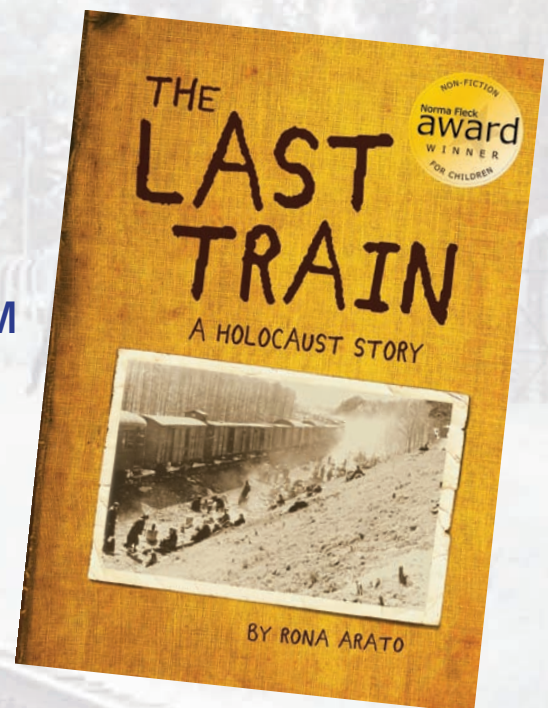
The Last Train: A Holocaust Story

with Rona Arato

Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 PM

Author Rona Arato presents her book, *The Last Train*, the harrowing true story about young brothers Paul and Oscar Arato and their mother Lenke surviving the Nazi occupation during the final years of World War II.

An exhibition related to the story will be displayed outside the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum, and copies of the book will be available for purchase at the book signing.



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

Sponsored by the Kubes Family Fund in memory of Zoltan Kubesz²¹

Four Rabbis Walk into a Shul...



To be united does not mean to be uniform.

A YEAR AGO, I EMBARKED ON A PROJECT INTO THE AS-OF-yet unexplored possible. In Toronto, could four rabbis—Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist—sit together and discuss substantive issues of modern Jewish life in a public forum? The result was *Young Rabbis Speak*. What started as a one-time, exploratory event looking at a range of topics turned into a four-part series, to date focusing on Jewish Text and Authority, Jewish Identity in a Hyphenated World and Judaism, Gender and Sexuality.

What has emerged has been an honest, open dialogue between rabbis who not only respect one another, but have grown a deep and abiding friendship. The conversations have not always been easy. The dialogue has surfaced fissures along several fronts. My Torah may exclude another. Hers may offend my sensibilities. From the conversations, though, has emerged the 21st century meaning of *שבעים פנים לתורה*, that the Torah has 70 faces.

Another amazing project has been the annual *Tikkun Olam* Shabbat *davening* and dinner—another multi-denominational effort. For the past three years, young professionals from various synagogues and prayer communities have gathered for a traditional Friday night dinner and to learn about the various ethical and practical dimensions of pressing humanitarian issues. Focusing on the Syrian Refugee Crisis, most recently we heard from a panel featuring Councillor Joe Mihevc, Lia Kisel of Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, Holy Blossom’s Rabbi Yael Splansky and Thanaa Sarif whose Syrian relatives Beth

Tzedec is sponsoring to bring to Toronto.

Equally amazing as the dinner and discussion has been the ability of different prayer communities to negotiate their differences and pray together in one space. The melding of various traditions has been as enlightening as it has been uplifting.

As wonderful as the *tefillah* has been, such coming together is not something that I would want to experience weekly. Ideological differences manifest themselves in practical ways. At Beth Tzedec, we pray differently—liturgically, with respect to musical instruments, concerning the set-up of physical space—than our partnering shuls. This is a good thing. There are times to discuss what separates us. There are times to be together in the performance of *mitzvot*. There are also times to recognize and rejoice in what separates us by choosing to be apart.

Some have called the stated future establishment of a Conservative and Reform prayer space at the *kotel* a “failure of Jewish unity”. By this they mean that, as a Jewish community, we have failed to find a middle-ground enabling all major Jewish denominations to pray in the existing *kotel* plaza. I disagree. Such a compromise would inevitably compromise the very idea of *שבעים פנים לתורה*.

To be united does not mean to be uniform. To pray in adjacent spaces rather than in the same room (or plaza) is not a failure of Jewish life, but rather a celebration of its many understandings of text and approaches to God.



Adopt a Bubbie (or Zaidie)

Do you have two to five hours a month spare? We would like to connect you with a member of our community who is looking for some company and someone with whom to share their wisdom.

Adopt a Grandchild

Are you a senior looking to share your love, wisdom and time with a younger member of our community? We can help you connect.

Contact Yacov Fruchter at 416-781-3514 ext. 279 or yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org for more information about either program.

CS | X Congregational School Experience



CS | X is an exciting combination of Jewish learning experiences for children from JK to Grade 7.

Directed by an accomplished educational professional and staffed by well qualified teachers, CS | X makes a personal connection with every child.

At CS | X your child will:

- Develop a sense of Jewish identity and learn about Jewish traditions, holidays and customs
- Gain familiarity with prayer and Jewish ritual
- Learn to read and write Hebrew
- Use technology, art, music and movement to create meaningful and lasting learning experiences
- Have the opportunity to meet other children and make friends
- Establish a vibrant link to Israel
- Begin a path to a more meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience



For more information, visit www.jex-bt.org, call Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or email dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org

Jewish Service Network Trip to NORTH BAY May 5 to 8

For Grades 9 to 12

This intensive service-learning trip to North Bay, Ontario will focus on encounters with Canada's First Nations. We will learn about Indigenous issues and cultures, share our Jewish stories with First Nations teens, and participate in hands-on volunteering together. We will also help make a meaningful Shabbat for the small local Jewish community. Earn volunteer hours, learn about Canada's first peoples and have lots of fun with friends. Limited spaces available; sign up before we sell out.

- Departing Thursday evening, returning Sunday evening
- Spend Shabbat with local Jewish community
- Connect with the local Aboriginal teens
- Cost: \$325/person (\$300/person for siblings)

To register or learn more, contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org

Supported by the Stephen Cooper Fund



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The Duality of Jewish Life



We are working to create socially conscious, sensitive and knowledgeable young Jews and young Canadians whose dual identities are interwoven into one all-encompassing personality.

EARLY IN THE PASSOVER SEDER, AS WE open the *Maggid* (Telling) portion of the evening, we recite an Aramaic paragraph whose first words are *הא לחמא עניא* (*Hah Lachmah Anyah*), usually translated as either “this is the bread of our affliction” or “this is the bread of poverty”, in both cases referring to the matzah that we will be eating later in the evening. The second sentence of this short statement reads as follows:
כל דכפין ייתי ויכל, כל דצריך ייתי ויפסח
(*Kol Dikhfin Yeytei V'Yichul, Kol Ditzrikh Yeytei V'Yifsah*), translated as “all those who are hungry come and eat, all those that are required come and celebrate Passover”.

The words in these two phrases are very similar, yet they point to two different types of guests at our seder. The first phrase is a universal invitation to any person—Jewish or not—who needs a meal. The second phrase is particular, inviting those who are obligated to celebrate. Two questions come to mind: Why are we inviting anyone—even non-Jews—to join our seder, and why is the universal invitation extended before the particular one? Wouldn't we want to make sure that fellow Jews,

obligated to participate in this meal, have a place first, and then if there is additional space, offer it to others?

I believe that the reason we focus on all people the night of the seder relates to our experience as slaves in Egypt. We were once downtrodden and in need of someone or something to help change our circumstances. This is one of the central themes of Passover, that of celebrating our freedom and working to help everyone who is in need to achieve their own freedom. Yet at the same time, we make sure that those within our own Jewish community have the opportunity to fulfill the *mitzvah* of participating in a seder.

This duality is what we as worldly, liberal Jews are all about. We strive to exemplify both sides of this coin at Beth Tzedec through programs and initiatives like Out of the Cold, Peace of Mind, the Kosher Food Bank and our sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family, to name only a few examples. In our youth, teen and family programs, living the duality is a crucial component of what we do and what types of young Jews we are working to help mould. Our Middle and High School students participate

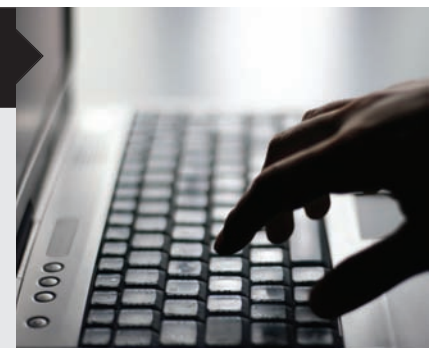
in Out of the Cold. On Purim, our families deliver *mishloah manot* to members in assisted-living facilities. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program families make soup for a women's shelter. The list goes on and on.

