



## BETH TZEDEC HIGH HOLY DAY SURVEY 2016/5777

### INTRODUCTION

To assist us in our long term High Holy Day planning, please give us your feedback while it is hopefully still fresh in your mind. The Survey consists of 10 brief multi-part question. Completing it should take you less than 10 minutes (plus any time you might spend providing your comments which are welcome!). Results are anonymous.

Completed surveys should be mailed or dropped off in a sealed envelope to the Synagogue office at 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, ON M5P 3K3 or faxed to 416-781-0150 or sent by email to the office at [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org) by 5:00 pm on **Monday, December 5, 2016**.

Each of your family members (of any age) is invited to complete his/her own Survey. Please feel free to complete additional surveys on behalf of each of your children, with their input.

Thank you for participating and sharing your thoughts and opinions with us.

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**Section 1 relates to the High Holy Day prayer service that you primarily attended:**

**1a. Please identify the High Holy Day prayer service that you primarily attended:**

- Sanctuary service (led by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Guest Cantor Moshe Fishel and choir)
- Parallel service (led by Rabbi Adam Cutler and Cantor Sidney Ezer)
- Family service (led by Daniel Silverman)
- Short & Sweet service (led by Yacov Fruchter along with Rachel Rosenbluth on Kol Nidrei)
- Meditative Reflective service (led by Rachel Rosenbluth)
- Kehillah Inclusion service for individuals with special needs (led by Raquel Binder and Lindsey Malc)
- Songs and Stories for Young Children (led by Simmi Toby)

**1b. Please tell us why you chose this service. Please select as many as apply:**

- Because you like a more traditional service
- Because you like a less traditional service
- Because of the people leading it
- Because you enjoy services led by a cantor and choir
- Because its timing worked well
- Because you liked its degree of formality
- Because you liked its degree of informality
- Because you liked its length
- Because you liked its location
- Because your family members were attending this service
- Because your friends were attending this service
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**1c. Please tell us how you were impacted by the service – to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about the service you primarily attended:**

**Name of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
It helped me pray					
Its sermons were meaningful					
It helped me learn					
It was spiritually uplifting					
It included moving music					
It was well-paced					
It was physically comfortable					
It had a good balance of participation and presentation					
It was meaningful to be part of this service					

**1d. If you attended a second service that you wish to comment on, please complete the following. Otherwise, please skip this question and move to Section 2.**

**To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about the second service you attended:**

**Name of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
It helped me pray					
Its sermons were meaningful					
It helped me learn					
It was spiritually uplifting					
It included moving music					
It was well-paced					
It was physically comfortable					
It had a good balance of participation and presentation					
It was meaningful to be part of this service					
I visited this service because I was curious about it					
This service offered something I felt was missing from the service I primarily attended					

**Section 2 relates to any other High Holy Day prayer services you attended at Beth Tzedec:**

**2a. Please identify any other High Holy Day prayer services that you attended or visited (excluding the one you primarily attended, as indicated above). Please check as many as apply:**

- Sanctuary service (led by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Guest Cantor Moshe Fishel and choir)
- Parallel service (led by Rabbi Adam Cutler and Cantor Sidney Ezer)
- Family service (led by Daniel Silverman)
- Short & Sweet service (led by Yacov Fruchter along with Rachel Rosenbluth on Kol Nidrei)
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**2b. Please provide any comments about these services that might be helpful in future planning for these and other similar types of services:**

**Section 3 relates to any High Holy Day programs (other than prayer services) that you attended:**

**3a. Please identify which of the following High Holy Day programs you attended. Please select as many as apply:**

- Hot Topics Discussions (led by various Beth Tzedec members and clergy on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; held mainly in the Museum)
- Connect Lounge (for people in their 20s and 30s)
- Programs for Teens and Kids in Middle School
- Youth Programs for Kids in Grades 1 to 5
- None of the above

**3b. Please provide any comments about these programs that might be helpful in future planning for these and other similar types of programs and/or suggested topics or speakers for the future:**

**Section 4 relates to your overall experience on Rosh Hashanah:**

**4a. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings after leaving Beth Tzedec on Rosh Hashanah:**

- I left feeling happy and felt my Rosh Hashanah was enhanced by my attendance.
- I left feeling dissatisfied and somewhat unfulfilled on Rosh Hashanah.
- My Beth Tzedec experience did not impact my Rosh Hashanah positively or negatively.

