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A Tribute to | **LEONARD COHEN****February 10 and 11**

Beth Tzedec Congregation, with Askenaz Foundation, celebrates the life, words and music of Leonard Cohen. A gathering of singers, songwriters, poets, authors and admirers honouring this iconic Jewish-Canadian.

**Friday, February 10—5:30 PM****Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

Cost for dinner: \$36 adults, \$25 young adults (ages 15-40), \$18 youth (ages 5-14), \$6 children (ages 1-4). Dinner by advance reservation only **by Monday, February 5.**

**Shabbat morning, February 11—8:45 AM**

Experience the music, energy and inspiration of the melodies from Leonard Cohen's Montreal childhood at Shaar Hashomayim.

**Saturday evening, February 11—8:30 PM****If It Be Your Will: A Tribute to Leonard Cohen Community Concert**

Beth Tzedec and Ashkenaz Foundation present our Shabbat Shirah Community Concert, with performances by notable musicians and singers. Tickets: \$25 advance; \$30 at the door.

**For information or reservations, call  
Beth Tzedec: The Music Synagogue  
at 416-781-3511.**



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# Darkness to Light, Fear to Faith, Scarcity to Abundance



Cultivating an abundance mentality opens us up to see different options and opportunities to achieve goals.

**YEARS AGO, I HAD A POSTER TITLED “99 REASONS WHY IT Won’t Work.”** Although I struggle against this tendency, reminding myself of the importance of venturing forward, I occasionally hear an idea and quickly think of a rebuttal, the reasons why it won’t fly. Many of us do this as parents and friends, colleagues and co-workers, in synagogue and public life.

In mediation training, we are encouraged to think expansively about possibilities, helping negotiating parties to look beyond their initial limitations and prior positions to explore and expand opportunities. Rather than receive an idea with the words “Yes, but ...” (what one person termed a Canadian form of no), training in improvisational theatre teaches participants to respond “Yes, and ...” to a suggestion, creating a model of collaboration rather than criticism.

The Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann observes, the Bible starts out with a liturgy of abundance ... a song of praise for God’s generosity. It tells how well the world is ordered. It keeps saying, “It is good, it is good, it is good, it is very good.” It declares that God blesses ... endows with vitality the plants and the animals and the fish and the birds and humankind. And it pictures the Creator as saying, “Be fruitful and multiply” ... the overflowing goodness that pours from God’s creator spirit ... The creation ends on Sabbath. God is so overrun with fruitfulness that God says, “I’ve got to take a break from all this. I’ve got to get out of the office.” Genesis affirms abundance and denies scarcity.

Later in Genesis, God directs Abraham, Sarah and their family to “go forth”, telling them to become a blessing through which all nations will be blessed. Brueggemann: “Blessing is the force of well-being active in the world, and faith is the awareness that creation is the gift that keeps on giving.”

Cultivating an abundance mentality opens us up to see different options and other opportunities to achieve our goals. Rather than the economic model of limited resources and possibilities, we can adopt a way of

thinking and behaviour that enables us to carry on when facing scarcity and adversity. Meeting new partners, finding new work and discovering new prospects in life often depend on viewing situations with a different lens or a new perspective.

In the Torah, Pharaoh symbolizes the notion of economic scarcity. He dreams of famine and fearfully engages Joseph to administer, control and monopolize the supply of food. When crops fail, the peasants come to Joseph. Acting for Pharaoh, Joseph has them mortgage land for food. Next, they encumber their cattle. By the third year of famine, they can only offer themselves. Pharaoh eventually has all the land. Slavery and scarcity dominate Egyptian culture.

The book of *Shemot* (Exodus) describes the tension between the brutality of Egyptian society and the possibility of abundance flowing from national freedom and Divine love. After leaving Egypt, the gift of manna represents the *hesed*-generosity of God. Nonetheless, even though there is a surfeit of manna, the people are limited by a fearful memory of scarcity. They try to hoard the manna: it can’t be preserved and rots. God’s gift can’t be bottled; it has to be received as a fresh wonder each day. Eventually, Moses said, “Let’s do what God did in Genesis. Let’s not hustle all the time. Let’s have Shabbat.” And there was a double portion of manna.

Moshe leads the ever anxious people toward the Land of Promise, a place of plenty, “a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey; a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Eternal your God for the good land given to you (Deuteronomy 8).” The Torah encourages a vision of amplitude, and our prayers will reinforce this with a liturgy of hope and *berakhot* celebrating abundance.

A perspective of abundance is encouraging of others.



Hear the suggestion or request and don't immediately negate it. Instead of saying "But," try "Yes, and." To the child's question, "Will you play a game with me?" the adult, busy with Sunday work emails can say, "Yes, and let's go pick it out together." Receive a co-worker's suggestion and help to develop it. See the greater scheme of things.

The mentality of abundance is one of perspective. Not everything works according to a pre-existing plan. There may be other options to achieve our life goals. Carry on, continue forward to meet new partners, find new employment opportunities and discover new prospects in life. Seeing situations from new angles can bring tangible solutions to our lives.

The mindset of abundance recognizes that we must live within our means and work with the very real limitations of our bodies. It also accepts risk and the possibility of failure. It embodies a realistic hope that a new opportunity will come along, that there is something to be learned from every situation, that we can try again and might eventually succeed.

This also has implications for our attitude toward *tzedakah*. A theology of abundance encourages us to be generous, appreciative of what we have and able to share with others. Perhaps this underlies the rabbinic teaching that even one who receives *tzedakah* has an obligation to also give to others. A mentality of abundance enhances personal dignity.

Russell Redenbaugh, who lost his sight in a science experiment at age 16, speaks about shifting the narrative, having the courage to be larger than our fears, and expanding the boundaries that we often impose on ourselves. Breuggemann explains that each of us has an inner Pharaoh that fears there is not enough. Yet the Torah narrative of abundance is an important message, teaching that the story of our lives is an "invitation to the wilderness where there is bread".

In the winter months, we sense the scarcity of sunlight. The summer sun is so ample, we must remind ourselves to prepare during good times for periods of challenge. Yet the cool pale light of winter is not permanent. Our prayers teach us to hope and invest our efforts to move "from darkness to a great light". By the time we reach the full moons of Tu B'Shevat, Purim and Pesah, we know that we have again turned to the abundance of light.

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**MARK  
 YOUR  
 CALENDAR!**

## Professor Stephen Berk Returns

Prof. Stephen Berk returns for his annual  
 scholar-in-residence series April 27 to 30.  
 Watch for details coming soon.

# The Times They Are a-Changin'



**IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN I WALKED MY BRIDE DOWN** the aisle at Beth Tzedec and stood under the *huppah*. As with so many of our members, I now have the distinction of linking the generations as my son recently walked the same path. As ever, our Synagogue remains a destination for life cycle events for our community.

A few months ago, I shared with the Congregation the key elements of our *Strategic Plan* and our broad objective of deepening the engagement and connection experiences of our members through our delivery of prayer and programs. At its December meeting, the Board of Governors approved the structure of the *Strategic Plan* which is included on page 9. The *Plan* will guide us in our programing and, most importantly, in our engaging of new senior clergy. I want to thank the Strategic Planning Committee and co-chairs Carolyn Kolers and Lawrence Wallach for their hard work leading to the creation of this *Plan*.

We have already taken incredible steps forward with the diversity offered on the High Holy Days. As I heard over and over, this year was marked by increased participation of congregants in the services. In addition, movement through the hallways was with purpose; rather than lingering, members were on their way to experience one of the many services, listen to an insightful speaker or participate in a facilitated discussion. To ensure we are responding to your needs, a High Holy Day survey was recently sent to all members.

The change of season brings with it our ongoing efforts to engage a new Senior Cantor to *daven* side-by-side with our outstanding young talent, Cantor Sidney Ezer. The Search Committee has reviewed many candidates, and the very best have been offered opportunities to appear as musical scholars, providing us with a special Shabbat experience and the opportunity to connect with them through program and prayer.

The rabbinic search continues, and will take some time to fill the nearly impossible position of the new Senior Rabbi, whose role and responsibilities will be shaped by our strategic goals and objectives.

Change is always difficult, but Beth Tzedec's strength is its ability to articulate a fresh vision and to formulate

plans that embrace change for the long-term benefit of our members. Leadership is looking at ways to change the way Beth Tzedec is governed and improve accountability, transparency and engagement. We are redrafting our constitution and by-laws to, bring them up-to-date and make them more functional.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events, like our Shabbat Shirah Weekend, the weekly Games Afternoons, the Give Bubbie a Break Shabbat Dinner on January 27, Tot Shabbat is on February 24 and the Purim Carnival and Seudah that follows the Megillah reading on March 12.

Finally, as a destination for your *simḥah*, you will want to enjoy our new Mezzanine Hall, a bright, airy and welcoming venue—a magnificent space in the heart of our community. Our newly updated main floor Banquet Hall is perfect for your larger events. Both spaces are wonderfully catered by Applause Catering, and well-managed with a dedicated staff providing a remarkable level of service.

Our strength is our ability to be both proactive and responsive to the personal needs of our members. Our clergy team is renowned for providing personal care, our *Hesed* Committee provides tremendous support for those in need and we offer an impressive range of youth opportunities.

Great organizations are built by their leadership and volunteers. Beth Tzedec continues to look for great talent and invites you to volunteer your time or to make a financial contribution to building our home. For information on ways you can contribute, contact me at [president@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:president@beth-tzedec.org), or Randy Spiegel, our executive director, at [rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org).

From generation to generation, through change and time, we remain a proud and powerful congregation. As I look at my son Shaun, a newly minted husband, and his bride Michal, I am reminded that this is their time—and your time and opportunity—to be the movers and shakers of tomorrow.

Because of all of us, Beth Tzedec stands the test of time.

—Sheldon Rotman, President,  
on behalf of the Board of Governors

# MUSICAL SCHOLAR WEEKEND WITH **CANTOR JASON GREEN**

## January 12 to 14

Cantorial candidate Cantor Jason Green joins us for a weekend of inspirational prayer and learning infused with his warm personality and melodious tenor voice.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12—7:30 PM**

### **Will There Be a Cantor on Mars?**

Join us as Montreal native and UK-based Cantor Jason Green shares his musical style and influences with an enlightening presentation and performance.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13—4:50 PM**

### **Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

Cost for dinner: \$36 adults, \$18 youth (ages 5-14), \$6 children (ages 1-4).  
Dinner by advance reservation only **by Monday, January 9.**

**SHABBAT, JANUARY 14—8:45 AM**

### **Shabbat Shaharit Service**

Contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).



# GIVE BUBBIE A BREAK:

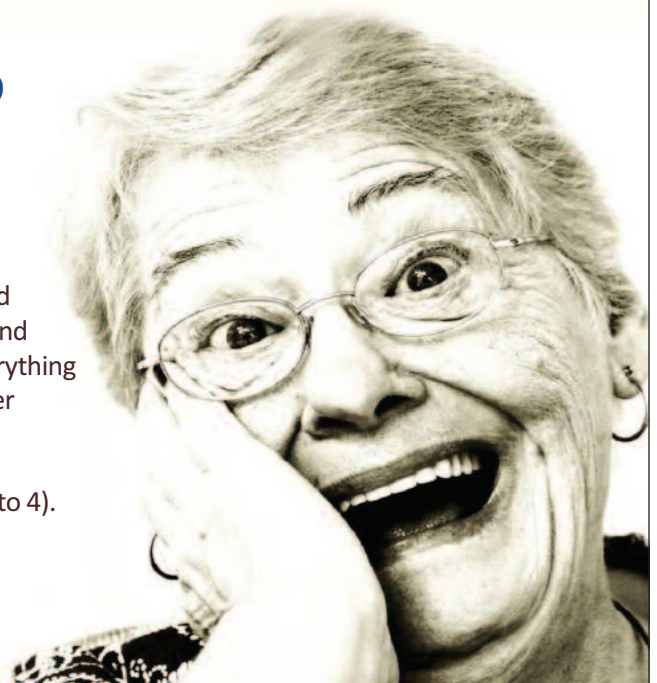
## A GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

**Friday, January 27 at 6:00 PM**

Who has time for all the Shabbat dinner shopping, cooking and cleaning every week? This week, not you! Join us for an easy and delicious Shabbat dinner. Eat and enjoy! We'll take care of everything else. We will welcome Shabbat together at 6:00 PM, with dinner beginning at 6:45 PM. Special programming for kids.

Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5 to 14); \$5 children (ages 1 to 4).  
Dinner by advance reservation only by Monday, January 23.

**For reservations, call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.**





# Cantorial Search Committee

“Jews know this in their bones. Our community could not exist for a day without its volunteers. They are the lifeblood of our organizations ...”  
—Jonathan Sacks

## WE HAVE HOSTED ONE CANDIDATE

for the position of Senior Cantor, and will welcome a second candidate in just a few weeks. (See opposite page for details.) Our Cantorial Search Committee, co-chaired by Marvin Miller and Shep Gangbar, has prepared musical scholar/proba weekends allowing each candidate the opportunity to introduce themselves and their music to us.

Informed by the *Strategic Plan*, we are working hard to manage an open

process and engage an individual who will connect with us and be an integral member of the *Klei Kodesh* team, and especially with Cantor Sidney Ezer.

The members of the Cantorial Search Committee are: Les Aaron, Sharon Bacal, Ronnie Faust, Shep Gangbar (co-chair), Janice Goldberg, Norman Kahn, Robert (Butch) Mandel, Marvin Miller (co-chair), Sonya Rabeneck, Debbie Rothstein, Paul Rothstein, Sheldon Rotman,

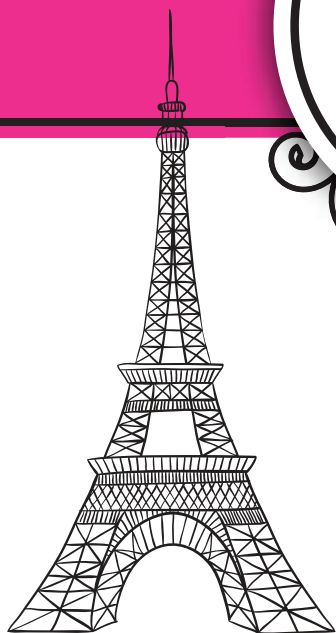
Bernie Shiner, Blake Teichman, Larry Wallach, Nina Wallach, Lyon Wexler, Aaron Wine, Arlyn Zimmerman and Danny Zimmerman.