We also believe that, in order to offer help to another, there needs to be a level of knowledge and understanding of those who we are helping. Our kids and families learn about Israel and Israelis through our fabulous *shinshinim*. We take our Bar/Bat Mitzvah families to a local church and mosque to discover what the equivalent coming-of-age moments are in these monotheistic faiths. We will be taking our High Schoolers to North Bay in May for a weekend of learning and encounters with First Nations communities. A unit in our Grade 5 Congregational School class challenges students to discover and learn more about the Jewish social service and social assistance agencies in Toronto.

Along the way, our youth are building community and making friends. We have so much that we offer, so please check out the pages of this *Bulletin* or get in touch to learn more.

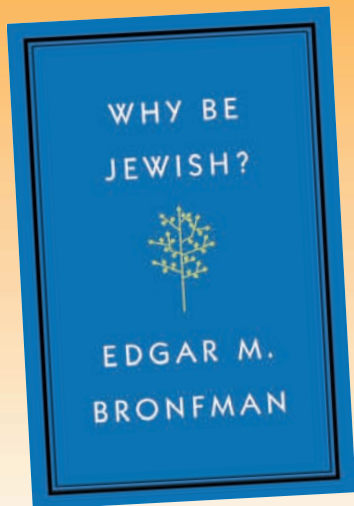
Laptops for Ethiopians

As we prepare for **Impact Ethiopia**, our volunteer mission for young adults to Gondor, Ethiopia taking place in May, we are seeking donations of six used laptops. If you have access to or would like to donate a used laptop, please contact Yacov Fruchter at 416-781-3514 ext. 279 or yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org.



Why Be Jewish?

An Unorthodox Answer



Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM

Matthew Bronfman discusses his father Edgar Bronfman's last book and his views on Jewish life, while confronting the most critical questions facing Judaism worldwide. Presented in conversation with Bernie Farber. No charge, but RSVPs requested.

Copies of Edgar Bronfman's book *Why Be Jewish?* will be available for purchase.

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



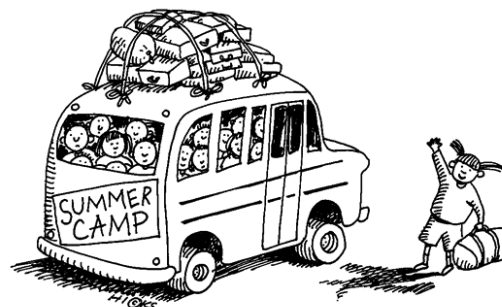
Yorkville Lunch 'n' Learn for 20s & 30s

with Yacov Fruchter

Thursdays from 12:15 to 1:30 PM

**March 31, April 14
and May 5 & 19**

Take a break from your busy day for some Jewish learning. You bring your lunch and we'll bring some Torah to dig into.



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

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

Our Community of Generous Hearts



There is incredible strength in knowing that we are part of a community of people who have hearts that move us to give.

I AM AMAZED BY THE GENEROSITY OF THIS COMMUNITY.

I am writing this article in the middle of February and the most recent Torah portion that we read is titled *Terumah*. *Terumah*, translated as voluntary contribution, begins with the directive to build the tabernacle out of materials that were voluntarily offered for this purpose. There are other instances in the Torah when there is a proscribed amount to contribute for the general good that is not voluntary, but in this case, each person is expected to give “that which their hearts moves them to give”.

As part of my “100 cups of coffee challenge”, I have sat down for coffee with dozens of our community members to get to know them and their passions. I have learned about what is important for them in life, current struggles and recent moments of joy, as well as what being part of Beth Tzedec means to them and their families.

I also learned about the various ways in which they contribute to the vibrant Beth Tzedec community beyond shul membership contributions—sitting on committees, regularly attending services, helping to organize events, volunteering with the library, *gabbaing*, leading services at Beth Tzedec or at shiva homes, participating in Men’s Club and Sisterhood activities, hosting our *shinshinim* and, of course, making financial *terumot*, voluntary donations. There are, of course, other ways that people contribute, and I am continuously surprised and impressed by how generous people are with their time, skills and financial resources.

I have been blessed to staff our Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Working Group, and it has been a pleasure to work with a group of more than ten dedicated volunteers who are so passionate about giving complete strangers a

new start. I am thrilled to be able to report that we have had over 100 unique donors to this initiative. I find that number heartwarming, and I invite you to join those ranks.

We have a skilled and generous community, and I want more from you!

One of my responsibilities is to manage our *hesed* work here. This currently includes our Out of The Cold initiative, hospital and home visits by our clergy, and a weekly games activity for seniors. We are expanding these offerings with a focus on increasing the number of people who are available to offer support, as well as the various ways in which we provide support. If you have an hour a week to visit a senior in our community who would like some company; an afternoon to cook a pot of soup, or a car you can use to drive the soup over to a new mother as she returns home from delivering her child; or even a calming voice and an attentive ear to regularly speak to some of our members on the phone, we have a need for you.

Over the next few months, please reach out to me or to Chloe Korenblum, a social worker who is doing her placement with us. We want to know both how you would like to help others, and how we can offer comfort and support to you or others in your network.

You can contact Yacov Fruchter at 416-781-3514 ext. 279 or yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org.

You can contact Chloe Korenblum at 416-781-3511 or ckorenblum@beth-tzedec.org.



It's not too late to complete the Beth Tzedec Strategic Planning Survey.

To access the survey, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPZCKZ6>

or contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 to request a copy to be mailed to you.

A BTTeen at the USY Convention



Grade 12 *BTTeens* member Sarah Schacht attended United Synagogue Youth's annual International Convention in Baltimore, MD this past December, and this is what she had to say about it:

Going to the International Convention in Baltimore was one of the best decisions I ever made!

Even though I only decided to go when I was in Grade 12, I felt instantly at home. Meeting people from all over North America was amazing.

I also loved the Pre-Convention in Washington, DC where we skated at the Sculpture Garden and went to the Smithsonian and the Spy Museum! I am definitely interested in going next year, and I hope some friends from Beth Tzedec will join me! Go USY!

—Sarah Schacht (*BTTeens*)



The Community is invited to attend

YOM HAZIKARON

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

טקס יום הזכרון לחללי מערכות ישראל ונפגעי פעולות האיבה

TUESDAY, MAY 10 AT 7:30 PM

Doors open at 6:45 PM

Beth Tzedec Congregation • 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Program in Hebrew and English

The ceremony will be followed by an evening of Israeli songs

Coming together to honor Israel's fallen



Consulate General of Israel

Calling All Teen Leaders ... to Election!



I have been impressed, time and time again, with the leadership capacity of our teens.

ONE OF THE MANY INVALUABLE lessons within the *Tanakh*, or Five Books of Moses, is that the best leaders exhibit modesty and prioritize the good of their communities over themselves. This is exemplified by a comparison of Moses to Pharaoh. While Pharaoh was content to allow his people to suffer through ten plagues in order to prove his own supremacy over the Jewish people, Moses always put the Jewish people's needs before his own, even going so far as to set aside his own anxieties and devote his life to leading his people out of slavery to redemption.

Throughout this year at Beth Tzedec, I have been impressed, time and time again, with the leadership capacity of our teens. They exemplify the legacy of Moses in that they are kind, generous and community-minded.

It is with this in mind that I am delighted to announce the return of an elected Teen Board at Beth Tzedec. This group, chosen by their peers, will be responsible for planning programs, as well as engaging other teens in synagogue and Jewish life on a personal level. I am very excited and honoured to be

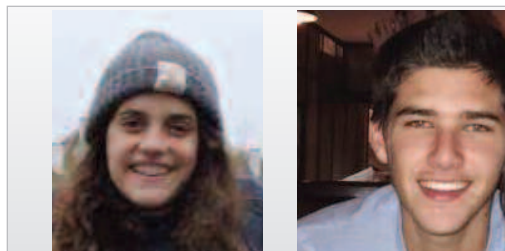
in the position to assist these future leaders in a more official capacity this upcoming year.

This Teen Board will run slightly differently than its Teen Advisory Council (TAC) predecessor. There will be more defined roles among the members, and spaces will be limited to six positions. This is in keeping with the tradition of the leadership structure of United Synagogue Youth (USY), of which we are a chapter, ensuring consistency across the city-wide and international structures of youth leadership in Conservative Judaism. We hope this will encourage *BTTeens* members to become more involved on a wider scale. These positions are:

- **President:** Responsible to assist with all programs, working closely with myself and the staff to bring teen concerns to light and visions to reality. This person should be the ultimate *dugmah* (example) of Jewish leadership, and conduct him/herself with respect and grace.
- **Israel Affairs Vice-President:** Responsible for bringing elements of Israel awareness and engagement into programming, maintaining a close working

relationship with the *shinshinim*. Ideal for a Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (TRY) alumnus!