**4b. Please provide any comments specifically about your Rosh Hashanah experience at Beth Tzedec:**

**Section 5 relates to your overall experience on Kol Nidrei:**

**5a. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings after leaving Beth Tzedec on Kol Nidrei:**

- I left feeling happy and felt my Kol Nidrei was enhanced by my attendance.
- I left feeling dissatisfied and somewhat unfulfilled on Kol Nidrei.
- My Beth Tzedec experience did not impact my Kol Nidrei positively or negatively.

**5b. Please provide any comments specifically about your Kol Nidrei experience at Beth Tzedec:**

**Section 6 relates to your overall experience on Yom Kippur:**

**6a. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings after leaving Beth Tzedec on Yom Kippur:**

- I left feeling happy and felt my Yom Kippur was enhanced by my attendance.
- I left feeling dissatisfied and somewhat unfulfilled on Yom Kippur.
- My Beth Tzedec experience did not impact my Yom Kippur positively or negatively.

**6b. Please provide any comments specifically about your Yom Kippur experience at Beth Tzedec:**

**Section 7 relates to how your experience at Beth Tzedec this year might inform your choices next year:**

**7. If you were making High Holy Day plans today for next year (5778), please identify the High Holy Day prayer services or programs that you would likely attend:**

Please check as many as apply

- Sanctuary service (led by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Cantor and choir)
- Parallel service (led by Rabbi Adam Cutler and Cantor Sidney Ezer)
- Family service (led by Daniel Silverman)
- Short & Sweet service (led by Yacov Fruchter)
- Meditative Reflective service (led by Rachel Rosenbluth)
- Kehillah Inclusion service for individuals with special needs (led by Raquel Binder and Lindsey Malc)
- Songs and Stories for Young Children (led by Simmi Toby)
- Hot Topics Discussions directed to worshippers of all ages
- Hot Topics Discussions directed to those in their 20s and 30s
- Connect Lounge (for people in their 20s and 30s)
- Programs for Teens and Kids in Middle School
- Youth Programs for Kids in Grades 1 to 5
- Not sure – I'm still considering the various options
- Not sure if I want to return to Beth Tzedec for the High Holy Days

**Section 8 relates only to the Sanctuary service. If you cannot comment on the Sanctuary service, please skip to Section 9.**

**8a. In the Sanctuary service this year, the Cantor and choir primarily used traditional melodies, interspersed with some contemporary/modern arrangements. Would you prefer...?**

- The current mix of traditional and new
- More traditional melodies and fewer contemporary/modern arrangements
- More contemporary/modern arrangements and fewer traditional melodies
- Don't know / No comment

**8b. If Beth Tzedec were to use this year's High Holy Day Sanctuary service as a model for future Shabbat and Festival services, would you most likely...?**

- Attend Beth Tzedec's Sanctuary service more frequently
- Choose an alternative Beth Tzedec service instead (e.g. the Little Minyan or the Family Service)
- Attend Beth Tzedec less frequently
- It would have no impact on my attendance at Beth Tzedec services

**Section 9 will provide us with some information about you:**

**9a. Are you...?**

- Male
- Female
- Other

**9b. What is your age bracket?**

- Under 18
- 18 to 25
- 26 to 35
- 36 to 45
- 46 to 55
- 55 to 65
- 66 to 75
- 76 to 85
- 86 or over
- Prefer not to answer



**9c. How many years have you been a member of Beth Tzedec?**

- Under 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 to 30 years
- 30 or more years
- Not sure how many years

**9d. Which one category best describes your living arrangement?**

- Single/never married
- Married
- Co-habiting (in a common law relationship)
- Separated/Divorced
- Widowed
- Prefer not to answer

**9e. Do you have any children under the age of 18?**

- Yes
- No

- 10. Please provide any additional feedback or ideas for the future that you would like to share concerning your Beth Tzedec High Holy Day experience and any individual services or programs:**

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Please contact us by email at [strategicplanning@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:strategicplanning@beth-tzedec.org) or by calling the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 with any questions, further comments or feedback.

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