I want to thank the members of the Cantorial Search Committee, and especially co-chairs Marvin Miller and Shep Gangbar, for their work on behalf of the members and future members, and for their dedication to to Beth Tzedec.

—Debbie Rothstein,  
Chair of the Board of Governors

## Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show

*Springtime in*  
**PARIS**



**Ooh La La! Mark your calendars!**

The Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show is confirmed for

*Sunday, May 14 at 3:00 pm (Doors open at 2:30 pm)*

Celebrate with the women in your life at our **NINTH ANNUAL** event in support of the Out of the Cold program. Details coming soon!

# Beth Tzedec Board Approves Strategic Plan Structure

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HAS APPROVED THE STRUCTURE of the shul's *Strategic Plan* (2017-2022), setting out six key elements of a strategy that will guide the synagogue over the next five years. The plan was developed from the Strategic Planning Committee's analysis of input from our membership, clergy, staff and outside community leaders. Last year's membership survey response was particularly helpful.

Our work was guided by two consultants from Management Advisory Service (MAS), Christine Govern and David Saffran. We greatly appreciated their assistance throughout the development of the plan. MAS has provided pro bono consulting services to more than 1,300 non-profit groups through its network of more than 60 former business executives and professionals. We are pleased that Christine Govern will continue to support the Board in the next phase of the planning process.

The *Strategic Plan* will establish specific goals with key performance indicators to measure success, and it will be accompanied by an Operating Plan created with input from Beth Tzedec's *Klei Kodesh*, staff, committees, Executive and Board of Governors.

Once the full *Strategic Plan* has been considered and approved by the Board early in the new year, it will be posted on the Beth Tzedec website. If you have any questions or comments, please send an email to [strategicplanning@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:strategicplanning@beth-tzedec.org).

Finally, our deep appreciation to the members of the Strategic Planning Committee who have been meeting for almost two years to help Beth Tzedec move forward in a positive direction.

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



**Secular/ Religious Tribes**  
WITH RUTH CALDERON

Wednesday,  
February 1  
at 7:00 PM

What are the core values of the “tribes” that comprise Israel today—Secular, Arab-Palestinian Israeli, Religious Zionist and Ultra-Orthodox? How do a people divided along religious, geographic and ideological lines build a shared society? What are the challenges and possibilities for Israel in building a Jewish and democratic state?

No charge for members of sponsoring communities\*; \$18 for non-members.

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***This program has been funded by the Living Jewishly Trust and the Wagman Family to honour their parents Morris and Ruth Wagman***

**For more details or to register online, visit [shalomhartman.org/Toronto](http://shalomhartman.org/Toronto).**



# The Strategic Plan Structure

Approved by the Board of Governors December 13, 2016

## Our Mission:

Beth Tzedec is a vibrant multi-generational congregation, providing our members with a place for prayer, spiritual guidance and growth, observance of life cycle events, lifelong learning, social and cultural programs, and opportunities for Tikkun Olam.

## Our Vision:

We seek to inspire our members to deepen their connection to Judaism, Israel, our community and each other, by offering meaningful, relevant and excellent programming and prayer services, led by compassionate and inspirational clergy. We strive to foster a welcoming, caring community that recognizes and is responsive to individual needs, as we share in joyous celebrations and provide comfort and support in difficult times.

## Our Strategies:

- 1. Team of dynamic, inspiring, warm and welcoming clergy**
  - Inclusive community builders
  - Leaders in the Toronto Jewish community and larger Conservative movement
  - Fully inclusive Halakhic positions
  - Priority focus on engaging members
- 2. Meaningful and relevant prayer services, life cycle events and programs that inspire people to connect to Judaism and Jewish values and culture**
  - Spiritually engaging, participatory, shorter services
  - Members supported in achieving their vision of life cycle events
  - Excellent, meaningful and relevant programming
- 3. Personal engagement within our larger community through multiple smaller, caring communities**
  - Many welcoming entry points and clear paths for ongoing engagement
  - Off-site programs and services
  - Increase opportunities for member participation
  - Execute collaborative joint initiatives with strategic partners (e.g. Robbins Hebrew Academy)
  - Develop and nurture lay leadership to participate in and lead services
  - Develop systems to support caring for one another in times of need
- 4. Visible, accessible, responsive lay and professional leadership**
  - Transparent and responsive Board and committees
  - Updated governance structures and processes
  - Evolved staffing model to support member engagement
  - Improved communications with members
- 5. Flexible, inviting, user-friendly physical spaces**
  - Ongoing membership consultation in renovation phases
  - Execute fundraising strategy to support ongoing renovation
  - Develop and implement a long term improvement plan
  - Share our space with community partners
- 6. Maintain affordable membership contribution structure and develop alternative revenue sources**
  - Ensure membership contribution structure recognizes the challenges of young families, young adults and the financially vulnerable
  - Increase other sources of revenue



# SHTICK TOGETHER:

## Fun for the Whole Family!

**Thursdays at 6:00 PM**

**Drop in and join us for one or more of our fun and engaging activities, with several featuring a special mitzvah opportunity the whole family can enjoy.**

### **January 12**

#### **Mitzvah Project for Ve'ahavta with Danny Richmond**

Danny Richmond will lead us in a mitzvah project with Ve'ahavta. Cost: TBA

### **February 2**

#### **A Tu B'Shevat Seder with DANI**

We partner with DANI (an organization for young adults with special needs) to celebrate the birthday of the trees. This buddy program is a great way to learn about the programming that DANI offers and to make connections with DANI participants. Volunteer hours available. Cost: \$5 per person.

### **March 2**

#### **A Purim Mitzvah Project**

Learn about the mitzvah of *mishloah manot* while getting all of your packages done! Led by Yacov Fruchter, it's sure to be a fun-filled night. Dinner will be served. Pre-register by February 22. (Indicate the number of *mishloah manot* packages you plan to make.) Cost: \$10 per *mishloah manot*.

**For more information or to register for the program, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.**

**J E X @BT**  
Jewish Education Experience

# Teen Shabbat Lunch

**Shabbat, January 21 & March 25 at 12:00 NOON**

See your friends, eat some lunch, debate, argue, discuss and learn together. It's great way to connect and catch up after a long week.

**For information, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org).**



# Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

## WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



(AT MINHAH) January 28

**Matthew Moscoe**

son of Aaron Moscoe

& Melanie Ruby

מאיר אדיב בן חנינה  
ומלכה יהודית



February 18

**Dalia Elle Karney**

daughter of Avery Karney

& Adeana Axler

דליה בת אבינעם ועדינה



February 26

**Max Cohen**

son of Alan Cohen

& Samantha-Leigh Levenson

מנחם הירש בן אלחנן יצחק  
הכהן ובתיה לאה



(AT MINHAH) March 4

**Noa Rachel Garmaise**

daughter of Robert Garmaise

& Shira Liquornik

נועה בת רפאל ושירה



March 18

**Owen Weinstein**

son of Peter

& Lesly Weinstein

אהרן בן איתן יעקב  
ולאה חיה



**JEWISH TEEN  
EXPERIENCE  
MIDTOWN**  
for Grades 8 to 12



**INVOLVED.  
IMPASSIONED.  
INSPIRED.**

**Mondays from 6:00 to 8:30 PM**

**January 16 to March 6 (at Beth Sholom)**

**March 20 to May 15 (at Beth Tzedec)**

JTEM is a teen program that connects participants with each other and with meaningful Jewish learning experiences. JTEM offers unique and relevant classes with different and interesting ways to relate to Jewish themes. Whether over dinner, in class or through community service activities and trips, teens will be transformed. For more information, visit [www.jtemidtown.com](http://www.jtemidtown.com).

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# MID-WINTER FILM SERIES

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18 & 25  
FROM 1:30 TO 3:30 PM

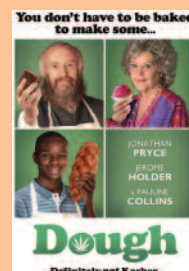
**Come in out of the cold and enjoy an afternoon of entertaining films and refreshments with friends both old and new. No charge.**

**JANUARY 11**

## DOUGH

In this comedic, feel-good film, an old Jewish baker struggles to keep his business afloat until his young Muslim apprentice drops cannabis in the dough and sends sales sky high.

Sponsored by Forest Hill Place by Revera.



**JANUARY 18**

## THE LAST MENTSH

Having spent a lifetime concealing his heritage, an aging German Holocaust survivor finally comes to terms with his past. Faced with his mortality, he wants to be buried at a Jewish cemetery, but has to prove to the rabbis that he is Jewish.



**JANUARY 25**

## ANTHROPOID

Based on the extraordinary true story of Operation Anthropoid, this film explores the WWII mission to assassinate SS General Reinhard Heydrich, the main architect behind the Final Solution and the Reich's third in command after Hitler and Himmler.



## Everything's Coming Up Aces

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

For information on giving opportunities, contact Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or [rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org).



# Milestones and celebrations



We can't share your good news unless you tell us about it. Send an email to [thumphries@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org), or call us at 416-781-3514 ext. 212. **Deadline for the next Bulletin covering April through June is February 20.**

## Births

**Chase Asher**, son of JILLIAN & LEE TISHMAN, grandson of DOREEN & JERROLD GREENSPAN and MARTHA & THE LATE HOWARD TISHMAN, born May 26.

**Shay Jaime**, daughter of REGAN TESSIS & MICHAEL BENADIBA, granddaughter of DOROTHY & THE LATE STANLEY TESSIS and ALEGRIA & MOISE BENADIBA, born August 30.

**Adina Joelle**, daughter of EDEN & CHRISTINE ORBACH, granddaughter of MARLA AND THE LATE JACOB ORBACH and GORD & MARY MASON, born August 31.

**Leo Max**, son of DANIEL WARSHAFSKY & MICHELLE KUDLATS, grandson of BRIAN WARSHAFSKY & ERIKA FEUERSTEIN, MARK KUDLATS and SHELLEY KUDLATS, born September 24.

**Noa Charlotte**, daughter of ASHLEY FAUST & LORNE BURGER, granddaughter of RONNIE & GAIL FAUST and ALAN & THE LATE SUZANNE BURGER, born September 28.

**Sophia Jaclyn**, daughter of JULIA GURAU & DAVID LEVIN, granddaughter of SUSAN & IRVING GURAU and MAXINE & MORRIS LEVIN, great-granddaughter of HELEN ROSENBAUM and PHYLLIS & LESLIE MEYEROWITZ, born October 12.

**Peter Oscar**, son of BRIAN & CANDICE BACAL, grandson of NORMAN & SHARON BACAL and PHILLIP & JENNIFER LOW, born November 13.

**Everett Jakob**, son of DYLAN & KAREN KRAVICE, grandson of ESTHER & JERRY KRAVICE, BARRY KAWARSKY and MARION & COLIN CRAIG, great-grandson of EDITH KAWARSKY, born November 15.

## Weddings

**Nicole Rausch**, daughter of RANDI & PAUL RAUSCH, and **Bradley Sage**, son of IRIS & LARRY SAGE, who were married November 26.

**Shaun Rotman**, son of DR. SHELDON & PATTI ROTMAN, and **Michal Golan**, daughter of YEHUDA & ITIA GOLAN, who were married December 4.

**Ronald Podlony**, son of EUGENE & IRENE PODOLNY, and **Dr. Shari Bai**, daughter of WON KIT BAI & AH YOUNG CHOI, who were married December 11 (in Quebec City).

**Dayna Simon**, daughter of NORMAN & JACKIE KAHN, and **Jordan Waltman**, son of BARRY & GILDA WALTMAN, who will be married January 29.

**David Silver**, son of HENRY & PEARL SILVER and the late HILONI SILVER, and **Jennifer Pick**, daughter of LEONARD & SUSAN PICK, who will be married February 12.

**Shauna Mann**, daughter of LAWRIE & ELLEN MANN, and **Matthew Abrahamson**, son of SIMON ABRAHAMSON & LORI FINKELSTEIN, who will be married March 5.

**Samantha Glied-Beliak**, daughter of TAMARA GLIED & ROBERT BELIAK, granddaughter of BILL & MARIKA GLIED, and **Rafi Yablonsky**, son of RUTH & REUVEN YABLONSKY, who will be married March 5.

**Andy Krystal**, son of MARCIA & STEVE KRYSTAL, grandson of MARYLYN & THE LATE ISADORE LIGHT, and **Dr. Zoe Kichler**, daughter of STEPHEN & SARI KICHLER and MERYL KICHLER, on their upcoming marriage.

## Congratulations to

**Mickey Heller**, who celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 3.

**Mickey & Eunice Heller**, who celebrated their 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on September 30.

**Julie Klein**, daughter of ALISSA & DONALD KLEIN, and **Will Miller**, son of MARTHA & THE LATE HARRY MILLER (of Edmonton), on their engagement.

**Corrie Pollock**, daughter of GARY & PATTI POLLOCK, granddaughter of EDITH POLLOCK, and **Raphi Aronowicz**, son of HARRY & SANDRA ARONOWICZ, grandson of DAVID & SARMA KAN (of Berlin, Germany), on their engagement.

**Jonathan Rosen**, son of MARLA & HOWARD ROSEN, grandson of SALLY ROSEN, and **Robyn Miller**, daughter of BESS & ALAN MILLER (of Montreal), granddaughter of SONIA UNRUCH (of Montreal), on their engagement.

**Emily Anne Teichman**, daughter of SHARON YALE & BLAKE TEICHMAN, and **Jonathan Ari Zworth**, son of ELLEN & DAVID ZWORTH, on their engagement.

## Many Thanks to

Jennifer Wyman & Neil Zworth and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on August 27 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Roel Joseph Wyman**.

William Steen, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on September 3 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Eugene Blobstein**.

Ilene & Stephen Flatt and Florence Magram and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on October 15 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **P. Theodore Magram**, and in honour of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Laura Flatt**.

Gella & Paul Rothstein, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 17 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **J. Barney Goldhar**.