- **Religion/Education Vice-President:** Responsible for bringing an element of Jewish engagement to programming, and taking an active leadership role in innately religious programs such as Youth Shabbat and our Teen Shabbat Lunch.
- **Social Action/Tikkun Olam Vice-President:** Responsible for infusing programming with social action awareness and initiatives. Ideal for teens who love to volunteer!
- **Membership/Kadima Vice-President:** A role best suited to an outgoing individual who is dedicated to increasing membership, and engaging *Kadima* (Middle School) members of Beth Tzedec.
- **Communications Vice-President:** Calling all social media addicts! This person will be responsible for maintaining all *BTTeens* social media accounts, as well as taking a leading role in promotion of events.



Welcome Paz and Dan!

Beth Tzedec has been very fortunate in the past to have outstanding *shinshinim*, and next year will be no exception. Our 2016-2017 *shinshinim* are Paz Assulin (l) and Dan Helft (r). We look forward to welcoming them both in September.



Weisfeld Scholar Weekend with Rabbi Dr. Allan Nadler

Friday, May 6 and Shabbat, May 7

FRIDAY, MAY 6 BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Lecture and Dinner

Bad Jewish Boys: Notorious Heretics from the Talmud to Today

We gather for a Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious dinner and engaging presentation. Cost: \$36 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4). Dinner by advance reservation only by **Monday, May 2.**

SHABBAT, MAY 7—SERVICES AT 8:45 AM

The Rabbis' Invention of the *Apikores* (or Jewish Heretic)

Rabbi Dr. Allan Nadler gives a pulpit presentation on ***Maimonides: Dogmatist? Heretic? Or Both?*** Following the kiddush, he speaks on ***Spinoza of Amsterdam—From Heretic to Hero.***

For information or reservations, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or reserve online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login.

Sponsored by The Louis & Moshe J. Weisfeld Annual Memorial Lectures

Your Support is Needed

As we plan for the arrival of the Syrian refugee family we are sponsoring, here are three ways you can help:

- 1. Housing**—We are looking for an affordable two- or three-bedroom apartment in the Lawrence and DVP area. If you own, manage or are aware of a building with a vacancy, please contact us.
- 2. Electronics**—We are in need of smartphones, laptops and flat screen televisions.
- 3. Employment**—If you are aware of or able to provide jobs in contracting, HVAC or other similar skilled-labour positions, let us know.

Please contact Yacov Fruchter at 416-781-3514 ext. 279 or yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org if you can provide assistance with any of the above requests.

Eighth Annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show



Dr. Marla Shapiro is a well-known medical contributor for the CTV network, as well as a best-selling author, public speaker and founding editor of *Parents Canada*. She has received numerous awards, including being named to the Order of Canada and chosen as one of the top 10 most powerful doctors in Canada by the *Medical Post*.

The Way We Were

Sunday, May 8 at 2:30 PM

**Keynote Speaker
Dr. Marla Shapiro, C.M.**

Take a step back in time and celebrate Mother's Day with a retro vibe. Experience a vintage decor and menu that will be enjoyable for women of all ages plus a wonderful fashion show, raffles, games and prizes! Beth Tzedec is celebrating its 60th anniversary, so we'll continue the theme and celebrate in 1950s style!

Adults: \$48; Young Adults (13 and under): \$30. Reservations required to the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login.

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

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}.

Presented with support from the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club.

Become a MAD SCIENTIST

for *Nitzanim* (SK to Grade 2) and *Kokhavim* (Grades 3 to 5)

Join us as we transform laboratory science into fun, interactive learning experiences in this three-week series.

Sundays, April 3, 10 & 17 12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM

Through spectacular demonstrations and hands-on activities, this three-part series is designed to captivate the curious nature of a child's mind. The programs are themed around particular areas of science such as magnets, polymers and even the science behind delicious chocolate. Discover how science can help us to better understand the world around us. Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)



For information or to reserve, contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or stoby@beth-tzedec.org.

Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

Li'l Minyans

(children up to age 5 with a parent)
10:15 AM to 12:00 NOON

Are you looking for an opportunity to spend a fun and educational Shabbat morning with your children? Drop off your children for our nursery program, then come back at 10:45 AM for a 45-minute interactive service with age-appropriate *davening*, singing, storytelling, healthy snacks and guided play.

Junior Congregation

(kids ages 6 to 12)
10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

A dynamic drop-off program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, and quality time with our *shinshinim*.

Teen Shabbat Lunch

Following Services on April 9 and May 28

See your friends, eat some lunch, debate, argue, discuss and learn together. A great way to connect and catch up.

Young Shamashim

Following Services on March 26, April 9 & 16, May 14 & 28 and June 11 & 18

An intensive two-year program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving

their *davening* skills. Meet for a nosh, *zemirot* and learning. This year focuses on learning to lead Shabbat services.

Shabbat Floor Hockey

(children in Grades 1 to 5)
March 26, April 9 and May 7
2:30 to 4:00 PM

Join high school students Aaron, Judy and Sam for exciting hockey action. There is no better way to spend a Shabbat afternoon.

For Kids 0 to 5 and their Families

PJ Library Story Time

Sundays, April 17 and June 5
11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

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

For Children in SK to Grade 5

Tik Tak Talk for Kids with the Shinshinim

(for Grades 3 to 5)
Tuesdays, March 29, April 12 and May 3 & 17
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Shoogi and Yarin lead a variety of fun activities designed to build conversational Hebrew skills. No charge.

For Kids in Grades 5 to 8

Rosh Hodesh Girls' Night Out

Saturday evening, April 9
8:40 to 10:30 PM

Wear your PJs and get ready to be pampered while participating in an amazing *mitzvah* opportunity for a local women's shelter. Please bring old purses that we will fill and donate. Cost: \$10 (includes snacks)

For Kids in Grades 6 to 8 (*Kadima*)

Tik Tak Talk with the Shinshinim

(for Grades 6 to 8)
Wednesdays, March 30, April 13 and May 4 & 18
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Helping kids maintain their Hebrew skills after leaving Day School is a challenge. Shoogi and Yarin have the answer—an entertaining hour of Hebrew conversation and Israeli culture. No charge.

For Teens in Grades 8 to 12

Peace of Cake Interfaith Baking

Sunday, April 10
3:00 to 5:30 PM

Teens from Beth Tzedec and the Islamic Foundation of Toronto meet for an afternoon of baking, asking questions and making new connections. We will have the opportunity to ask the clergy about both religions and bake delicacies from both traditions. No charge, but RSVPs requested to Lily Chapnik at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or lchapnik@beth-tzedec.org.

For Teens in Grades 9 to 12 (BTTeens)

Jewish Service Network Trip

Thursday, May 5 to Sunday, May 8

This intensive service-learning trip to North Bay, Ontario will focus on encounters with Canada's First Nations. We will learn about Indigenous issues and cultures, share our Jewish stories with First Nations teens, and participate in hands-on volunteering together. We will also help make a meaningful Shabbat for the small local Jewish community. Earn volunteer hours, learn about Canada's First People and have lots of fun with friends. Facilitated by Beth Tzedec's Jewish Service Network in partnership with Ve'ahavta and Canadian Young Judea. Cost: \$325 per person; \$300 per person for siblings.

For Grades 1 to 5 and Grades 9 to 12

Student Mentorship Program

(for *Students*—Grades 1 to 5 and *Mentors*—Grades 9 to 12)
Thursdays, March 24 & 31 and April 7 & 14
5:15 to 6:30 PM

This program partners Elementary School children with High School teens in a positive, Jewish environment, to work on tasks and other activities.

For Families

Purim Carnival and Family Megillah Reading

(for Everyone)
Wednesday, March 23 4:00 PM

Put on your costume and join the fun! Kids of all ages will enjoy carnival booths, a toddler play zone, dance party, bouncy castles and costume contests. The carnival will be followed by a child-friendly Megillah reading at 6:00 PM. No charge for activities; kids' food available for purchase.

For more information about Youth and Family Programs, contact Simmi Toby, Director of Youth Engagement, at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or stoby@beth-tzedec.org.

Grandparent & Grandchild Sunday Morning Hangout

(for ages 1 to 4 with a grandparent)
Sunday, April 3
11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Join us for a late-morning program where grandparents and their grandchildren can engage in music, arts & crafts, and other activities that encourage *Yiddishkeit* to be passed from one generation to the next.

ECRUSY Programs

J-Serve Toronto

(for Grades 8 to 12)
Sunday, April 17

Choose from one of more than a dozen J-Serve project options, and join over 500 Toronto-area teens for the Global Day of Jewish Youth Service.

Zikaron B'Salon

(for Grades 8 to 12)
Wednesday, May 4
11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Connect with the memory of the Holocaust in a different yet meaningful way that offers the opportunity to listen, think, talk and feel, and empathize with survivors. And from that, ponder the challenges facing teens today.

SAVE THE DATE

ECRUSY SPRING REGIONAL CONVENTION

12.05.16 - 15.05.16

WHO

GRADES 5-7 & 8-12

Catch up with your friends and meet new friends from across Eastern Canada!