Arnold & Barbara Shell, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 5 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Shell**.

Rochelle Zabitsky and Esterita Rajskey, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on November 19 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **William David Chananie**.

Paul & Gella Rothstein, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on November 26 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Isaac Rothstein**.

Sam & Janice Stern, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 26 in honour of the naming of their granddaughter **Robbi Stern**.

Newton Glassman & Laura MacDonald, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 3 in honour of their upcoming marriage.

Sheldon & Patti Rotman and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 3 in honour of the marriage of **Shaun Rotman & Michal Golan**.

The Fisch Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 10 to commemorate the first yahrtzeit of **Dr. Arthur Fisch**.

Jeremy & Jo-anne Cole, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 17 in honour of their daughter **Sara** reading from the Torah, and to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Sharon Cole**.

Susan Friedrich & Harry Enchin, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on December 17 to commemorate the yahrtzeiten of **Lidia Friedrich** and **Jonathan Enchin**.

Irving Matlow and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 17 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Esther Matlow**.

Aaron Moscoe & Melanie Ruby, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on January 28 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Matthew Moscoe**.

Avery Karney & Adeana Axler, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on February 18 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Dalia Elle Karney**.

Alan Cohen & Samantha-Leigh Levenson, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on February 24 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their son **Max Cohen**.

Robert Garmaise & Shira Liguornik, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on March 4 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Noa Rachel Garmaise**.

Peter & Lesly Weinstein, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on March 18 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Owen Weinstein**.



**Beth Tzedec  
and Camp Ramah**

**Magic Program**

**Saturday, January 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

**Grades 1 to 5**

Camp Ramah and Beth Tzedec come together for a magical evening of fun with our expert magician Jonah Babins! Cost: \$10 per person (includes dinner).

Reserve online at [www.beth-tzedec.org/login](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login) or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 by **Monday, January 16**.



**TOT**

**SHABBAT DINNER**

**Friday, February 24 at 5:00 PM**

This special Shabbat dinner is for young children (up to age 7) and their families. We will welcome Shabbat with music and crafts, enjoy a delicious dinner with a kid-friendly menu, and kids will be entertained by a performance before dessert.

Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5 to 14); \$5 children (ages 1 to 4). Dinner by advance reservation only by **Monday, February 20**.

Reserve today online at [www.beth-tzedec.org/login](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login) or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.



# Sacred Spaces

“Every space can be sacred, depending on how you do what you do.”



**RUNNING A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK** demands dedication and creativity by program and house staff. Beginning at the crack of dawn, we are called upon to set up, clean up and welcome groups of six to 600. From programs for the community that can attract 1,500 guests to our High Holy Days where we welcome over 6,000 people, we work on making every nook and cranny functional. When problems arise, as they invariably do, the Beth Tzedec team responds with solutions to keep everything running seamlessly.

Visit Beth Tzedec in the afternoon and witness 400 RHA staff and students heading out the door as a fresh group of youth and teens enter for evening programs and classes. Members come to pray in the Hendeles Chapel while others head to study in the Hurwich Board Room. You might join visitors attending a film in the Banquet Hall or peek in on a Bat Mitzvah child holding a dress rehearsal on the *bimah* in the Sanctuary. And, if you are in the mood, you can join one of the late-night basketball leagues that regularly meet in our Kimel Family Gym.

Life at BT is surrounded by and connected to the Jewish community, with our programs delivered within a framework of Jewish values and ethics. While we embrace diversity, we play by certain ground rules that help define us, and how we do what we do is critically important. For example, when we provide refreshments or meals to any group—Jewish or not—all food is kosher. While we do not have a dress code, we nonetheless respect the sanctity of the Synagogue and ask that those attending prayer services dress modestly. Our adult and community education programs and lectures, while

sometimes a little “UnOrthodox”, are topically Jewish and address cultural, political and spiritual issues of the day.

We are the “people of the Book” who learn and share our knowledge with and among each other and the broader community. Our teachings and laws, as well as the philosophical underpinnings of Judaism and Conservative Judaism, are reflected in how we do what we do. Every day, we make the day-to-day sacred. We transform an empty hall or classroom into a sacred prayer space by moving chairs and bringing in a portable *Aron Kodesh* and *siddurim*. Corridors reverberate with the music of prayer and celebration. Whether signing a *ketubah* or dancing with a groom or bride, we turn our attention inward and upwards, and our *simḥah* spaces become sacred. Our Synagogue is a house of worship, a house of gathering, where people from all walks share their ideas, hopes and dreams. We congregate to connect, to engage with each other and to experience Jewish life. Your Beth Tzedec is a true community centre, where anyone of any age is welcome to learn, sing, pray and socialize.

When planning a lifecycle event or a family Shabbat dinner, do it in your second home. Celebrating and gathering at the Synagogue can be warm, comfortable and worry-free. Just as the doors of Abraham’s tent were open to travellers and guests, our doors are open and we welcome you with open arms.



## 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, January 24 and February 28 at 7:00 PM and Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 PM**

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

## A YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SHABBAT DINNER

# A Different Night: Transformational Jewish Experiences During the Holocaust

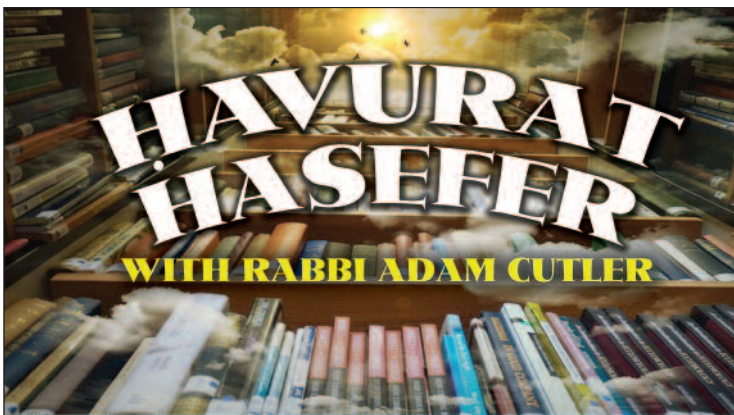
**Friday, January 27 at 6:00 PM**

Join us for a Holocaust Commemoration Shabbat service and dinner, a unique evening of inspiring stories, prayer and engaging in thoughtful discussions and conversations with Holocaust survivors.

Cost: \$25 per person. RSVPs required by Monday, January 23.



Reserve online at [www.beth-tzedec.org/login](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login) or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.



**Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM**  
**January 12 & 26, February 2 & 23 and**  
**March 16 & 30**

Beth Tzedec's best-kept secret is a Jewish philosophy reading group that explores modern and accessible works of Jewish thought. Guided by Rav Adam, this engaging group is for anyone interested in thinking and talking about the meaning and purpose of Judaism in a global, technologically advanced world.



**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. (Only one incentive grant per family.)

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



# Reflections on Domestic Abuse



*I have seen a world in which all but a few taboos have been washed away.*

## I AM TOO YOUNG TO HAVE ONLY

whispered the word cancer, but old enough to recall those who did. The hidden subjects of the past are now thankfully out in the open. I have seen a world in which all but a few taboos have been washed away.

Recently, Beth Tzedec hosted “Behind Closed Doors: Shattering the Myths about Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community”, in which we brought the sunlight to one of the last of our community’s unmentionables. As the recent murder of Toronto physician Elana Fric-Shamji and the arrest of her neuro-surgeon husband all too clearly and sadly demonstrate, domestic violence occurs in all family-types and income levels.

Following a powerful video and introduction from Penny Krowitz, Executive Director of Act to End Violence Against Women, the 80 attendees heard from me, psychologist Dr. Barbara Landau and Marilyn

Snider, a survivor of domestic violence. The panel was carefully moderated by human rights consultant Dr. Karen Mock.

As I noted at the program’s opening, the purpose of the event was not to explore a morally complicated issue, as is often the thrust of Beth Tzedec programs. There is no deep moral question or ambiguity about the acceptability of domestic violence. Though we must acknowledge that some early Jewish sources do permit a husband to batter his wife, such violence (physical or otherwise) is without a doubt absolutely forbidden today. Rather, the program was meant to empower abused individuals (and, to a lesser degree, abusers) to seek the help that they need and to educate and train community members to be advocates.

Basing himself on a *midrash*, Rashi, reflecting on Abraham’s journey with Sarai to the Land of Israel,

teaches that travel causes three things. It inhibits the birth of children, decreases one’s wealth and lessens one’s fame. Those three concerns exist as well for one who attempts to move away from an abusive relationship. Anxieties about children, money and reputation (and other concerns) drive individuals to stay with violent partners. One of the purposes of the evening, and subsequent conversations, was to name and thereby resolve these impediments while providing an alternative vision for a better vision.

Certainly, change is difficult. This is true even when current reality is bad. The Jewish community—including Beth Tzedec—is ready and able to support individuals in their break from abusive partners. Indeed, it is our sacred duty.

## RESOURCE:

To view Rav Adam’s presentation at “Behind Closed Doors”, visit <https://tinyurl.com/jdhpleq>

## Breaking the Stigma Opening a Community Conversation

**Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 PM**

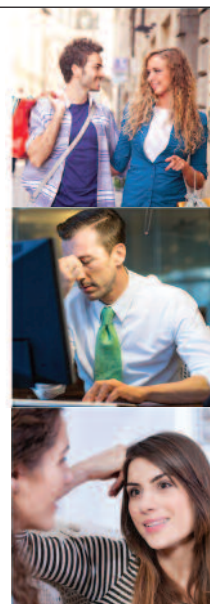
Join an important panel discussion about mental illness with experts in the area of adolescent and adult addiction, emphasizing both substance (drugs and alcohol) and behavioural/process addictions (gambling, internet, shopping). No charge.

### PANEL:

Dr. Janet Malat (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Mount Sinai Hospital)  
Dr. Bruce Ballon (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Mount Sinai Hospital)  
Ori Goldstein (personal perspective)  
David Kaufman (Jewish Addiction Community Services)  
Dr. Jonathan Golden (Jewish Family & Child)

### MODERATOR:

Dr. Molyn Leszcz (Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Mount Sinai Hospital)







**FOR GRADES 1 TO 5:**

# ***The Mitzvah Series***

**Sundays, January 15, 22 & 29 and February 5, 12 & 26  
from 12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM**

No child is ever too young to impact positive social change. With the *shinshinim* as our mitzvah leaders and cooperation with local non-profit organizations, the “Mitzvah Series” will educate and reach out to those in need in our community. We will give our hearts and time to a worthy cause and provide a helping hand. Each session will be divided into two groups: children in Grades 1 and 2 and children in Grades 3 to 5. Cost: \$10 per session (includes lunch).

## **January 15 — Planting with Shoresh**

We give Mother Nature and the environment a hand as we plant herb pots with Shoresh and learn about sustainable cooking.

## **January 22 — Israel Guide Dog Centre**

Have a guide dog lead you through a course as we learn about The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind.

## **January 29 — Desserts for Out of the Cold**

We fight hunger by cooking tasty sweet treats for the Out of the Cold program.

## **February 5 — Stories with Soldiers**

Listen to the stories of soldiers to learn more about the Israel Defense Force and the Canadian Armed Forces.

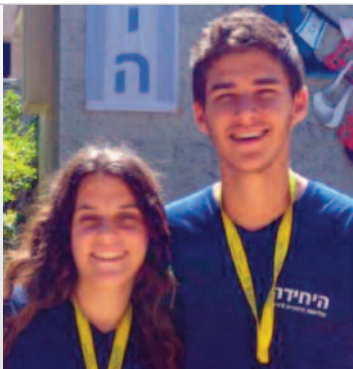
## **February 12 — School Bags for Save a Child's Heart**

We will decorate school bags to be delivered to Save a Child's Heart Foundation.

## **February 26 — *Tikkun Olam* with Ve'ahavta**

We partner with Ve'ahavta who will help us develop our own action plan for *tikkun olam* projects.

**Pre-registration required for each program. For information or to register, contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or email [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org).**



## **Invite Us for Shabbat Lunch!**

Paz and Dan, our Israeli *shinshinim*, are getting ready to ‘enjoy’ their first Canadian winter. Wouldn't it be a nice idea to welcome them to your home for a warm, friendly Shabbat lunch? If you are interested in hosting them, contact Marnie Burke at [thedamianis@rogers.com](mailto:thedamianis@rogers.com).

# A Jewish Place for Teens

If our goals are to instill Jewish pride and knowledge in our teens and to ensure a healthy and positive Jewish future, we need to increase the percentage of Jewish teens engaging in Jewish experiences with their peers.



**A BAR OR BAT MITZVAH: THE MOMENT WE CELEBRATE A** Jewish child's entrance into the adult Jewish community. While our tradition is clear that one becomes a Jewish adult the morning of your 12<sup>th</sup> (for girls) or 13<sup>th</sup> (for boys) Hebrew birthday, we have come to associate a Bar or Bat Mitzvah with the public ceremony marking this moment, usually consisting of an aliyah to the Torah, and often including the Bar or Bat Mitzvah child reading Torah and/or chanting a haftarah and/or leading part of the service and/or teaching the community in some way. The preparatory work for this public ceremony is intense, and the moment is often considered, regrettably in my opinion, the end goal of a child's Jewish education.

I believe that this paradigm is flawed and near broken. Families today are looking for meaning, relevance and personalization, not ceremonies in unfamiliar settings. Synagogues are trying to figure out how to balance the needs of regular prayer attendees and the particular requests of families wishing to celebrate a *simbah*, all in an environment of lower birthrates, lower affiliation rates and more options beyond the walls of the synagogue. The B'nei mitzvah factories of the past two generations are like so many other factories these days; dwindling in output as innovations have disrupted the traditional business models. To combat this, Jewish educators are trying to send the message that Jewish education—especially synagogue-based supplementary programs—is not a means to an end, the end being Bar/Bat Mitzvah; rather, elementary-level learning is the first part of a lifelong connection to Jewish study.

It has been almost ten years since Beth Tzedec offered a high school level Jewish educational program. We have always run our teen youth programming, now back under USY, and introduced our Jewish Service Network teen learning trips, but for teens in our community looking to explore Jewish themes and topics in a more structured way, there has been a gap that we are now addressing.

JTEM (Jewish Teen Experience Midtown) is an engaging and forward-thinking partnership with Holy Blossom Temple and Beth Sholom Synagogue, where teens in Grades 8 to 12 come together on Monday nights to explore subjects like 3D modeling and printing of Jewish

objects, Jewish theatre, Israeli film and television, Jewish art, Israeli politics and Judaism and the law. In addition to the learning, participants have a chance to meet and socialize with teens from other synagogues and the community, participate in service learning experiences on local, national and international levels and continue to build upon the learning they have acquired either in supplementary school or in Jewish day school.

Merely having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is no guarantee of adult Jewish engagement. As noted Jewish demographers Jack Wertheimer and Steven Cohen wrote in 2014, “rather than letting its teens fend for themselves after bar and bat mitzvah, a serious Jewish community would seek to embrace and excite them”.<sup>1</sup> This is what we are doing with JTEM and all our teen programming. There are almost 250 teens in Grades 8 to 12 in our Beth Tzedec community. Only 100 of them are currently participating in Jewish day or supplementary schools, just 40 percent of the total. (For comparison's sake, our JK to Grade 7 participation ratio in Jewish day or supplementary school is 77 percent.)

We know that not every teen is interested in exploring their Jewish identity, but we still have to try. We know that not everyone is available on Monday nights, but many are. So please, speak with your children and grandchildren about JTEM. Visit our website, [www.jtemidtown.com](http://www.jtemidtown.com), to learn more about the experiences we will be offering in our second (January to March break) and third (late March to May) terms. Call me for more information.

If our goals are to instill Jewish pride and knowledge in our teens and to ensure a healthy and positive Jewish future, we need to increase the percentage of Jewish teens engaging in Jewish experiences with their peers. We have laid out the foundation; it is up to all of us in the Beth Tzedec family to make sure that we build upwards.

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# Extending Our Hand

As I am constantly thinking about how we as a powerful and caring community can effect considerable change for the Jewish people and the world, I am inspired by what we have been able to accomplish.



**AFTER I JOINED THE BETH TZEDEC** *klei kodesh* last summer, I was given the task of working with JIAS Toronto in determining how we as Beth Tzedec could sponsor a Syrian refugee family. It was heartwarming to learn how many members felt moved to get involved with this effort by joining our working group. Dozens more contributed by making donations to the fund we established. After a full year of planning and waiting impatiently, we were thrilled to welcome Hanaa, Tarek, Sana, Siba and Besan Alhamwi in September, just in time for the High Holy Days.

As I am constantly thinking about how we as a powerful and caring community can effect considerable change for Jewish people and the world, I am inspired by what we have been able to accomplish. I invite you to share with me where you would like our *hesed* and social justice efforts to be directed this year, and the ways in which you would like to help.

I also wanted to share notes I received from members of the working group and our sponsored family:

**Message from Bari Zittell, co-chair of the BT Sponsorship Working Group**

On a warm September evening, I was in Terminal 2 at Pearson with other members of the Syrian Refugee Family Working Group, Rav Cutler and Rav Frydman-Kohl. We were waiting to finally meet our sponsored family. After months of preparation, anticipation and concerns for their safety, mom and dad (Hanaa and Tareq), with daughters Sana, Siba and

Besan were finally moments away from coming through the door into their new lives. With us was our anchor family, Thanaa and Aryn Sarif. Thanaa had not seen her sister since 2011, before the war in Syria started. After a two hour wait, our family exited the immigration office. We waved our Canadian flags, held aloft our welcome signs, watched with tears in our eyes as Thanaa and her sister Hanaa embraced. The family was understandably exhausted. Their day had begun with a several hour bus ride to the Istanbul airport. But now they were here, safe at last with us, their new extended Canadian family.

The Alhamwis are settled in their apartment. Parents and kids are in school. They are learning to navigate life in Toronto. They loved the first snow fall, although their enthusiasm for winter may fade in a couple of months! Where do we fit into their lives? We will be responsible for their financial security until next September, we will help them with various tasks and appointments, help the adults secure jobs when their English improves. Things will come up unexpectedly. This week they encountered their first credit card scam, a phone call we hadn't thought to prepare them for. Each month, they will become more confident, feel safer, less fearful and learn to handle situations independently. And we will feel more comfortable letting them make their own way. I see myself always being in their lives on some level and them in mine. Sometimes we do get choose family, and we got to

choose the Alhamwis. May we all go from strength to strength.

**Message from the Alhamwi family**

Dearest friends at Beth Tzedec:

A heartfelt greeting to all of you. Since our arrival to Canada, our lives have changed dramatically for the better.

Your wonderful and warm welcome has given us the hope and ability to start a new, safe life in Canada in spite of the horrible circumstances we've been through. In addition, the love, generosity and help you have extended to us in setting up our beautiful home has helped us feel a kind of stability and comfort that we haven't experienced in years.

We are all so happy and eager to learn English and become valuable members of our new home, Canada.

Hearing the Canadian national anthem every day at school makes us so happy. We feel like this is our home and we are truly Canadians because home is where you feel happy, safe and accepted. We will forever be proud Canadians!

We want to thank the entire Beth Tzedec group for your wonderful and unconditional help—we will never forget!

With great love and appreciation,  
—Hanaa, Tareq, Sana,  
Siba and Besan

**Message from Edna Hussman and her daughter Dori**

I joined Beth Tzedec's Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Group because I saw it as an opportunity to get involved in something I felt strongly



about, and through which I could make a tangible impact. I didn't expect my daughter to become involved. But when I discovered that the youngest girl in the family we are sponsoring, eight-year-old Besan, was just a little younger than my daughter Dori, I asked Dori if she would like to correspond with Besan while the family was still in Turkey awaiting their papers for Canada. Though the girls' correspondence was sporadic, I believe it was encouraging for Besan and her family, and for all of us here, as the wait for the family's arrival grew longer. Now that the family is here, Dori enjoys playing with Besan and wants to help her learn English.

For Dori, this has been an important lesson in empathy and the importance of helping others in need. She has also made a new friend. We have all made new friends.

*Here is what Dori has to say about the experience*

When my mom became part of the BT Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Group, she suggested I write letters to Hanaa's family so they wouldn't be shy with us when they came to Canada. So I wrote lots of letters and Besan wrote back. We wrote about how we were excited to meet! Then when the day came for Besan's family to fly to Canada, my mom, I and other committee members all went to the airport.

We waited a LONG time and finally Besan and I got to meet! We were first very shy. It was hard to communicate, we wanted to say so much but couldn't. But we still could communicate with gestures, and now we can say some stuff to each other.

Now we've played basketball and *Monopoly Junior*, jumped in leaves, played at the playground, gone for walks and even just did random stuff with Besan's cousins.

I'm so happy Thanaa's sisters' families have come to Canada. It's kind of hard to leave your stuff

behind and move to a new country. If you have friends and nice conversations, it makes it easier to call Canada home. I hope to bring Besan and her sisters and cousins tobogganing, sledding and snowman-making.

*Message from Jana Walters, co-chair of the BT Sponsorship Working Group*

Honestly, I joined the Sponsorship Working Group because I wanted my kids to see that it is important to reach outside our community and help people in need. Everyone deserves a peaceful co-existence, and by stepping outside, we learn and we grow. In doing so, I was privileged to meet a wonderful, kind and generous family that I look forward to helping adjust to life in Canada.

*Message from Thanaa and Amyn Sarif (Hanaa's sister, anchor family and members of the BT Sponsorship Working Group)*

Dear Beth Tzedec Congregation:

It seems like yesterday when my husband and I walked through the Beth Tzedec doors, not knowing what to expect. All we knew was that we were desperate for help to get our family out. There were lots of new faces, questions, concerns and uncertainty about how this whole thing was going to work. I was very emotional, as I had just experienced the worst of humankind, but what I

didn't know at the time is that I was about to experience the best of humankind!

Fast forward a year and we can't believe it: our family is here! Beth Tzedec has set them up with the best of everything, starting with the warmest welcome at the airport which helped them feel as if they've returned home!

You've set them up with a beautiful apartment, beautiful furniture ... you thought of everything, including toothbrushes. You are in constant contact, asking what they need and what you can do to help, arranging for grocery shopping, English lessons, doctor appointments and just treating them like family. We have not seen them this happy in years!

The words 'thank you' cannot express how we feel—your love, care and generosity have made a world of difference in all of our lives, not just Hanaa, Tarek, Sana, Siba and Besan's lives. You truly represent the best of humankind.

I know there are thousands of Syrian families who've made it to Canada, but I truly feel that we are the luckiest. We didn't just get reunited with our family, we gained a wonderful family in all of you, and for that we will be ever grateful.

With great appreciation,

—Thanaa and Amyn Sarif



Sana, Siba and Besan, the daughters of our Syrian family and their recently arrived cousins Dina and Dalla apple picking for the first time.



### Jews of Finland

Immediately following this year's Holocaust Education Week programs, Beth Tzedec hosted Ariel Nadbornik, a Finnish national, who told the standing room only crowd the truly amazing story of the Jews in World War II Finland. Pictured (l-r): Zina Glassman, Randy Spiegel, Ariel Nadbornik, Laura McSwiggan (Vice-Consul of Finland, Toronto) and Rabbi Adam Cutler.



### Syrian family at Airport

In late September, a large group from the Beth Tzedec community met at Pearson International Airport to welcome our sponsored Syrian family, the Alhamwis, to Canada.



### UnOrthodox Panel

Our "UnOrthodox" panel gathered for a photo prior to the lively podcast recording. Pictured (l-r): Stephanie Butnick, David Bezmozgis, Mark Oppenheimer and Julie Nesrallah.



### Rav Baruch at CBC

On November 23, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl appeared on Matt Galloway's CBC show, discussing anti-Semitic incidences occurring, in Canada following the U.S. election. To read the text of the interview, visit [www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/anti-semitic-graffiti-spotted-in-downtown-toronto-1.3864466](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/anti-semitic-graffiti-spotted-in-downtown-toronto-1.3864466).



### Genesis Project/Day One

On October 20, Beth Tzedec kicked off the first session of The Genesis Project, an exciting two-year series in which leading Canadian scientists and Jewish thinkers explore modern interpretations of the Seven Days of Creation. Pictured (l-r): Dena Libman, Pekka Sinavero and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, in his Cubs baseball cap.



Yizhar Hess joined us recently for a Shabbat pulpit presentation on "Covenant and Commitment: From Abraham to Contemporary Israel."



# A Warm Welcome ...

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

Corey and Jennifer Albert  
Ghidalia and Fany Alterson  
Eugene and Esther Bialys  
Marla Bialys  
Leora Branfield Day  
Janice Clarfield  
Pearl Cohen  
Boris and Ludmila Dynin  
Dan and Jessica Eylon  
Rachel Farkas  
Arlene Fisch  
Matthew and Sara Fox  
Rita Grotsky  
Lindsay Hartzman  
Robert and Jessica Herzig  
Justin Kaufman  
Rayna Kirschner  
Mischa and Caroline Kowall  
Richard Lancaster-Brooks  
Ari Lesniak  
Elaine Lesniak  
Nathaniel and Amanda Lipkus  
Sonia Rabeneck  
Benjamin Resnick  
Roberta Riven  
Denise Rogul  
Alexandra Rogul-Lichty  
Denise Romberg  
Jonathan Rosen  
Sheret Ross  
Harvey and Toby Rotstein

Eve Rubenzahl  
Elan and Lynne Satov  
Ruth Sheps  
Michael Sherman  
Marc Soberano  
Robert Solomon  
Mignonne Spiegelman  
Bernard and Carole Starkman  
Jay and Cindy Stulberg  
Edward and Galina Tabachnik  
Carrie Taylor  
Dorothy Whitehouse  
Karen Winter  
Kaitlin Witter  
Lupu and Amalia Zisman

## New 18 Year Old Members (children of members)

Jessica Abugov  
Madeleine Aidelman  
Jordan Allen  
Matthew Altman  
Michael Ambar  
Joshua Arbess  
Ethan Beallor  
Jacob Beallor  
Simone Brodsky  
Ira Brown  
Maxwell Charlat  
Matthew Cohn  
Eli Feldman

Sydney Flatt  
Ariella Garmaise  
Evan Goldman  
Aaron Good  
Liza Gottlieb  
Daniel Griff  
Adam Gropper  
Lewis Haar  
Jordan Halberstadt  
Jamie Kerbel  
Madeline Leranbaum  
Harrison Lester  
Brooke Lindzon  
Taylor Milne  
Lindsey Moscoe  
Leora Nash  
James Rose  
Noah Ross  
Max Rother  
Sarah Schacht  
Rachel Schwartz  
Theodore Sigel  
Natalie Soberano  
Daniel Tyberg  
Samantha Tyberg  
Jacob Wagner  
Judith Walters  
Teddy Wohl  
Ellie Wolfond  
Harry Worb



## SENDING PURIM CHEER TO OUR UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE STUDENTS

We will soon be sending our annual holiday package filled with Purim treats to our university/college student members. Provide a 'snailmail' (mailing) address sent to the Synagogue office at [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org) or call 416-781-3511. If the address is a dormitory, be sure to give the proper address to receive a package. All requests must be received by **Friday, February 17.**





**Sunday, March 12**

**Family Megillah Reading 10:30 AM**

Enjoy an abridged family Megillah reading, featuring a re-telling of the Purim story with your favourite Beth Tzedec staff!



*Mitzvah Opportunity*—Families are encouraged to bring a kosher, non-perishable food item to use as a noisemaker for the Megillah reading that can be donated to the Kosher Food Bank.






**Purim Carnival 11:00 AM**




Put on your costume and join the fun of the Beth Tzedec Purim Carnival! Kids of all ages will enjoy carnival booths, bouncy castles, a toddlers' play zone, dance party and costume contests with prizes for best Family, Baby/Toddler, Kid, Teen and Adult costumes. No charge for activities; kids' food available for purchase.

**Purim Seudah 1:00 PM**




Bring your parents, grandparents, children, siblings and friends to a delicious Purim feast—with a Disney theme! Cost: \$15 adults; \$10 children. RSVPs required by Tuesday, March 7.