WHAT

CONVENTION MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

Separate programming for our Kadima (Gr. 5-7) and USY (Gr. 8-12) age groups featuring interest based activities.

WHERE


MANSFIELD OUTDOOR CENTRE

Mansfield sits on 300 acres of land including forests, fields, a stream, and a pond. The facility is only an hour and a half outside of Toronto and offers a gorgeous camp setting for our convention.



REGISTRATION OPENS ON MARCH 14 AND THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT IS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 3. THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 24. VISIT WWW.ECRUSY.ORG FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER.





Through the international *Peace of Mind* program, Beth Tzedec has the privilege of honouring a special unit of Israeli soldiers as part of our Israel Action Committee initiatives.

Peace of Mind Shabbat

Friday, May 20 at 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Cost: \$36 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4).

Dinner by advance reservation only by Monday, May 16.

Reserve through the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login.

Shabbat, May 21 beginning at 8:45 AM

The Israeli soldiers from the Peace of Mind program join us for the *Shaharit* service, followed by a special Community Kiddush in their honour.

Peace of Mind is a unique program developed by the Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psycho-Trauma. It paves the way back to civilian life for young men and women who have served in high-risk combat units in the Israel Defense Forces. The program identifies units who have undergone severe combat experiences and provides the treatment needed to strengthen their emotional health and resilience allowing them to start their civilian life as healthy and productive citizens. Your continued support of this worthwhile cause is greatly needed.

For information or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact Rhonda Charlat at charlatfamily@sympatico.ca.

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

 BETH TZEDEC
בית צדק **SISTERHOOD**

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 leads *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 sounds of our inspirational Shabbat morning service.

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, every Shabbat.

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 mornings, April 2, May 7 and June 4.* This participatory service is a perfect way for children, parents and grandparents to experience Shabbat morning together, learn the structure of the service and take leadership roles. The service features the highlights of a Shabbat morning service and is led by children, teens and our Director of Education and Family Programming, Daniel Silverman. It also includes programming with our *Shinshinim* (Israeli Young Emissaries), and a group aliyah and blessing for everyone whose birthday is that month. The service is followed by a complimentary dairy community lunch.

For information on **Shabbat Youth programming**, see page 24.

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.

Jewish Meditation

with Michelle Katz

10:00 to 11:15 AM on April 2 and May 7

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

Lively Learning

with Cantor Simon Spiro

Following Services on April 2, May 7 and June 4

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, Yacov Fruchter and Friends

11:00 AM on April 16, May 21 and June 18

Join our 20s & 30s in Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's study, as we eat, drink and examine pressing topics from sources both ancient and modern.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Join us as we bid farewell to our *shinshinim* Shoogi Bergstein and Yarin Sasson on **Friday evening, June 10.**



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program

Participants in this year's Bar/Bat Mitzvah program spent an afternoon with Shoogi and Yarin celebrating Tu B'Shevat.



Syrian Refugee Program Committee

We are privileged to have a dedicated group of individuals assisting us with fundraising, coordinating and planning initiatives for our Syrian Refugee Program commitments. With Yacov Fruchter's leadership, the projects and programs have engaged a large number of members and the community at large. Pictured: Amyn Sarif, Phyllis Fien, Robin Kachuck, Bari Zittell, Thanaa Sarif, Janna Walters, Hyla Davis, Samahra Zatzman and Michael Friedman.



Mazal Tov to Rav Baruch

At Rav Baruch's recent birthday, the Men's Club presented him with a very large, and very tasty, birthday cake. All attending the Men's Club meeting that evening enjoyed the sweet offering.



Tikkun Olam Project—The Mitzvah Series

In this very engaging and rewarding six-week series, kids in SK to Grade 5 gave of their hearts and time partnering with several non-profit organizations to complete projects to help the local community. In this session, participants made muffins for the Out of the Cold program.



Young Rabbis Speak

On February 17, a group of noteworthy Jewish community leaders tackled the pressing issue of **Judaism, Gender and Sexuality** during a panel discussion held at the Danforth Jewish Circle.

PICTURED BACK ROW—Yacov Fruchter (moderator) and Rabbis Adam Cutler (organizer), Jordan Helfman, Miriam Margles, Jennifer Gorman; **FRONT ROW**—Rabbi Noah Cheses and Yoetzet Halakhah Sarah Cheses. **PHOTOS COURTESY OF YARON EINI (WWW.YARONEINI.COM)**

New Year; New Greens



Be one of the first to play one of the most exciting new layouts in Canada!

GET READY TO DUST OFF YOUR CLUBS AND JOIN US FOR the *Fourth Annual Beth Tzedec Men's Club Golf Classic* on Thursday, May 26 at the exciting new Lebovic Golf Club in Aurora. Designed by the renowned architect Doug Carrick, this new layout promises to be a challenge and a treat!

Don't miss the chance to treat your friends to an outstanding round or join us as a hole or prize sponsor at this fun event.

Our Men's Club leads the way in raising the funds needed to support programs and services for our youth and our Congregation.

Great food, great golf and great prizes are right around the corner.

For more information or to register, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org or online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login. For more details, sponsorship information or to download a copy of the brochure, visit <http://tinyurl.com/z784dbg>.

Don't delay ... book your space today!

FOURTH ANNUAL
BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB
GOLF
CLASSIC

Thursday, May 26
Lebovic Golf Club
14020 Leslie St., Aurora, Ontario

\$350 Golfer / \$1,400 Foursome
12:00 PM Registration & Barbecue Lunch
1:30 PM Shotgun Start
6:30 PM Barbecue Dinner & Awards Reception

Refreshments and snacks available throughout the day.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Call 416-781-3511 to register or learn more

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

EATING FOR WELLNESS

with Bonnie Wisener



Wednesdays, April 6 & 13 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Bonnie Wisener, a registered holistic nutritionist, will guide us through the basic principles of eating for good health. No charge.

April 6

Promoting Digestion, Mood and Mental Clarity

Eating a balanced diet can help promote healthy digestion, optimal mood, mental clarity and weight management.

April 13

Prevention of Common Ailments and Disease

A balanced diet can support wellness and prevent common ailments and diseases such as Type II Diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, dementia and other disorders.

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



Sponsored by Living Assistance Services

DAY TRIPS IN JEWISH HISTORY

With educator and lecturer
HANA WERNER

WEDNESDAYS:

1:30 PM Refreshments

2:00 PM Lecture

**5 sessions: \$40 or
\$10 per session at the door**

PART TWO: The Game Changers

April 27

Isaac: The Precious Son—How Nations were Affected by the *Akedah*

May 4

Adam and Eve: The Architecture of the World

May 11

Saul, David and Samuel: The Triangle of Power, Struggle and Strife

May 18

Jonah: The Anti-Prophet Prophet

May 25

Elijah: A Prophet of Hope and Despair



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

Out of the Cold

Our 16th season of Out of the Cold is almost over, and while we may not have had much snow this winter, we unfortunately still saw record numbers of homeless people who frequented our shelter.

An important part of our OOTC program is the Art Circle, where our guests have the opportunity to participate in an art program. Beginners and experienced artists alike gather and create magnificent pieces of art. The Art Circle is a place where hardship and perseverance, creativity and kindness are shared by the participants.

On Sunday, April 3, we will debut our annual Art Show at Beth Sholom Synagogue to showcase their talents. Proceeds from the sales benefit the artists directly, while a percentage goes back to the OOTC program. The artists will be on-hand and one of the artists will be painting 'live'. You will be amazed by the quality of their work, so please mark the date down in your calendar.

Mother's Day Chai Tea and Fashion Show

Another exciting event coming up is the eighth annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show—The Way We Were—being held on Sunday, May 8. Patti Rotman and her fabulous committee will undoubtedly make this event even

more special than last year's! It is a lovely way to spend Mother's Day afternoon with your mom, grandmother, daughter and granddaughter while sipping tea, munching and gazing at the fabulous spring fashions. As co-chair of Out of the Cold, I am thrilled to announce that to date, proceeds from this event totaling \$55,000 have been contributed to our Out of the Cold program. Don't wait too long to buy tickets—it promises to sell out early! You are guaranteed to enjoy, while supporting a very worthwhile cause.

Thursday Games Afternoon

Games Afternoon continues to be a huge success. More than 40 people gather each week to enjoy a social afternoon of Mahjong, Canasta and Bridge—and the numbers are sure to increase when the snowbirds return! Players of all levels of expertise are welcome to join, and it is open to both Beth Tzedec members and non-members alike. Mahj and Canasta lessons are being offered once again this spring. If you would like to sign up, please leave a message with Synagogue office.

For information on *Hesed* programs, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 and leave a message for me.

—Maureen Tanz
Chair, *Hesed* Committee

Eighth Annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show

Become part of our *Women of Honour Booklet*

This Mother's Day, pay tribute to all the women in your life with a tribute 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 2. 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

THE SAM & SARAH KERZNER AND JOSEPH KERZNER MEMORIAL HOLOCAUST LECTURES

GUEST SCHOLAR WEEKEND

Professor Stephen Berk



From Past to Future

THURSDAY, MAY 26 AT 7:30 PM

Churchill and the Jews

The lecture is presented in partnership with Beth Emeth and the Canadian Council of Conservative Synagogues, and will be held at Adath Israel (27 Southbourne Avenue).

FRIDAY, MAY 27 BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Lecture and Dinner

Islam and the Holocaust

Cost: \$36 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5 to 14); \$6 children (ages 1 to 4).

Dinner by advance reservation only by **Friday, May 20**.

SHABBAT, MAY 28—SERVICES AT 8:45 AM

Pulpit Address with Question & Answer session following Kiddush

Aftermath: 1946 in Europe, North America and Eretz Yisrael

SUNDAY, MAY 29

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

Into the Future: 2016 (America, Europe, Israel and the Middle East)

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 Wednesday, May 25.

For information or reservations, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or reserve online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login.

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
- The overall quality of the submitted application

Applications for 2016 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 15, 2016**.

Men's Club Makes a Difference

Yom Hashoah Candle Campaign

Once again, the Men's Club is gearing up for the annual Yom Hashoah 'yellow candle' campaign. Volunteers are needed to assist with packaging and delivery. Community service hours are available for High School students. Please contact Hersh Rosenthal at 905-882-8180 or hershr@rogers.com. This is one of the most significant programs of the Men's Club. Help us remember by volunteering your time.

Sunnybrook Shabbat

The Men's Club will conduct Shabbat services for the Jewish War Veterans and other permanent residents of Sunnybrook Hospital

and their families on May 28. The abbreviated service begins at 10:00 AM and concludes at 12:00 NOON with a Kiddush following. Parking is free to those attending the service. For information, contact Jerry Grammer at 905-889-8769 or jaygeel937@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars

Neighbourhood Interfaith Dialogue:

The 30th annual Neighbourhood Interfaith Dialogue will be held on Wednesday, May 25 at Grace Church-on-the-Hill.

Awards Breakfast:

The annual awards breakfast honouring the Men's Club scholarship recipients will be held Sunday, June 5. Details for both programs will follow soon.



2016 Man of the Year

Each year, the Beth Tzedec Men's Club honours a member who has made a significant, ongoing contributions to our chapter. This year, we are excited to honour **Don Smith**. Make plans to join us on Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 AM at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue (100 Elder Street, Toronto) for this annual celebration.

World Wide Wrap Round-Up

The World Wide Wrap was held on Sunday, February 7 (SuperBowl Sunday) to a large turnout. Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler provided explanation and assistance in putting on *tefillin* before services. Daniel Silverman and Yacov Fruchter gave comments during Service and Cantor Sidney Ezer sang a rousing sports rendition of *Adom Olam* at the end. Afterwards, Daniel Silverman demonstrated the putting on of

tefillin to students of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class.

An enhanced breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club was followed by our guest speaker, Mark Masters, a sports broadcaster with The Sports Network (TSN). Mark was 'interviewed' by Daniel Silverman, with inquiries about hockey and our Toronto Maple Leafs forming the basis of the talk. Many questions followed with the children and teenagers anxiously awaiting the

lucky ticket draw for a pair of tickets to a Leafs game.

Another highlight was Rav Baruch's prediction of the outcome of the SuperBowl. With his usual careful research, he quoted numerous biblical references for and against the Panthers (cats) and the Broncos (horses), and ultimately concluded that the Denver Broncos would win—he was right again!



countdown to Pesah

Friday, April 15 / 7 Nisan

- 7:30am *Shaharit*
- 6:00pm Pre-Passover Friday Night
Live & Shabbat Dinner
- 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:44pm Candle lighting

Thursday, April 21 / 13 Nisan

- 7:30am *Shaharit*
 - 11:00am 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 22 / 14 Nisan

Erev Pesah
No matzah may be eaten on erev Pesah
Fast of the Firstborn / siyyum
(completion of study) followed by
breakfast

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
- 9:00-11:00am **Bring your *hametz* to Beth
Tzedec for burning**
- By 12:00pm Burn/dispose of all *hametz*
- 6:30pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*

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

- 7:52pm Candle lighting
- After nightfall Begin first seder

Saturday, April 23 / 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 *Minhah*
- 8:10pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- After 8:55pm Candle lighting from
an existing flame
- After nightfall Begin second seder
- Count omer 1

Sunday, April 24 / 16 Nisan

- 2nd Day of Pesah**
- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services
with *Hallel*
- 8:10pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- 8:57pm *Yom Tov* concludes
- Count omer 2

Monday, April 25 / 17 Nisan

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

Tuesday, April 26 / 18 Nisan

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

Wednesday, April 27 / 19 Nisan

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

Thursday, April 28 / 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
- 7:59pm Candle lighting
 - Count omer 6

Friday, April 29 / 21 Nisan

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

Kindle a *yizkor* candle from an existing
flame before lighting *yom tov* candles
Count omer 7

Saturday, April 30 / 22 Nisan

- 8th Day of Pesah**
- Shabbat Pesah**
- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services
with *Hallel* and *Yizkor*
- 7:15pm Song of Songs
(*Shir HaShirim*)
- 7:45pm *Minhah/Seudah Shlisheet/*
Ma'ariv
- 9:04pm *Pesah* concludes

Wait until 9:30pm 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*, careful attention 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 22 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. If you are a vegetarian, please consult with Rabbis Frydman-Kohl or Cutler.

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; 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; cottage cheese; cream cheese; 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/rice milk or tofu.

Non-Food Items

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

Medicine

Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills and corn syrup in liquid medication, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is **required for life sustaining therapy**, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, consult one of our rabbis. In **all cases**, capsules are preferable to pills and non-chewable medication is preferable to liquid or chewable medications.

Pet Food

Use non-grain food or, if your pet is included in your sale of *hametz*,

keep this food away from the kitchen and wash utensils away from the kitchen.

Kashering of Utensils

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

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

Glassware

Glasses for drinking—to kasher, soak in water for 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 fulfill 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 your *hametz* is in a different time zone from Toronto, please speak with one of the rabbis.

If you are unable to personally sell your *hametz*, please fax or send this form to the Synagogue office no later than **11:00 AM on Thursday, April 21, 2016.**

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 Thursday, April
21, 2016. 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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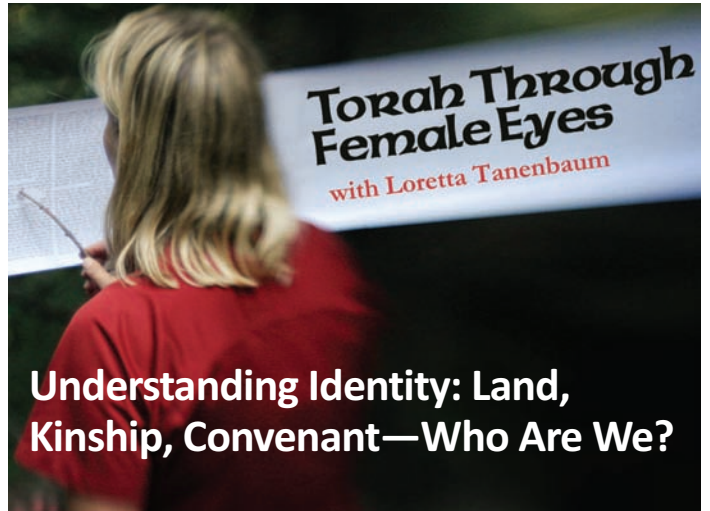
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Kehilat Moriah: Our Sister Shul



KEHILAT MORIAH WAS FOUNDED MORE THAN 60 YEARS ago, making it the oldest Conservative congregation in Israel. It is located in a bright, airy building in the Ahuza neighborhood on Mt. Carmel, which has been their home since the 1960s. Moriah counts as members more than 150 families and individuals. However, it welcomes all worshippers, and during holidays—in particular Yom Kippur, Simḥat Torah and Purim—the congregation is joined by many neighbourhood residents. Others come to commemorate lifecycle events, from the birth of a child through bar or bat mitzvahs, weddings and memorial services.

The doors of Moriah are open more than just on Shabbat and holidays. The congregation is home to two preschool classes and to a flourishing youth group under the

auspices of NOAM, the youth branch of the Israeli Conservative movement. Moriah also runs a number of social, cultural and educational activities, including outreach programs aimed at non-members as well as members. Some of these activities are included under a new initiative called “Midreshet Carmel” (loosely translated as the “Carmel Academy”).

A new extension now under construction will enable Moriah to expand their educational offerings by adding a separate room for study and discussions. Finally, the idea of *tikkun olam*—a rabbinic concept that has come to mean the pursuit of human welfare and social justice—is an integral part of the worldview at Moriah, expressed in initiatives both ongoing and linked to events in the Jewish year.