For information or reservations, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org)

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<p>3 TEVET</p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 8</b></p> <p>8:30am Shaharit 4:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>4 TEVET</p> <p><b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 4:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>5 TEVET</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>6 TEVET</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>7 TEVET</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Games Afternoon 4:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>8 TEVET</p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:40pm Candle Lighting 4:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>9 TEVET</p> <p> <b>Vayigash</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Torah Talk 10:00am Jewish Meditation 4:25pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 5:43pm Havdalah</p>
<b>January 2017 / Tevet 5777</b>						
<p>10 TEVET</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>FAST OF 10<sup>TH</sup> OF TEVET</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 4:50pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>11 TEVET</p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The Humash with Dr. Marty Lockshin 1:30pm For Every Season 4:50pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>12 TEVET</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Mishpacha Program 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk for Elementary School 4:50pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>13 TEVET</p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Mishpacha Program 1:30pm Mid-Winter Movies: Dough 4:50pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>14 TEVET</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 12:30pm Yorkville Lunch n’ Learn 1:00pm Games Afternoon 4:50pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 6:00pm Shick Together 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer 7:30pm Will there be a Cantor on Mays with Jason Green</p>	<p>15 TEVET</p> <p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pre-Shabbat Music 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 4:48pm Candle Lighting 4:50pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service &amp; Dinner</p>	<p>16 TEVET</p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p> <b>Vayehi</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit/Cantor Green 9:30am LM/Torah Talk 10:30am Short &amp; Sweet Multi-Generational Service 4:30pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 5:35pm Havdalah</p>
<b>MUSICAL SCHOLAR WEEKEND WITH CANTORIAL CANDIDATE CANTOR JASON GREEN</b>						
<p>17 TEVET</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 12:00pm Mitzvah Series: Planting with Shoshah 1:00pm <i>Kadima</i>: Snow Tubing 5:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>18 TEVET</p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The Humash with Dr. Marty Lockshin 5:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 5:15pm Student Mentorship 6:00pm ITEM: Jewish Teen Experience Midtown</p>	<p>19 TEVET</p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Mishpacha Program 4:00pm Tik Tak Talk for Middle School 5:00pm BT Youth @ Out of the Cold 5:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>20 TEVET</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Mishpacha Program 1:30pm Mid-Winter Movies: The Last Mentsch 5:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>21 TEVET</p> <p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Games Afternoon 5:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>22 TEVET</p> <p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pre-Shabbat Music 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 4:57pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>23 TEVET</p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p> <b>Shemot</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Torah Talk 12:00pm Teen Shabbat Lunch 4:40pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 6:00pm Havdalah 6:30pm BT and Camp Ramah Magic Program</p>
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<p>14 ADAR</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>PURIM</b> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b></p> <p>8:00am Shaharit/Reading of Megillat Esther 10:30am Family Megillah Reading 11:00am Purim Carnival 1:00pm Family Purim Seudah 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>15 ADAR</p> <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>SHUSHAN PURIM</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The Humash with Dr. Marty Lockshin 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>16 ADAR</p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Mishpacha Program 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>17 ADAR</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Mishpacha Program 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Real Housewives of the Bible: Rebecca</p>	<p>18 ADAR</p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer 7:30pm Torah for the Ages</p>	<p>19 ADAR</p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Pre-Shabbat Music 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:10pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>20 ADAR</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>SHABBAT PARAH</b>  <b>Ki Tissa</b> 8:45am Shaharit 11:00am Torah Next Dor 6:50pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 8:11pm Havdalah</p>
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## FOR GRADES 9 TO 12 USY Specialty Convention in Cincinnati February 9 to 12

We're taking a trip over the border to spend a weekend with friends from the CRUSY region (Michigan and Ohio) for social action projects and socializing. Advance registration required. For information, email [ecrusy@uscj.org](mailto:ecrusy@uscj.org).



### Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

#### Li'l Minyans

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

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

(ages 6 to 9 and 10 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: Network Series

Following Services on January 21 and March 25

They say networking is the key to success! Schmooze with successful young professionals, ask questions and enjoy a delicious sponsored lunch. RSVPs requested to Jessie Greenspan.

#### Young Shamashim

Following Services on January 21 & 28, February 11 & 25 and March 11, 18 & 25

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 weekday services.

#### Shabbat Sports

Shabbat, January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25 and March 11 & 25  
2:30 to 4:00 PM

Enjoy afternoon sports with Zachary Friedman, Noah Aaron and Sam Aronoff. Participants will decide on the game they would like to play each week.

#### For Children 0 to 5 and their Families

#### Mishpacha Program

(ages 1 to 3 with an adult)  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
9:30 to 11:00 AM

Come play, sing and create arts & crafts around a different theme each week. Led by Natalie Bookman, an OISE-educated teacher with a love for children and a focus on early-years child development. For more information, call the Synagogue office. Drop-ins welcome where space permits.

#### Pre-Shabbat Music Class

(ages 0 to 3 with an adult)  
Friday mornings  
9:30 to 10:15 AM and 11:00 to 11:45 AM

Join Sara Borer and welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *hallel*, grape juice and lots of fun. For fees, information or to register, call the Synagogue office.

#### PJ Library Storytime

Sunday, January 22 and February 26  
10:30 to 11:30 AM

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

### Grandparent and Grandchild Sunday Morning Hangout

(ages 1 to 4 with a grandparent)  
Sunday, February 5  
10:30 to 11:30 AM

Enjoy a late morning program where grandparents and grandchildren can engage in music, arts & crafts and other activities that encourage *Yiddishkeit* to be passed from one generation to the next. No charge.

#### For Children in SK to Grade 5

#### Tik Tak Talk for Elementary School

(for Grades 3 to 5)  
Tuesdays, January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21 and March 7  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Join Paz and Dan, our *shinshinim*, for a variety of fun activities designed to build your conversational Hebrew skills. Cost: \$5 per session (includes pizza dinner).

#### Mitzvah Series

(for Grades 1 to 5)  
Sundays, January 15, 22 & 29 and February 5, 12 & 26  
12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM

No child is ever too young to impact positive social change. With the *shinshinim* as our mitzvah leaders, and cooperation from non-profit organizations, we will reach out to those in need. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). For weekly program details, see page 18.

### Beth Tzedec and Camp Ramah Magic Program

(for Grades 1 to 5)  
Saturday evening, January 21  
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Camp Ramah and Beth Tzedec come together for a magical evening of fun with our expert magician Jonah Babins. Cost: \$10 per person (includes dinner). RSVPs required by Monday, January 16.

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

#### Tik Tak Talk for Middle School

(for Grades 6 to 8)  
Tuesdays, January 17 & 31, February 14 & 28 and March 21  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Helping kids maintain Hebrew skills after leaving day school is a challenge. Paz and Dan have the answer—an entertaining hour of Hebrew conversation and Israeli culture. \$5 per session (includes pizza dinner).

## Tu B'Shevat with Shoresh

Sunday, February 5  
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Create your own herb garden as we get a lesson on sustainable cooking from a professional chef and environmental educators from Shoresh. Cost: \$15 (includes dinner). RSVPs required by Monday, January 30.

## Cupcake Cook-Off

Sunday, March 26  
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Roll up your sleeves and get ready for a cupcake cook-off for a local women's shelter. Each team of two or four will be given ingredients and face challenges to see who really is the Cupcake Master! Cost: \$10 (includes dinner). Registration required by Monday, March 20.

### For Teens in Grades 8 to 12

## JTEM: Jewish Teen Experience Midtown Program

Mondays, January 16, 23 & 30, February 6, 13 & 27 and March 6 (at Beth Sholom); and March 20 & 27 (at Beth Tzedec)  
6:00 to 8:30 PM

JTEM connects teens with each other for meaningful Jewish learning experiences. It offers unique and relevant classes with different and interesting ways to relate to Jewish themes. Over dinner, in class or through community service activities and trips, teens will be transformed. For information, visit [www.jtemidtown.com](http://www.jtemidtown.com).

### For Grades 1 to 5 and Grades 9 to 12

## Student Mentorship Program

Mondays, January 16, 23 & 30 and February 6, 13 & 27  
5:15 to 6:30 PM

This program partners Elementary School children with High School teens in a positive Jewish environment, based on subject matter, social compatibility, and activity preference. Mentors arrive at 5:00 PM, but students are welcome to arrive directly after school and aftercare will be provided. Cost per term: \$60 (includes dinner).

### For Families

## Give Bubbie a Break: A Shabbat Dinner Program

Friday, January 27 6:00 PM

Join us for a comfy, casual Shabbat dinner—and leave the shopping, cooking and cleaning to us. Fun for the whole family, with kids programming with our *shinshinim*. Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4). RSVPs required by Monday, January 23.

## BT Families @ Out of the Cold

Tuesday, January 31  
5:00 to 7:00 PM

Be part of a great mitzvah by participating in Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom's Out of the Cold program, which helps feed and shelter the homeless. Limited spaces available. RSVPs required to Simmi Toby.

## Shtick Together: Fun for the Whole Family

Thursdays, January 12, February 2 and March 2  
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Drop in and join us for one or more of our fun and engaging activities, with several featuring special mitzvah opportunities the whole family can enjoy. For monthly program details, see page 10.

## Tot Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 24 5:00 PM

This special Shabbat dinner is for young children (up to age 7) and their families. We will welcome Shabbat with music and crafts, enjoy a delicious dinner with a child-friendly menu and be entertained by a performance before dessert. Cost: \$25 adults, \$15 youth (ages 5-14), \$5 children (ages 1-4). RSVPs required by Monday, February 20.

## Dance Your Heart Out for Save A Child's Heart

Saturday night, February 25  
7:00 to 11:00 PM

Dance, dance, dance ... it's a dance-athon mitzvah! Enjoy this incredible fundraiser filled with dancing and live entertainment. No charge, but participants should raise \$50 in sponsorships. Pre-registration required by Monday, February 20.

For information about Youth & Family programs, contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org).

For information about *BT* Teens programs, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org).

### ECRUSY Programs

## Kadima/USY Snow Tubing

(for Grades 6 to 12)  
Sunday, January 15  
12:30 to 5:45 PM

Revel in a day filled with heart-pounding excitement tubing down the snowy slopes at Chicopee Tube Park in Kitchener. Advance registration required. Watch for details.

## USY Specialty Convention

(for Grades 9 to 12)  
February 9 to 12

ECRUSY takes a trip over the border to Cincinnati to spend a weekend with friends from Michigan and Ohio in the CRUSY region for meaningful social action projects and socializing. Pre-registration required.

## Kadima Laser Quest Lock-In

(for Grades 6 to 8)  
February 25 and 26

Spend the night with your ECRUSY friends at Laser Quest! Enjoy a thrilling evening of laser quest action followed by a night of activities and building connections with Kadimaniks from around the GTA.

## Kadima Overnight

(for Grades 6 to 8)  
Grab some friends and join us for an overnight adventure especially for *Kadima*. Watch for details coming soon.

For information about ECRUSY programs and events, email the ECRUSY offices at [ecrusy@uscj.org](mailto:ecrusy@uscj.org) or call 416-667-1818.





# BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB'S SCOTCH NIGHT

**Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM**

Chase away the mid-winter cold and blues with an evening of good food, great scotch and spirits tastings and engaging conversation.

Enjoy a fully catered, delicious dinner, samplings of some of the finest single malts and discussion with regional distillers, as well as raffles and a silent auction for amazing prizes. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Toronto actor and writer Jack Newman.

Tickets: \$100 (includes dinner, drinks and tastings).  
Limited spaces available. Reserve early.

**RESERVE ONLINE AT [WWW.BETH-TZEDec.ORG/LOGIN](http://WWW.BETH-TZEDec.ORG/LOGIN) OR CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE AT 416-781-3511 BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17.**

*Proceeds support the Men's Club's programming initiatives.*

## THE GENESIS PROJECT: SCIENCE MEETS JEWISH THOUGHT

An exciting new series. Leading Canadian scientists and Jewish thinkers will join us in exploring a modern interpretation of the Seven Days of Creation. No science background required—just bring your curiosity!

**Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**  
at Beth Tzedec Congregation

### Day Three—A-Life: Worth Living?

Life begins on the Third Day of בראשית. Soon it will be possible to create artificial life, “A-Life”: designer cells and tissue, and, eventually, entire organisms. What ethical challenges does this pose?

*Made possible thanks to contributions in memory of Jonathan Steiner ז"ל*

This series is a joint project of Beth Tzedec Congregation and Temple Emanu-El. It is sponsored by the Scientists in Synagogues project, which is organized by Sinai and Synapses in New York and the American Association for the Advancement of Science program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion in Washington, DC. Support for the program comes from Clal—The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York through the John Templeton Foundation, along with other donors.



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# 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. Lift your soul in prayer as you sing along, or close your eyes in meditation and be carried away by 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 to lead parts of the service. Torah readers, *daveners* and those wishing to deliver a *D'var Torah* are always welcome.

**Little Minyan—Raise the Ruah** 9:30 AM, *Shabbat, January 28, February 11 and March 11*. While the Little Minyan offers a warm, welcoming, participatory and spiritually meaningful *Beit Knesset* each and every week,

our 'Raise the *Ruah*' service takes it to the next level by infusing our *davening* with enhanced music and singing. There are many ways to participate—email Yacov Fruchter at [yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org) to get involved.

**Little Minyan—Lunch 'n' Learn** *following Services, Shabbat, February 11*. Join the Little Minyan for our Lunch 'n' Learn session during which we will tackle relevant Jewish topics by delving into important Jewish texts. A complimentary dairy lunch will be served.

**Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Service** 10:30 AM, *Shabbat, January 14, February 4 and March 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 pages 28 and 29.

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



### Torah Talk with Rav Baruch, Rav Adam, Yacov Fruchter and Daniel Silverman

9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat

A new look at the traditional and modern interpretations of the weekly Torah reading with members of the Beth Tzedec clergy.

### Torah Next Dor with Rabbi Adam Cutler, Yacov Fruchter and Friends

11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON on January 14, February 18 and March 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.

### Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz

10:00 to 11:15 AM on January 7, February 4 and March 4

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

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## Book and Film Club 2016-2017

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Lunch 1:00 PM; Reviews 1:30 PM

### My Grandfather's Gallery: A Family Memoir of Art and War

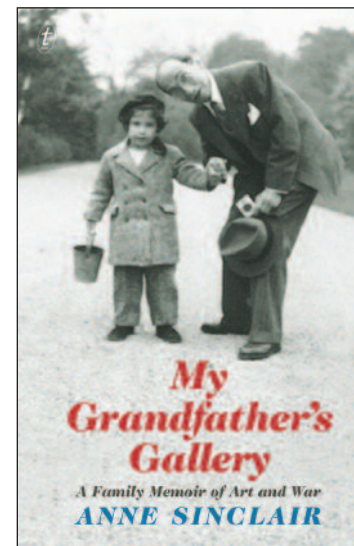
Tina Urman explores Anne Sinclair's remarkable memoir.

Tina Urman incorporates a media presentation to highlight this tale of Sinclair's grandfather's life, his friendships with Picasso and Matisse, anti-Semitism and the looting of Jewish art during the WWII.

Cost \$25 (Includes lunch). RSVPs required.

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## Alternative March Break Jewish Service Network Trip to

# NORTH BAY

March 16-19

### For Grades 9 to 12 & all JTEM Students

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 the local Jewish community
- Connect with local Aboriginal leaders
- Cost: \$400/person (\$375/person for siblings)

To register or learn more, contact Daniel Silverman at  
416-781-3514 ext. 231 or [jtemidtown@gmail.com](mailto:jtemidtown@gmail.com)



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# High Holy Days Revisited

This year, Beth Tzedec welcomed new and returning members to the High Holy Day services under the musical leadership of Cantor Moshe Fishel and Meir Briskman, our M&M duo.

**BETH TZEDEC WAS A HIVE OF ACTIVITY** this past High Holy Days with more than eight service options for every interest and age. The hallways were teaming with people moving to one or another of the options, with the main attraction being the magnificent Cantor, Choir Master and Choir in our Sanctuary Service.

The Search Committee interviewed and hired Cantor Moshe Fishel, who

led services that were musically and spiritually uplifting and participatory. Together with the exciting *Lishmoa El Harina Ensemble*, led by Maestro Meir Briskman, our Congregation was treated to prayers chanted using a combination of traditional and contemporary arrangements. Meir even presented our *kehillah* with two pieces that he had arranged especially for these High Holy Days.

Beth Tzedec has demonstrated once again not only that it remains committed to its musical tradition but that we continue to be a community destination to experience Judaism, connect with friends and family, and engage in stimulating prayer and discussion.

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

—Sheldon Rotman, President



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

with **Yacov Fruchter**

Thursdays, January 5 & 26, February 9 & 23  
and March 9 & 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Take a break from your busy day for some Jewish learning. Yacov will bring the lunch and some Torah to dig into.

**Location:** 920 Yonge St., Suite 604.





### Rosh Hodesh Painting Program

As part of the *Shtick Together* family series, mothers and daughters joined professional artist Tanya Zbili to create amazing paintings symbolizing the connection between women and Rosh Hodesh.



### USY Leadership Institute

ECRUSY's Leadership Training Institute (LTI) was held at Beth David in November. Members of Beth Tzedec's teen groups participated, learning about great leadership opportunities and enjoying a fun-filled Havdalah experience.



### ECRUSY Pool Party

ECRUSY kicked off the new year at a weekend pool party with schmoozing, noshing, swimming and games.



### USY Convention

Members of Beth Tzedec's USY chapter participated in ECRUSY's regional convention held in Ottawa in November, with learning, festivities and friendships celebrated.



### Kadima at Ezone

For the opening program, Beth Tzedec's *Kadimaniks* in grades 6 to 8 ventured to E-Zone for an evening party with bowling, bumper cars and buddies, setting the tone for an amazing year of fun ahead.



# An Inclusive Community

With 'family' and 'unity' as key Beth Tzedec values, our Congregation was determined to provide the community with access to meaningful, inclusive service options.

**THE HIGH HOLY DAYS ARE A TIME OF RENEWAL, REFLECTION** and intention. It is a time for families and friends to come together. A time when our Synagogue is full of life, full of many opportunities for prayer and reflection as we start the new year. For individuals with special needs, and their families, the High Holy Days can be challenging. Few opportunities are available that provide inclusive service and prayer options. With 'family' and 'unity' as key Beth Tzedec values, our Congregation was determined to provide the community with access to meaningful, inclusive service options as we began the new year.

This year, 2016 / 5777, marked an important milestone for Beth Tzedec Congregation. In January 2015, Beth Tzedec applied for and was accepted into the first cohort of the USCJ Ruderman Inclusion Action Community, with the goal of making our communities more inclusive and accessible for individuals with disabilities. Over the course of the past 18 months, the shul has gone to great lengths to ensure further auditory, visual, physical and emotional accessibility within our Synagogue.

Accessibility was a major consideration in our renovation plans: Braille versions of prayer books are available and staff are being trained to ensure inclusivity within our Congregation. The High Holy Days provided us with a meaningful platform to ensure that all of our congregants could access a meaningful service with their families. Under the leadership of Lindsey Malc and myself (both trained educators), the *Kehillah Inclusion Service* offered a hands-on holiday service for individuals with special needs and their families. The *Kehillah Inclusion Service* was held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and focused on key prayers and rituals with the goal of uniting families through a shared Jewish experience.

Four individuals with special needs and their families joined our service, with a total of 20 people participating. As trained educators, the *Kehillah Inclusion Service* was incredibly meaningful to Lindsey and myself. We are very familiar with adapting programs to meet the needs of a wide variety of individuals. Lindsey and I first met when we worked at Zareinu Educational Centre, where Lindsey still works as Senior Behaviour Therapist.

For the *Kehillah Inclusion Service*, we created an adapted *mahzor*. We brought in materials that touched all senses (plush toys, holiday food, a craft project). In addition to the service, we focused on adding Jewish value to the experience. For example, *hesed* was a key component. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, we talked about giving thanks to those who are important to us. We made granola and packaged it as a thank you gift to our Rosh Hashanah meal hosts. On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, the shofar was brought to the service. Our guest shofar blower carefully played through each set of sounds, allowing for our guests to follow along on their toy *shofarim*. We witnessed families unite through Jewish ritual and individuals connect with the holiday practices in a new way.

While the inaugural *Kehillah Inclusion Service* was small, it provided value and impact far beyond our expectations. In the psalm *Hinei Ma'tov*, we learn, "Behold how good and pleasant it is when all people live together as one." Beth Tzedec's *Kehillah Inclusion Service* provided just that—an opportunity for our whole community to be together as one.

Regardless of ability, experience or knowledge, this service focused on access. We ensured that the language, prayers and value were accessible, and the results were outstanding. We witnessed a sister and her sibling with special needs join together in song. A father and his young son with special needs studied the story of Jonah and the whale. We witnessed a ten-year-old member have her first shul volunteer experiences guiding our guests through the shofar blowing. All members were welcome, and all members felt welcome.

The *Kehillah Inclusion Service* marks the first of a series of inclusive programs at Beth Tzedec. Plans for Tu B'Shevat, Passover and Purim are under way. As our Synagogue continues to ensure that our infrastructure is inclusive, we remain committed to also ensuring that our programming and experiences are open and accessible to all of our community members.

—Raquel Binder,  
Chair of the Inclusion Committee

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**Beth Tzedec Celebrates Shabbat Itanu**  
Shabbat, May 6 beginning at 8:45 AM

Join us for a special Shabbat recognizing the inclusion efforts of the past year.

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# JEWISH COUPLEHOOD

with Yacov Fruchter

**Mondays—February 6, 13 & 27 and March 6**  
**8:00 to 9:30 PM**

This five week course for couples (dating, engaged or married) will create an inclusive framework to learn about, grapple with and begin to answer the most crucial Jewish questions that a couple needs to address while building a meaningful life together. Same sex and interfaith couples welcome. Traditional as well as modern approaches to core practices will be explored and couples should expect to be left with choices rather than one direct path towards building a meaningful home. No previous experience in Jewish learning is required, but past experiences will be built upon and a desire to learn with an open mind is a must. Cost per couple: \$36 for members / \$54 for non-members

## The Story of the Jews



**Sundays, January 22 & 29, February 12 & 26 and March 5**  
**from 10:00 to 11:30 AM**

Join us for this five-episode PBS video series in which award-winning author Simon Schama looks at 3,000 years of Jewish history and examines the impact Jews have had on the world, including the drama of suffering, resilience and rebirth that has gone with it. No charge.

*Sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club*

# A Shabbat of Remembrance

We recognized the contributions of Beth Tzedec members who served, and remembered the sacrifices of all members of our armed forces.

**SHABBAT MORNING, NOVEMBER 12,** Cantor Sidney Ezer led a special Remembrance Day service modelled after the National Remembrance Day service annually held in Ottawa.

Matching the words and meaning of the various *Musaf* prayers with melodies from two World Wars and various hymns and poetry, we recognized the contributions of Beth Tzedec members who served, and remembered the sacrifices of all members of our armed forces.

From the optimism of *We'll Meet Again* and *It's a Long Way to Tipperary* to the solemnity of the *Last*

*Post and Reveille*, the Remembrance Day Shabbat Service was a moving and fitting way to honour and remember, particularly as Cantor Ezer led the Congregation in creating the sounds of bagpipes to accompany him leading a mournful and moving *Kaddish Shalem* prayer.

The numerous touching responses from our membership to this meaningful service have inspired us, which is why planning has already begun for next year's Remembrance Day Shabbat Service, to be held on Saturday, November 11. We will update you as we approach the date,

and hope you will join us in honouring and remembering.

Long before then, please save Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11 for our annual Shabbat Shirah programs, a weekend tribute to the iconic Leonard Cohen. (See page 2 for more details.)

To share your comments or concerns of our Ritual services, programs and initiatives, please email us at [ritual@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:ritual@beth-tzedec.org).

—Gary Elman and Lawrence Wallach  
Ritual Committee Co-Chairs

## the Real Housewives OF THE BIBLE | with Lawrence Wallach Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



In a religion that has always recognized the importance of our Patriarchs, we focus on the women of the Bible and their transformational impact, particularly noteworthy given their lives in a culture dominated by men and tribal conflicts.

**March 15** — The Story of Rebecca

**March 22** — Sarah and Hagar

**March 29** — Delilah and Bat Sheva

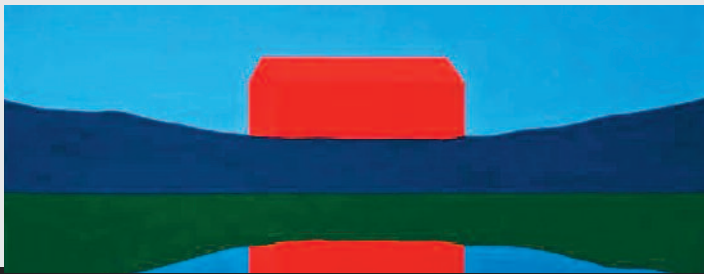
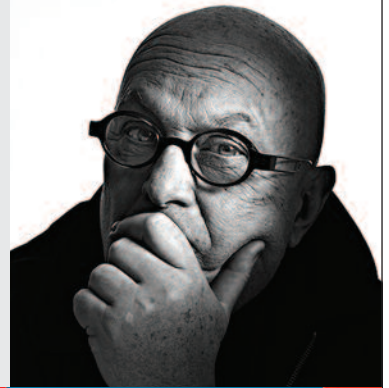
Examine the interpersonal relationships and the impactful choices that these women had to make: husband or child; king and country or lover; adultery or fidelity. How did they deal with love, loss, childlessness, second chances and fulfilling divine direction.

Cost: \$20 for Beth Tzedec members; \$45 non-members

**For information or to register, contact the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).**

# Charles Pachter & Me

with **Leonard Wise**



**Tuesday, March 28 at 1:30 PM**

Renowned author Leonard Wise shares the 'whys' and 'hows' he wrote his latest book, *Charlie Chronicles: The Life and Art of Charles Pachter*, the highly anticipated biography of this iconic Canadian artist. No charge.

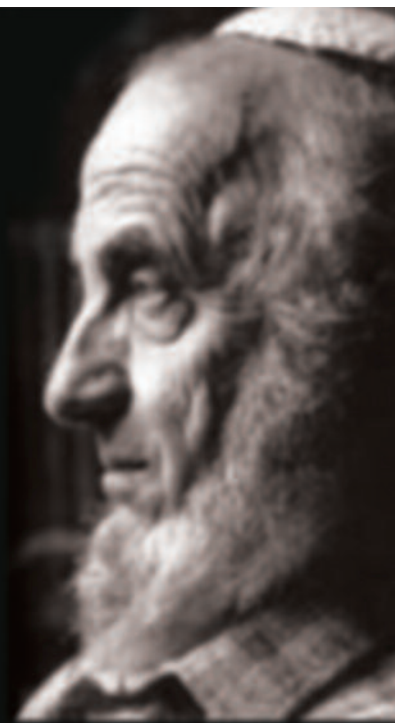
**PROFESSOR MICHAEL MORGAN**

## WARTIME!

**Emil Fackenheim's Radio Addresses  
1943-1948**

**Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 PM**

Emil Fackenheim was one of the most significant Jewish theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He taught philosophy at the University of Toronto, and before his academic career, served as Rabbi of Hamilton's Temple Anshe Sholom. Fackenheim also spoke regularly on the radio. Professor Michael Morgan discusses the comments and ideas Fackenheim shared with his radio audience.



No charge. For information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org)

*Sponsored by The Senator Jerahmiel S. & Carole S. Grafstein Lecture*



# Through a Visitor's Eyes

**Yizhar Hess, executive director of The Masorti Movement in Israel, visited Beth Tzedec as a guest lecturer on November 18 and 19. He shared his impressions of Shabbat at Beth Tzedec.**

## THE FIRST THING THAT CAUGHT MY EYE UPON ENTERING

Beth Tzedec Congregation was a poster on a bulletin board showing a large group of men and women standing on a staircase. Two of them were holding the sign saying “YES”. The caption, a call for organ donation, explained that this noble deed is actually a commandment, and the people pictured were the rabbis of the Toronto Board of Rabbis—Conservative, Reform and Orthodox, men and women—who understand the importance of this mitzvah. As a kidney transplant recipient myself (forced to migrate to Latvia to have the transplant performed), I couldn't help but be excited by this message.