Ben Gavra Dedication



ON DECEMBER 12, SHABBAT ḤANUKKAH, BETH TZEDEC dedicated a new *ben gavra* (Torah cover). It was designed and executed by our member Joanne Perlmutter on the first anniversary of the release of her husband Jeff from hospital following a major health crisis. Joanne says, “I wanted to produce something for the shul, to give back in some way, as this community was so caring during Jeff’s illness.” The *ben gavra* not only serves a significant ritual role, but it importantly fulfills a long-standing desire of our member Gloria Houser to sponsor a gift to the synagogue in memory of her late husband Cyril. Gloria and Joanne have an enduring relationship and are thrilled to be able to collaborate for the benefit of Beth Tzedec.

A *ben gavra* is used to cover a Torah scroll while the scroll is unwrapped but not in immediate active use on the

shulḥan (table). Created in the quilt style of stitchery, the *ben gavra* has a quilted black velvet background with a central dominant feature of a dove of peace holding an olive branch in its beak. The dove decoration is in multi-coloured cotton fabrics utilizing peacock imagery with its rich colouring. The piece is bordered in two stripes of matching colours to the central dove of peace theme.

Appropriate to Cyril Houser’s priestly (*kohen*) status, the concluding Hebrew line of the priestly blessing is inscribed in gold damask fabric above and below the centre image. On the reverse side an inscription on a gold fabric panel reads “In memory of עזריאל בן שניאור הכהן ולאה, Cyril Houser, by his dear wife Gloria and family.”


This beautiful work of art will be appreciated and enjoyed for many years to come.

THE DECEMBER PROJECT

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 PM

Before his death in 2014, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi spoke with New York Times bestselling author Sara Davidson about how he was preparing himself, his family and students to “not freak out about dying,” while framing a more heightened and grateful life. Rabbi Shalom Schachter will share his personal interactions with his world-renowned father, and Sara Davidson will relate how she drew out Reb Zalman’s creative thoughts. Rabbi Baruch Frydman Kohl will discuss Reb Zalman’s spiritual insights and their application to our lives as we age and prepare our self and our loved ones for our eventual passing.

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



“When you can feel in your cells that you’re coming to the end of your tour of duty, what is the spiritual work of this time, and how do we prepare for the mystery?”

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Elizabeth Wolfe, honouring **Sydney and Anna Gangbar** on their 60th anniversary.
Zoltan and Sara Zimmerman, acknowledging **Dot Whitehouse** in memory of **Louis Whitehouse**.

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Howard and Halle Cohen, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on the birth of their great-grandson.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on the birth of their great-grandson.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Susan and Paul Lindzon** on the birth of their grandson.

Gerold and Rosylin Goldlist and family, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on the birth of their great-grandson.

Rochelle and Michael Kerzner, honouring **Carole Ogus** on her special birthday.

Robin and Steve Silverberg and Zack and Sarah, honouring **Honey and Irving Milstein** on their 60th anniversary.

Daily Minyan Breakfast

The Adler Family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Dr. Eli Adler**.

Earl Altman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sonny Altman**.

The Arbuck and Ezer Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sonia Arbuck**.

The family of the late Nate Ash, commemorating his first yahrtzeit.

The Band Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip E. Band, Q.C.**

Eli Barr, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lily Barr**.

The Beck Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marlene Ann Beck**.

Judy and Marvin, Paul and Patti and Steven Betel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Betel**.

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

Beth Tzedec Men's Club, honouring the annual World Wide Wrap program.

Howard Black, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Annie Black**.

Ted Bluestein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Bluestein**, and honouring the memory of **Hilda Bluestein**.

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

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

Lois Buckstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Herschel Buckstein**.

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

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

The Chad/Tanzer Family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Lori Tanzer Chad**.

Anne Clavir and Barry Clavir, commemorating the 20th yahrtzeit of **Etta Clavir**.

Ricky and Peter Cohen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Randall Stupp**.

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

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

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

The Cummings Family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Dr. Anne Cummings**.

Carolyn Fineberg-Koziebrocki and the late Irwin Koziebrocki and Lorris and Robert Frankfurt and family, honouring the birth of their granddaughter **Ivy Rae Frankfurt**.

Andy Gann and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Freda Gann**.

Newton Glassman, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Dr. Max Glassman**.

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

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

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

Sherman and Judith Hans, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samantha Hans**.

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

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

Michael and Hollis Landauer, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Walter Landauer and Joan Freedman**.

Hollis, Melissa, Matthew and Rachel Landauer, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Michael J. Landauer**.

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

Ruthann and Lawrie Lubin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leo Cutler**.

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

Valerie Rackow and Brian Steinhart, honouring the memory of **Phyllis Rackow**.

Joe Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Chaya Toba**.

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

Laurie Sheff and Jonathan Cole, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Ezra Cole**.

Alan Sless and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Brian Sless**.

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

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

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

Eric Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lilian Fine**.

Eric Sobel, honouring the 57th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

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



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Reesa and Avrom Sud and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Louis Hotz** and **David Sud**.

John and Cynthia Warren, honouring the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Dylan Malamed**.

David Weisdorf, Risa Levine and Harrison Levine, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Stan Levenson**.

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

The Zabitsky Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Haskell Zabitsky**.

Brian and Denise Zidel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Julia Zidel**.

Daily Minyan Fund

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

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar, wishing **Helen Glazer** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Debbie and Jeff Levman, Shoshi, Jordi and Aviva, honouring **Irving and Honey Milstein** on their 60th anniversary.

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

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Eugene Bialys** on his birthday.

General Fund

Enid and Graham Berg, honouring **Ruth and Harold Margles** on their new condo, and on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Jeremy Margles**.

Saundra Chelin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Frederick Feldman**.

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

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring **Randy and Debbie Spiegel** on the birth of their new grandson.

Lorraine and Shep Gangbar, honouring **Sydney and Anna Gangbar** on their 60th anniversary.

Sam Hoffer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sali Hoffer**.

Judy Libman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Annette Cohen**.

Norman and Susan Mogil, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Mogil**.

Miles Nadal, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Renee and Irwin Nadal**.

Barbara and David Redinger and Harvey Knopman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Knopman**.

Joe Rosenthal, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sam Rosenthal** and **Shirley White**.

Lola and Sidney Solnik, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bella Bloom**.

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

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Prof. Arnold Ages** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Hesed Fund

Frances Ackerman, acknowledging the **Glass and Krehm Families** in memory of **Beatrice Glass**.

Ellen Band, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip E. Band, Q.C.**

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing **Helen Glazer** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Nancy Ezer and Cantor Sidney Ezer, wishing **Helen Glazer** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Anna Gangbar** and family in memory of **Sydney Gangbar**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Barbara and Allan Leibel** in memory of **Queenie Leibel**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Faygie Buchman** in memory of **Alan Sheldon Weingarten**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Isabelle Zolkower** in memory of **Harriet Pinkus**.

Nate Greenberg, wishing **Helen Glazer** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Henrietta Kostman and Judith Kostman, acknowledging **Robin Leibel and the Leibel family** in memory of **Queenie Leibel**.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Margaret Weinstein** in memory of **Albert L. Stal**.

Yvette Lerner, honouring **Dr. Lewis Freedman**.

Susan and Barry Phillips, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Ethel Hamer, David Hamer** and **Arnold Phillips**.

Susan Schelberg, wishing **Ary and Lyndy Goldlust** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, honouring **Faygie and Murray Buchman** on their 65th anniversary.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, honouring **Phyllis Lindzon** on the birth of her great-grandson **Dillon Pierce**.

Kathy, Allan and Daniel Troster, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice A. Miller**.

Manley and Barbara Walters, acknowledging the **Rosensweig Family** in memory of **Gitel Rosensweig**.

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

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

Cheryl and Hersh, Howie and Ashleigh, Barry and Tali Rosenthal, acknowledging **Mr. and Mrs. H. Krupp** and family in memory of **Anne (Henna) Feldgaier**.

Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal, acknowledging **Fran Weisberg** in memory of **Leo Weksler**.

Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

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Jules and Pearl Surdin Memorial Fund

Sheila and Howard Einstoss, acknowledging the family of the late **Earl Fruchtman**.

Sheila and Howard Einstoss, acknowledging the family of the late **Marion Fruchtman**.

Sheila and Howard Einstoss and family, honouring **Gayle and Morty Eisenberg** on their 65th birthdays.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, acknowledging the **Fruchtman Family** in memory of **Earl Fruchtman**.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, acknowledging **Shari and Slava Levin** and family in memory of **Marion Fruchtman**.

Cathy Surdin, Lawrence Schiff and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging the family of the late **Earl Fruchtman**.

Cathy Surdin, Lawrence Schiff and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging the family of the late **Marion Fruchtman**.

Cathy Surdin, Lawrence Schiff and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging **Shirley Rosen** and family in memory of **Saul Rosen**.