Beth Tzedec is one of three of the biggest congregations in the Conservative movement. There are several worship spaces, and the largest of them isn't just large, it's HUGE. There are at least three prayer services offered every Shabbat: the Sanctuary Service, led by a rabbi and cantor; a Little Minyan Service, led by the participants taking roles leading prayer, reading Torah and serving as gabbai; and even an Orthodox service that found a welcoming home in this Conservative shul. Interesting!

What is the most difficult task in leading a community that is so big, I asked Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, the senior rabbi. He smiled. In fluent Hebrew, he explained that you couldn't succeed in this role if you don't enjoy working with all the many different groups within this large Congregation. It's like a big factory or a large hospital. There are almost no days without a birth, funeral or event requiring rabbinic involvement. But if a large congregation cannot provide the feeling of a small community, then it is not focussing enough on being a ‘community’.

I saw how he accomplished this. During prayers, Rav Baruch was not on the *bimah*. He moved between the rows, touching people on the shoulder, shaking hands, hugging. There was no one that he didn't welcome.

In my visit, I learned that all of Israel's Prime Ministers have visited Beth Tzedec, with the exception of Ehud Barak. One of the Congregation's members is world-renowned photographer Al Gilbert who has photographed all the visiting Prime Ministers—all of them, from Ben

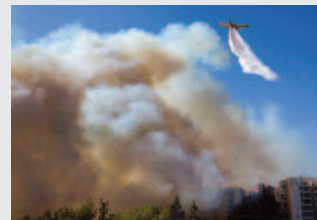
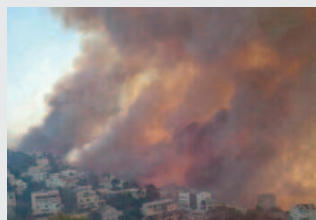
Gurion to Bibi. The portraits, obviously treasured, are each signed by Gilbert and hung in a main hallway for all to appreciate.

The most impressive picture, though, is not a portrait. It is a photograph of David Ben Gurion addressing the full Congregation. Gilbert snuck up behind him—click, click—capturing a great moment in time. A little man with a white mane centered around a black kippah, wrinkled, standing in front of 4,000 people talking Zionism.

On that visit, Ben Gurion insisted on speaking to youth, Rav Baruch informed me, about the battle for the heritage of the Jewish community and Zionism. He summoned them, long story short, in the typical Ben Gurion manner, to go on aliyah. “Already tomorrow.” “Your place is there. Not here.” And Ben Gurion's message was received with love.

Indeed, Beth Tzedec is truly Zionist without apology. The floor of the main lobby displays an exact replica of the mosaic floor of the synagogue in Bet Alpha. Spectacular! Two years were dedicated to accurately installing this cosmic clockwork. Why? Because they are dedicated to educating that Israel should be in one's heart and in front of their eyes. Always.

—Yizhar Hess



The recent fires in northern Israel have resulted in thousands of acres being burned and devastating property destruction. Support the Masorti movement with a donation to help rebuild the three congregations damaged in the December fires. Visit <http://masorti.org/project-phoenix/> for details or to donate.



The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood wishes everyone a very happy Purim!

 BETH TZEDEC  
בית צדק SISTERHOOD

**FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 TO 5  
AND TEENS IN GRADES 9 TO 12**

# **STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

The Beth Tzedec Student Mentorship Program partners Elementary School children with High School teens in a positive Jewish environment. Teens will be 'mentors' to younger children, helping them with homework in a variety of subjects and planning activities, crafts and sports activities for all to enjoy. Cost: \$60 per term (includes dinner).

**MONDAYS  
FROM 5:15 TO 6:30 PM**

**TERM TWO:**

**January 16, 23 & 30 and  
February 6, 13 & 27**



For information or to reserve, contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org).

*Children ages 1 to 3 with a Grandparent, Parent or Caregiver*



**Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM**

Come play, sing and create arts & crafts around a different theme each week. Led by Natalie Bookman, an OISE-educated teacher with a love for children and a focus on early-years child development.

Winter sessions begin week of January 10. For fees or to register,  
call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

## Out of the Cold 2017

Registration is now open for the 18<sup>th</sup> season of Out of the Cold. This jointly run program operates Tuesday nights from January 3 to March 21 out of Beth Sholom's premises. To register as a volunteer, visit [www.beth-tzedec.org/page/getting-involved](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/page/getting-involved).

Out of the Cold serves dinner for approximately 200 guests each week and provides sleeping accommodations and breakfast for 55 people. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team. Shifts are approximately two hours, and volunteers can sign up for the dinner set-up, dinner service, distribution of warm clothing/art program, overnight shifts and breakfast preparation on Wednesday morning.

This program is an excellent Bar/Bat Mitzvah project, and community service hours are provided to high school students. It is also a wonderful opportunity to participate in *tzedakah*.

Out of the Cold is completely self-funded, relying on the community at large and corporate contributions. We are always in need of new or gently used **adult** clothing, especially down coats and ski jackets, winter boots, running shoes, sweat-pants and sweatshirts, t-shirts and jeans. Hotel-size toiletries are also welcome. Items should be bagged, labelled and dropped off at Beth Sholom weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Our most pressing current need is for underwear, large tins of coffee, paper products (plates, bowls, cups, plastic cutlery) and industrial-sized garbage bags. All such large donations will be eligible for a tax receipt for the value of the goods.

Every Tuesday evening after dinner is served, our artists who form the Art Circle work on their paintings under the guidance of our accomplished instructors. Their creative pieces will be showcased at our annual art exhibit and sale *Basking in their Light: Breaking Stereotypes about the Homeless*. It will be held on Sunday, April 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Beth Sholom.

For many, this event is the highlight of their year. It is the moment when they move from being marginalized individuals to valuable members of society who are sought out and praised for their creations. One of our artist's paintings was purchased by John Tory and hung in his campaign office, while another individual was discovered at the Art Show and now displays his pieces at an art Gallery in downtown Toronto. Save the art show date on your calendar and stay tuned for details.

## "Springtime in Paris" Mother's Day Chai Tea

The ninth annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show, *Springtime in Paris*, will be held on Sunday, May 14 and promises to be a wonderful afternoon. The Chai Tea Committee, chaired by Patti Rotman, is already hard at work planning the event. Over the past eight years, Out of the Cold has been the recipient of the proceeds raised from this event, totalling close to \$60,000. Without such generosity, we would not have achieved the success we see at OOTC.

## Thursday Games Afternoons

Games Afternoon, held every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM continues to grow. On any given week, 60 participants enjoy Mahjong, Bridge and Canasta. Feel free to join us to play any of these games, whatever your level of expertise. Bring your friends—non-members are always welcome.

Mahjong lessons are being offered throughout the winter months. Canasta lessons will be offered again in the spring, beginning in April. To register for lessons for either program, please contact the Synagogue office.

For information on *Hesed* programs and opportunities, you can contact me through the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

—Maureen Tanz  
Co-Chair, *Hesed* Committee



Though the High Holy Days are behind us, we still want to say 'thanks' to Patti Rotman, Naomi Pascoe-Dales and Ilene Flatt who baked all the delicious cookies served in our Rosh Hashanah Connect, Refresh and Teen Lounges. The tasty treats were very much appreciated.



# BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB SUPERBOWL SUNDAY WORLD WIDE WRAP

with Michael Levitt, MP for York Centre  
**Sunday, February 5**

**"Wrap" at 8:30 AM; Service at 8:45 AM  
Breakfast presentation at 9:30 AM**

Join with congregations around the world in the mitzvah of putting on *tefillin*. Men's Club members and the clergy will be available prior to services to instruct and assist those wishing to participate. At the minyan breakfast following services, Michael Levitt will speak about "Nice Jobs for Jewish Boys". No charge, but RSVPs requested.

*Breakfast sponsored by Beth Tzedec's Men's Club*

Michael Levitt is the Member of Parliament for the riding of York Centre in Toronto. He is a human rights advocate, serving as the Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights, and as part of the Raoul Wallenberg Parliamentary Caucus on Human Rights. He also sits on the House Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. Michael is a founding member of CJPAC. Previously, he was a partner and Vice President of Business Development for the Benjamin Group.



Dance Your  
Heart Out for 

**Save a Child's Heart Foundation**

**Saturday, February 25  
from 7:00 to 11:00 PM**

*Dance, dance, dance ... It's a mitzvah!*

This late night dance-a-thon fundraiser will be an incredible night filled with dancing, live entertainment and late-night snacks. No charge, but each participant should raise a minimum of \$50 in sponsorships for the dance-a-thon. Pre-registration required by Monday, February 20.

**J-SERVE**  
JEWISH TEENS SERVING THE WORLD

**J-Serve for USY  
(Grades 9 to 12)**

**Sunday, April 2  
11:00 am to 5:00 PM**

Choose from more than ten community service projects and join over 500 teens in the Global Day of Jewish Youth Service. For information, email [ecrusy@uscj.org](mailto:ecrusy@uscj.org).

*Presented by*



# Men's Club Makes a Difference

## World Wide Wrap—Super Bowl Sunday, February 5 at 8:45 AM

The World Wide Wrap is a program of Conservative Men's Clubs throughout North America and the world to observe the mitzvah of putting on *tefillin*.

Join the Beth Tzedec Men's Club at *Shaharit* at 8:45 AM on Sunday, February 5 (Super Bowl Sunday). If you require a refresher on donning *tefillin* or have some questions, members of the clergy and the Men's Club will be available from 8:30 to 8:45 AM to assist.

Following the service, enjoy an enhanced breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club and a presentation from a guest speaker. We welcome our regular 'Minyanaires', those observing *yahrtzeit*, bar and bat mitzvah students and their parents, post-bar/bat mitzvah teens, Beth Tzedec members and others who wish to participate in the mitzvah of putting on *tefillin*.

## 2017 Scholarship Awards

The application deadline for the scholarship program is April 13. Men's Club awards provide financial assistance to candidates pursuing degrees in higher Jewish education or cantorial studies, teaching students with disabilities and studying the arts. For information or an application, email Hersh Rosenthal at [hershr@rogers.com](mailto:hershr@rogers.com).

## Sunnybrook Shabbat

On October 29, the Men's Club held their first Sunnybrook Shabbat Service. Included in the large turnout were a number of Jewish war veterans, their families and a large contingent of Men's Club members. We were also pleased to have Jessie Greenspan, Director of Teen Engagement, and several of her teens in attendance. They indicated they would like to be involved in future Sunnybrook Shabbat services. We are delighted to welcome them into our group.

On December 25, the Men's Club provided the latkes and condiments for the annual Sunnybrook Hospital Hanukkah party for the Jewish war veterans, the permanent residents and their families.

Mark your calendars. The next Sunnybrook Shabbat Service will be May 13 in the Sunnybrook Chapel from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON, with a kiddush following. Underground parking is free for those attending the service. For information, phone Jerry Grammer at 416-985-8708 or email him at [jaygeel937@gmail.com](mailto:jaygeel937@gmail.com).

## Membership Cards

Membership cards have now been sent to those who renewed or became a Men's Club member. If you did not receive a personalized membership card with a three-year calendar, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.



**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Club Golf Classic**

Thursday, May 18  
Lebovic Golf Club  
14020 Leslie St., Aurora

**Details coming soon!**

**Sponsorship Opportunities Available** Contact Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or [rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org).  
With your support, the Beth Tzedec Men's Club provides seed and sustaining money for more than 22 programs and projects every year.



## Jews Who Changed How We Look at Everything *Babies, Rocks & Stars? Yes, Everything!*

Produced by Larry Rachlin

**Sunday, March 19 at 10:00 AM**

This fast-paced documentary offers a credible reason why Jews disproportionately outperform all other groups. The greatest discoveries and innovations of our time, many that impact our daily lives and challenge our core beliefs, are examined from a secular and religious perspective. No charge.



BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

## Pre-Shabbat Music Class

**with Sara Borer**

Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 AM and 11:00 to 11:45 AM



**For children up to age 3 with a parent,  
grandparent or caregiver**



# Tributes



Make a donation, send a tribute card and include your listing here to honour your friends and loved ones. For more information about tribute opportunities, contact Avital at 416-781-3511.

## Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Beverley Black, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aaron Black**.

Howard Black and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aaron Black**.

Ab Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Moses Flatt**.

Bernie and Elise Gropper, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory of **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Susan and Paul Lindzon and family, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Ruthann Lubin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ernest Cutler**.

## Daily Minyan Breakfast

Isadore Abrams and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Abrams**.

Norm Abrams, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Karol Abramowicz**.

Tona and Bernie Abrams, commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit of **Claude Abrams**.

The family of the late Ronald Alton, marking the conclusion of *shloshim*.

Rhoda Basian and family and Al Basian and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Dr. Herbert Basian**.

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

Annette Bot and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William Bot**.

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

Eleonora Brikker, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Iosif Vaynshteyen**.

Janet and Tammy Brooks, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Shirley Brooks**.

Lois Buckstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Buckstein**.

Monty and Roslyn Caplan, honouring the marriage of **Daniel Caplan and Debbie Shen**.

David and Lyle Cappe, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Cappe**.

David and Lyle Cappe, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Freedman**.

David and Lyle Cappe, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sarah Freedman**.

Larry Chad, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Evelyn Chad**.

Larry Chad and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Lori Tanzer**.

Dr. Leo and Bayla Chaikof, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Chaikof**.

Libel Louis Chelin and Rose Sobel and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Benjamin Chelin and George Sobel**.

The Cherniak and Cooper Families, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Bernie Cooper**.

Robert Cohen and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Sheila Cohen**.

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

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

Hon. Justice Kathryn Feldman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gilbert Newman**.

Kathryn, Brian and Bobby Feldman and Reta Newman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Charley Feldman**.

Jeffrey Gertner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Gertner**.

Helen Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Melville Potash**.

Helen Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lillian White**.

The Goldstein Family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Herbert Goldstein**.

Dr. Steven Gottesman and Liddy Beck, honouring the engagement of their daughter **Elizabeth to Jeff**.