Cathy Surdin, Lawrence Schiff and Brooke Schiff, honouring **Gayle and Morty Eisenberg** on their 65th birthdays.

Kaplan Bar/Bat Mitzvah Financial Assistance Award

Michael and Phyllis Kaplan, honouring **Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman** on his 60th birthday.

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Irving Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Climans**.

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The Charlat Family, acknowledging **Risa Levine** in memory of **Stan Levenson**.

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

Evena Gottschalk and Dr. Ben Barkow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jeremy Scantlebury**.

Toby Saltzman, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on the birth of their great-grandson.

Phil and Eileen Wunch, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on the birth of their great-grandson.

Little Minyan Fund

Sephi Band, Jeffrey Mitz and Zoe Mitz, acknowledging **Sharon Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, acknowledging **Sharon and Bob Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging **Laura and Rick Orzy** in memory of **Aubrey (Butch) Behrman**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging **Risa Levine and David Weisdorf** in memory of **Stan Levenson**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging **Sharon and Bob Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Laura and Rick Orzy** on the birth of their grandson.

Alan Goodman, acknowledging **Sharon Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

Bernie and Elise Gropper, acknowledging **Sharon and Bob Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Sharon Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

Bari and Teddy Zittell, acknowledging **Risa Levine** in memory of **Stan Levenson**.

Lorne Hanick Web Development Fund

Sam Steel

Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library Fund

The Charlat Family, acknowledging **Risa Levine** in memory of **Stan Levenson**.

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

Phyllis Lindzon, acknowledging **Florence Magram** in memory of **Bernard Shapiro**.

The South of Lawrence Book Group, acknowledging **Isabelle Zolkower** in memory of **Harriet Pinkus**.

Music Fund

Roger Goldstein, honouring **Lewis Mitz** on the birth of his grandchild.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Anna Gangbar and family** in memory of **Sydney Gangbar**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Sylvia Solish and family** in memory of **Lloyd Solish, Q.C.**

Susan and Barry Phillips, honouring **Carole Ogus** on her special birthday.

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

Jason Stein, honouring **Cantor Simon Spiro**.

Jason Stein and Jeannette Stein, wishing **Cantor Simon Spiro a refuah sheleimah**.

Dr. Albert Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Sarah Weinstein, Sheldon Weinstein and Max Siegel**.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Cantor Simon Spiro a refuah sheleimah**.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Frances Ackerman, acknowledging **Norman Abrams and family** in memory of **Marilyn Abrams**.

Frances Ackerman, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Ian Einstoss, Minnie Ackerman, Sam Ackerman and Jacob Ackerman**.

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

Frances Ackerman, honouring **Marsha and Fred Rosen**.

Sophie Brockman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Nathan Brockman**.

Rose Cooper, honouring **Ruthe Mann** on her birthday.

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

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

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Charlotte Lubin** on her 90th birthday.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the wedding of their daughter **Jodi Rotman to Ryan Tkatch**.

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

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

Morice and Cynthia Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Julia Rayne Zidel**.

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

Pearl Harnick, acknowledging **Anna Gangbar and family** in memory of **Sydney Gangbar**.

Gloria Houser, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the wedding of their daughter **Jodi Rotman to Ryan Tkatch**.

Marlene Kazman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Roselyn Kazman**.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Sharon Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

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

Ruth Nichols, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Joe Nichols and Sam Nichols**.

Lorraine Resnick, commemorating the 20th yahrtzeit of **Arthur Resnick**.

Muriel Schwartz, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Ida Atkins and Faye Schwartz**.

Judy and Ralph Shiff, honouring **David and Shirley Promislow** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Jessica Rotstein**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Anna Gangbar and family** in memory of **Sydney Gangbar**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, wishing **Ronda Green a refuah sheleimah**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edna Itkoff**.

Beverly Stern, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Morton Stern** and **Myra Leeds**.

Lynda Stoneman, honouring **Elyse and Jeff Wieskopf** on the birth of her great-grandson **Benjamin Wieskopf**.

Janice and Murray Tkatch, acknowledging **Richard and Ellen Paulin** in memory of **Tillie Paulin**.

Janice and Murray Tkatch, honouring **Patti Rotman**.

Manley and Barbra Walters, acknowledging the **London Family** in memory of **Dr. Louis London**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the wedding of their daughter **Jodi Rotman** to **Ryan Tkatch**.

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

Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications— Daily or Shabbat

The Ackerman Family, honouring the memory of **Dr. John E. Ackerman**.

The Alexandroff Family, honouring the memory of **Bernard Nathanson**.

The Alexandroff Family, honouring the memory of **Harry Alexandroff**.

Cynthia Amsterdam, honouring **Morris Friedman** on his 90th birthday.

Sephi Band, Jeffrey Mitz and Zoe Mitz, honouring **Hilda Mitz** on her 95th birthday.

Diane Betel, honouring the memory of **Steven Friedlich**.

Jonathan Born and Kaylee Silver, honouring the memories of **Elie and Rachel Borychowski**.

Donald Carr and Judy Feld Carr, honouring **Sydney and Anna Gangbar** on their 60th anniversary.

Dr. Lewis Freedman, honouring **Yvette Lerner**.

Cyrelle Muskat, Jonathan, Isla and Halyn Freeman, honouring the memories of **Harry and Leona Freeman**.

Helen Glazer, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Carole and Nathan Greenberg, honouring the memory of **Rebecca Greenberg**.

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

Ross Hodgins and Monique Bendavid-Hodgins, honouring **Ashleigh and Jason Simon** on their marriage.

Ross Hodgins and Monique Bendavid-Hodgins, honouring **David Hodgins and Dana Gold** on their marriage.

Ross Hodgins and Monique Bendavid-Hodgins, honouring the birth of their granddaughter **Talia Rose Simon**.

Martin Karp, honouring the memories of **Max Karp** and **Eva Karp**.

Sandra Karp, honouring the memory of **Anne Weisfield**.

Carole and Harvey Kerbel and family, acknowledging **Sylvia Solish and family** in memory of **Lloyd Solish, Q.C.**

Miriam, Sheldon and Lana Kerzner, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Ethel Greenstone**.

Marc and Helen Lampert, honouring the memories of **Hy and Ruth Lampert** and **Eddie and Annie Fleisher**.

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

Yvette Lerner, honouring **Dr. Lewis Freedman**.

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

Claire Friedlich Markus and family, honouring the memories of **Fay and Isadore Steinberg**.

Dr. Morris and Lorraine Rotbard, honouring the memories of **Sara and Harry Rotbard**.

Steve Rothstein, honouring the memory of **Isadore Rothstein**.

Toby Saltzman, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Kenneth Louis Saltzman, Q.C.**

Dr. Renee Sananes-Spiegel and Robert Spiegel, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Joseph Sananes**.

Michael Shainhouse, honouring the memories of **Louis and Aida Shainhouse**.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, honouring **Sandra Chelin** on her special birthday.

Ruth-Ellen Soles, honouring the memories of **Arthur and Lillian Soles**.

The Winberg Family, commemorating the first *yahrtzeit* of **Martin Winberg**.

Bea Wortsman and children, honouring the memory of **Kelly Wortsman**.

Syrian Refugee Program

Ruth Burnstein, honouring the memory of **Leah Epstein**.

Janet and Edwin Durbin

Gloria Houser, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Stanley Houzer** and **Marvin Houser**.

Robin Kachuck

Allan Kanee and Thea Weisdorf and family

Mark and Judy Libman

Irving Matlow

Hart and Marcia Nemoy

Danny Richmond

Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Marcia Gilbert, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Samuel Swadron, in honour of becoming **Bar Mitzvah**.

The Walters Family

Lyon Wexler

Victims of Terror Fund

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Abraham Chriqui**.

Mariana Grinblat, acknowledging **Hollis Landauer and family** in memory of **Michael J. Landauer**.

Brenda Orser, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Mary Orser**.

Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger

John and Susan Rose and family, wishing **Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler and family** a Happy Hanukkah.

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 refers to 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.



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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.

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Condolences

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

Jeanette Achor	Clara Kotzer
Rose G. Bankler	Thelma Kushner
Bernie Cooper	Michael J. Landauer
Dr. Anne Cummings	Stan Levenson
Zelda Eisen	Sydney Moscoe
Jack Friedman, Q.C.	Harriet Pinkus
Earl Fruchtman	Noreen Rich
Brenda Gale	Muriel Segal
Sydney Gangbar	Ida Shulman
Al Green	Lloyd Solish, Q.C.
Dr. Harold (Husky) Hamer	Alan Sheldon Weingarten
Ricky Katz	Sheila Ester Wolfish
Harry Kelman	Marvin Zelsman

“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:

Samuel (Sammy) Goodman	Louis Whitehouse
Leah Primakow Feinman	Barton (Bunny) Bockner

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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 NISAN 8:45am Shaharit 11:00am Pl Library Story Time 12:00pm <i>Mitzanin</i> & <i>Kochavim</i> : Become a Mad Scientist 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	10 NISAN 7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The <i>Humash</i> with Dr. Marty Lockshin 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm Ethical Wisdom w/ Rabbi Frydman-Kohl	11 NISAN 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	12 NISAN 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Torah Reading	13 NISAN 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer	14 NISAN EREV PESAH/FAST OF THE FIRST BORN 7:15am Shaharit 9:00am Public <i>hameitz</i> burning 12:00pm Sell/discard <i>hameitz</i> 6:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:52pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle before Shabbat candle	15 NISAN PESAH DAY 1 Hallel 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 4:30pm Early Minhah 8:10pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:55pm Havdalah followed by candle lighting from existing flame
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16 NISAN PESAH DAY 2 Hallel Omer Day 1 8:45am Festival Shaharit 10:15am L'l' Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 8:10pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:57pm Yom Tov concludes	17 NISAN HOL HANUCCAH PESAH 1st Intermediate Day Omer Day 2 7:15am Shaharit 1:00pm Book & Film Club 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm Ethical Wisdom w/ Rabbi Frydman-Kohl	18 NISAN HOL HANUCCAH PESAH 2nd Intermediate Day Omer Day 3 7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	19 NISAN HOL HANUCCAH PESAH 3rd Intermediate Day Omer Day 4 7:15am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Isaac 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	20 NISAN HOL HANUCCAH PESAH 4th Intermediate Day Omer Day 5 7:15am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:59pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle before festival candles	21 NISAN PESAH DAY 7 Omer Day 6 8:45am Festival Shaharit 10:15am L'l' Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:00pm Candle Lighting from existing flame	22 NISAN PESAH DAY 8 Hallel/Yizkor Omer Day 7 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 10:15am L'l' Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:15pm Song of Songs 7:45pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:04pm Yom Tov concludes
23 NISAN Omer Day 8 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	24 NISAN Omer Day 9 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm For Every Season 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm Ethical Wisdom w/ Rabbi Frydman-Kohl 8:30pm iEngage: Jewish Values w/ Rabbi Cutler	25 NISAN Omer Day 10 7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk for Kids 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm The December Project	26 NISAN Omer Day 11 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Adam & Eve 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk with the <i>Shinshinim</i> 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm How to Read Like the Rabbis Read 8:30pm Torah Reading	27 NISAN YOM HASHOAH Omer Day 12 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pl Plus 12:15pm Lunch 'n' Learn 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	28 NISAN Omer Day 13 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Dinner & Lecture with Dr. Allan Nadler 8:09pm Candle Lighting	29 NISAN MAHAR HODESH SHABBAT MEVARKHIM Aharei Mot Omer Day 14 8:45am Shaharit/Dr. Nadler 10:00am Jewish Meditation 7:50pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:12pm Havdalah
MAY						
30 NISAN ROSH HODESH IYAR Omer Day 15 8:30am Shaharit 2:30pm Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	1 IYAR ROSH HODESH IYAR Omer Day 16 7:15am Shaharit 10:30am Book & Film Club 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm Ethical Wisdom w/ Rabbi Frydman-Kohl 8:30pm iEngage: Jewish Values w/ Rabbi Cutler	2 IYAR Omer Day 17 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Community Yom Hazkaron Program	3 IYAR YOM HAZIKARON Omer Day 18 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Saul, David & Samuel 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	4 IYAR YOM HA'ATZMAUT Omer Day 19 7:15am Shaharit 9:30am Pl Plus 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer	5 IYAR Omer Day 20 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:16pm Candle Lighting	6 IYAR Kedoshim Omer Day 21 8:45am Shaharit/Shabbat Itanu 10:15am L'l' Minyans 10:30pm Junior Congregation 8:00pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:20pm Havdalah
7 IYAR Omer Day 22 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	8 IYAR Omer Day 23 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm For Every Season 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	9 IYAR Omer Day 24 7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk for Kids 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	10 IYAR Omer Day 25 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Iona 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk with the <i>Shinshinim</i> 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm How to Read Like the Rabbis Read 8:30pm Torah Reading	11 IYAR Omer Day 26 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pl Plus 12:15pm Lunch 'n' Learn 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Young Rabbis Speak: Israel—The 4 Rabbi Solution	12 IYAR Omer Day 27 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Peace of Mind Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:24pm Candle Lighting	13 IYAR Emor Omer Day 28 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 10:15am L'l' Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 11:00am Torah Next Dor 8:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:27pm Candle Lighting

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MARCH						
10 ADAR II 20 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:00pm A Purim Beatles Sing-Along	11 ADAR II 21 7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The <i>Humash</i> with Dr. Marty Lockshin 1:30pm Book & Film Club 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 8:30pm <i>Engage: Jewish Values w/ Rabbi Cutler</i>	12 ADAR II 22 7:30am Shaharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	13 ADAR II 23 FAST OF ESTHER EREV PURIM 7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm Purim Carnival and Family Megillah Reading 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv Followed by Megillah Reading 8:17pm Fast Ends	14 ADAR II 24 PURIM 7:00am Shaharit and Megillah Reading 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	15 ADAR II 25 SHUSHAN PURIM NATIONAL HOLIDAY 8:45am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:19pm Candle Lighting	16 ADAR II 26  Tzav 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 10:15am L'il Miryans 10:30am Junior Congregation 12:00pm Young Shamashim 7:00pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:22pm Havdalah
17 ADAR II 27 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	18 ADAR II 28 7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The <i>Humash</i> with Dr. Marty Lockshin 1:30pm For Every Season 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	19 ADAR II 29 7:30am Shaharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk for Kids 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv Prof. Michael Morgan: The Necessity and Impossibility of Being a Jewish Philosopher	20 ADAR II 30 7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk with the <i>Shinshim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm The Wild World of Israeli Politics 8:30pm Torah Reading	21 ADAR II 31 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pl Plus 12:15pm Lunch 'n' Learn 1:30pm Games Afternoon 5:00pm Student Mentorship 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer	22 ADAR II 1 APRIL 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:27pm Candle Lighting	23 ADAR II 2 SHABBAT PARAH SHABBAT MEVARKHIM  Shemini 8:45am Shaharit 10:00am Jewish Meditation 10:30am Family Service 12:00pm Lively Learning 7:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:30pm Havdalah
24 ADAR II 3 8:45am Shaharit 9:00am Jewish Service Network Middle School Trip 11:00am Grandparent & Grandchild Sunday Morning Hangout 12:00pm <i>Nitzanim & Kckhavim: Become a Mad Scientist</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	25 ADAR II 4 7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The <i>Humash</i> with Dr. Marty Lockshin 1:30pm Book & Film Club 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm Ethical Wisdom w/ Rabbi Fyfdman-Kohl 8:30pm <i>Engage: Jewish Values w/ Rabbi Cutler</i>	26 ADAR II 5 7:30am Shaharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Matthew Bronfman: Why Be Jewish? An Unorthodox Answer	27 ADAR II 6 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Eating for Wellness with Bonnie Wisener 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Torah Reading	28 ADAR II 7 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pl Plus 1:30pm Games Afternoon 5:00pm Student Mentorship 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	29 ADAR II 8 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:35pm Candle Lighting	1 NISAN 9 SHABBAT HAHODESH ROSH HODESH NISAN  Tazria 8:45am Shaharit 12:00pm Teen Shabbat Lunch 8:40pm Rosh Hodesh Girls' Night Out 7:20pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:36pm Havdalah
2 NISAN 10 8:45am Shaharit 12:00pm <i>Nitzanim & Kckhavim: Become a Mad Scientist</i> 2:00pm 55+ SFG: Protecting Your Assets with Steven Keleman 3:00pm <i>BTTeens: Peace of Cake Interfaith Baking</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	3 NISAN 11 7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The <i>Humash</i> with Dr. Marty Lockshin 1:30pm For Every Season 6:00pm Passover Food Drive Packaging for Families 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm Ethical Wisdom w/ Rabbi Fyfdman-Kohl 8:30pm <i>Engage: Jewish Values w/ Rabbi Cutler</i>	4 NISAN 12 7:30am Shaharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk for Kids 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	5 NISAN 13 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Eating for Wellness with Bonnie Wisener 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk with the <i>Shinshim</i> 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm How to Read How the Rabbis Read 7:30pm The Last Train with Rona Arato	6 NISAN 14 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pl Plus 12:15pm Lunch 'n' Learn 1:30pm Games Afternoon 5:00pm Student Mentorship 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	7 NISAN 15 7:30am Shaharit 6:00pm Pre-Pesah Friday Night Live Service & Dinner 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:44pm Candle Lighting	8 NISAN 16 SHABBAT HAGADOL  Metzora 8:45am Shaharit/Youth 9:30am LM/Dr. Ages 10:15am L'il Miryans 11:00am Torah Next Door 12:00pm Young Shamashim 7:25pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:47pm Havdalah