Hon. Jerry and Carole Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Grafstein**.

Hon. Jerry and Carole Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Israel Bleeman**.

Hon. Jerry and Carole Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Molly Sniderman**.

Arlene Grajcer, Harvey Worth and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Brandon Grajcer**.

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

Brian Heller and Dr. Beverly Kupfert, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Leon Heller**.

Donna Kotzer Jacobs and Jeffrey Jacobs, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Kotzer**.

The Levine/Weisdorf Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Toby Levenson**.

The Levine/Weisdorf Family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Stan Levenson**.

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

Robert Linder and Anna Gangbar, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Saul Linder**.

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

Lawrie and Ruthann Lubin and Carole and Bernard Starkman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Lubin**.

Marcie and Gary Mansfield, honouring the marriage of **Julia Mansfield and Joshua Kaminsky**.

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

Elizabeth Margles, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Merle Eve Margles**.

Helen Marr and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerald Marr**.

Leanne Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Singer**.

Sam Merson and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lorraine Merson**.

Peter and Rochelle Miller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Yale Pilz**.

The Nemoy and Leibel Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Nemoy**.

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

The Oelbaum Family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Ronald Oelbaum, Esther Wald and Lily Oelbaum**.

The Orbach Family, honouring the birth of **Yehudit Orbach**.

Sandra and Emanuel Pinkwart, honouring their marriage.

The Rittenberg Family, honouring the Bat Mitzvah of **Joey Rittenberg**.

Alan and Lori Rosenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Rosenberg**.

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

Arnold and Barbara Shell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Carole Cohen**.

Judy Sibling-Librach, Dr. Clifford Librach and Max and Lily Librach, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Herbert Elliot Sibling, CM, FCA**.

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

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

Eric Sobel, honouring his birthday.

Ruth and Dr. Melvin Steinhart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Siegel**.

Dorothy Tessis and family, honouring the birth of **Shay Jaime Benadiba**.

Cynthia and John Warren, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Samuel Borovoy** and **Renee Borovoy**.

The Weinstein Family, marking the conclusion of shiva for **Toba Brenda Weinstein**.

Sharon Yale and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernard Yale**.

#### Daily Minyan Fund

Dr. Sylvia Solomon, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cantor Joseph Horowitz**.

#### General Fund

Graham and Enid Berg, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

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

Miriam Erlichson and Victor Petruszewicz, honouring **Jennifer and Sam Gorenstein** on the birth of their second child.

Larry Finkelstein, honouring his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Bill and Louise Ford, honouring **Raquel Binder** on her contribution to the Synagogue.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein and family, acknowledging **Peter Weinstein and family** in memory of **Toba Brenda Weinstein**.

Shane Grosman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ben Grosman**.

Helene Kerr, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Rosenthal**.

Mildred Kriezman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Glazier**.

Mildred Kriezman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Esther Kriezman**.

Mildred Kriezman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Bernard Kriezman**.

Karen and Lawrence Leiter, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lora Engelbaum**.

Pauline Menkes, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack William Weintraub**.

Earl and Eleanor Miller, honouring **Ferne and Bernard Rubinstein** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Joey Rittenberg**.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Muriel Gorsky**.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Tobenstein**.

Harvey and Simma Shaul, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory of **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Rose Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bertha Chelin**.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, honouring **Drs. Coleman and Wendy Rotstein** on the birth of their grandson **Lev Nathaniel**.

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

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Shep Gangbar** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Gerald and Lynda White, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Noreen White**.

## Visit Our New Mezzanine Hall

Applause Catering is the exclusive caterer at Beth Tzedec Congregation, and the new mezzanine hall is the perfect place to host your next simcha.

We provide our clients with customized, creative and delectable menu selections, in addition to assisting with theme, décor, rentals, staffing and entertainment.

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

Wishing all our clients, family and friends a very happy Passover. Please visit our website to view our full Passover menu.

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Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Shep Gangbar** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Sara Zimmerman, acknowledging **Sharon Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper**.

#### **Hesed Fund**

Frances Ackerman, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Beverley Black, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ada Starkman**.

Perry and Shirley Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Doris Cooper**.

The Friedlich and Walman Families, honouring **Claire and Newton Markus**.

The Friedlich and Walman Families, honouring **Michael and Sharon Pupko**.

The Friedlich and Walman Families, honouring **Honey Walman**.

The Friedlich and Walman Families, honouring **Betty Young**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein and family, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Helen Glazer, honouring **Shep Gangbar** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Martin and Catherine Cummings** and family a Shanah Tovah.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Jean Tanny** a Shanah Tovah.

Diane Grafstein, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Diane Grafstein, honouring **Dr. Newton and Claire Markus** on the birth of their great-grandson.

Robert and Jonina Kwinter, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lyla**.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Ruth Steinhart** in memory of **Allan Martin Siegel**.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Marcie and Gary Mansfield, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

Ruth Milne and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Tishman**.

Brenda Orser, acknowledging **Rhonda Burstyn** in memory of **Bernard Burstyn**.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Helen Glazer**.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Evelyn Wolfe**.

Barry and Susan Phillips, honouring **Dr. William Prusin** on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

John and Molly Pollock, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Taube and Herb Samuels, honouring **Karen and Maurice Stekel** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Aaron Silver and Alexandria Fanjoy Silver** on the birth of their daughter **Lyla**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lyla**.

The Spitz Family, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Paul and Mary Spring, acknowledging **Ruth Steinhart and family** in memory of **Allan Martin Siegel**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, wishing **Anna Kremer** a Shanah Tovah.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Alexander Staiman** and **Shirley Staiman**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, acknowledging **Pearl Amsterdam** in memory of **Seymour Klebanoff**.

Dorothy Tesis and family, honouring **Larry Moncik** on his birthday.

Jane and John Trachtenberg, honouring **Gary and Marcie Mansfield** on the marriage of **Julia Mansfield** to **Joshua Kaminsky**.

Allan, Kathy and Daniel Troster, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Betty Troster**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Denise Chriqui** on her birthday.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Leon and Naomi Wagschal** on their anniversary.

Eileen and Philip Wunch, acknowledging **Paul and Mary Spring** in memory of **David Harrold Spring**.

#### **Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund**

Jerry and Lillian Grammer, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging the **Brewer and Friedman Families** in memory of **Marjorie Brewer**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging the **Fischbach Family** in memory of **Margaret Sniderman**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging the **Levy Family** in memory of **Beryl Levy**.

#### **Israel Sydney & Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund**

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

#### **Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund**

David and Linda Kahn, honouring **Norman Kahn** on his birthday.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, acknowledging **Peter Weinstein** in memory of **Toba Brenda Weinstein**.

Loren and Mark Roth, honouring **Jackie and Norman Kahn** on the birth of their grandson.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **Jackie and Norman Kahn** on the engagement of their daughter **Dayna to Jordan Waltman**, and on the birth of their granddaughter.

#### **Jonathan Steiner Memorial Fund**

Moshe Chriqui, honouring **Allan Phillips** and wishing him a Shanah Tovah.

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, honouring **Eric Sobel** on his birthday.

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing **Zoltan and Sara Zimmerman** and family a Shanah Tovah.

#### **Kaplan Bar/Bat Mitzvah Financial Assistance Award**

Michael and Phyllis Kaplan, acknowledging the **Eisen Family** in memory of **Bill Surkus**.

Michael and Phyllis Kaplan, commemorating the yahrtzeit of the **Hon. Robert Kaplan**.

#### **Kosher Food Bank**

Phyllis Fien, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mindel Minda Fien**.

Ruth and Albon Garbe and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Esther Matlow**.

Hon. Jerry and Carole Grafstein, acknowledging **Bonnie Korenzvit** in memory of **Lou Beverstein**.

Marlene Laba, wishing **Margaret and Allan Weinstein** and family a Shanah Tovah.

Irving Matlow

Leanne Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Singer**.

Millie Pollock, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Faye Tobenstein**.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **Eileen and Shoel Silver** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lyla**.



### Library Books

Phyllis and Ab Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Nettie Albert**.

Ken Lebow and Rena Zayit, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory of **Sam Tanenbaum**.

### Little Minyan Fund

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, honouring **Dr. Steven Gottesman and Liddy Beck** on the engagement of **Elizabeth to Jeff**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory of **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, acknowledging **Peter Weinstein** in memory of **Toba Brenda Weinstein**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the engagement of their daughter **Dayna to Jordan Waltman**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, honouring **Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale** on the engagement of their daughter **Emily to Jonathan Zworth**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring **Mitch and Anne Max** on the birth of their grandson.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring **Karen and Rael Merson** on the engagement of their son **Justin to Leora**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lyla**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein and family, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their granddaughter.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein and family, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lyla**.

Nava Jakubovicz, wishing **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** a Shanah Tovah.

Ellen and Allan Rosenbluth, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory of **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their granddaughter.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Aaron Silver and Alexandria Fanjoy Silver** on the birth of their daughter **Lyla**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lyla**.

### Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library Fund

Rhonda and Joshua Charlat and family, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their grandchild.

Rhonda and Joshua Charlat and family, honouring **Shoel and Eileen Silver** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lyla**.

Leonard and Merle Eisen acknowledging the **Alton Family** in memory of **Ronald Douglas Alton**.

Phyllis Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Albert**.

David and Shirley Promislow, acknowledging **Ruth Steinhart** in memory of **Allan Martin Siegel**.

The Swadron Family, acknowledging **Rebecca Simpson and family** in memory of **Michael S. Monson**.

The Swadron Family and Elinor Grill, acknowledging **Sharlene Wilder and Sheldon Freeman** in memory of **Florence Wilder**.

### Men's Club Scholarships

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory of **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Peter Weinstein** in memory of **Toba Brenda Weinstein**.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, honouring **Shep Gangbar** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, acknowledging **Judi Fischbach and family** in memory of **Margaret Sniderman**.

Steven Levitan, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Judith Levitan**.

### Music Fund

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Shep Gangbar** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Saul and Bonnie Greenberg, honouring **Shep Gangbar** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

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



Our 'Treasures of Beth Tzedec' series, by local photographer Darren Levant, beautifully captures signature architectural details, noteworthy art and precious artifacts—timeless treasures of our Congregation. The set of Tribute Cards featuring general, lifestyle and holiday themes, with space to add your own personal message, are available as a set of 6, or as individual cards sent from the Synagogue office.

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Marcie and Gary Mansfield, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Terry and Nadine Walman and family, honouring **Gary and Marcie Mansfield** on the marriage of **Julia Mansfield to Joshua Kaminsky**.

Albert Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Siegel**.

Albert Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Weinstein**.

#### **Out-of-the-Cold Fund**

Beverly Applebaum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sydney Applebaum**.

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

Barbara Firestone, wishing **Anita Goodman** a *refuah sheleimah* and a Shanah Tovah.

Faye Firestone, honouring **Barry Arbus and Karen Steele**.

Faye Firestone, honouring **Paul and Gella Rothstein**.

The Friedlich and Walman Families, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Bonnie and Saul Greenberg, honouring **Ferne and Bernard Rubinstein** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Joey Rittenberg**.

Harry and Shirley Grossman, honouring **Shep Gangbar** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Noah and Rebecca Kochman, acknowledging **Sharon Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper** and the conclusion of kaddish.

Rickie and Udi Kochman, acknowledging **Sharon Cherniak** in memory of **Bernie Cooper** and the conclusion of kaddish.

Carey Krem and Shirley Krem, acknowledging the family of the late **Erica Cherney**.

Susan and Norman Mogil, acknowledging **Albon and Ruth Garbe** in memory of **Sally Elizabeth Finkelstein**.

Brenda Netkin, acknowledging **Sheldon Godfrey** in memory of **Corinne Leigh Levine**.

David and Shirley Promislow, acknowledging **Paula Clayman** in memory of **Bernard Clayman**.

David and Shirley Promislow, acknowledging **Paul and Mary Spring** in memory of **David Harrold Spring**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging **Sheldon Godfrey** in memory of **Corinne Leigh Levine**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Elaine Marcus** on her new condo.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Martin Firestone** in memory of **Mynne Firestone**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Alan Spiro** in memory of **Harriet Spiro**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, honouring **Larry Finkelstein** on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging the **Dicker Family** in memory of **Dr. Robert Dicker**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum** in memory **Sam Tanenbaum**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Peter Weinstein** in memory of **Toba Brenda Weinstein**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring **Jerry Feldstein** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring **Joseph and Linda Friedlich** on the birth of their grandson **Sam Lewis**.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Gerald and Rachel Schneiderman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter.

Jeanne Salit, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ethel Cooke**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Eliot and Carolyn Kolers** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Zachary**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring the **Lipton Family** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Claire**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Joel and Jill Reitman** on the marriage of their son **Sam to Stephanie Frangos**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring the **Walman and Friedlich Families** on the marriage of their children.

Ken, Clare and Noah Shapiro, wishing **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** a Shanah Tovah.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging the family of the late **Thelma Fine**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, wishing **Dr. David Magder** a speedy recovery.

Joseph and Elaine Steiner, acknowledging **Paul Spring** in memory of **David Harrold Spring**.

Joseph and Elaine Steiner, acknowledging **Ruth Steinhart** in memory of **Allan Martin Siegel**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, acknowledging **Paul and Mary Spring** in memory of **David Harrold Spring**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, honouring **Ralph and Judy Shiff** on the birth of their great-grandson.

Dorothy Tessis, honouring **William and Shaindy Nathanson** on the marriage of their son **Adam to Alex**.

Shoshana Weiman and Fred Rubinoff, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Shoshana Weiman and Fred Rubinoff, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Naomi Wagschal** on her birthday.

#### **Prayer Book (Mahzor) Dedications**

Howard and Halle Cohen, honouring **Guy and Beverly Alberga** on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Drukarsh Family, honouring the memory of **Florence Drukarsh**.

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

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

Geraldine Malcoff, Wayne Krangle and Howard Krangle, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eleanor Krangle**.

#### **Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications—Daily or Shabbat**

Michael Gary and the Hon. Roselyn Zisman, honouring the memories of **Hyman and Jean Gary** and **David and Helen Zisman**.

Dr. Arnold Glatzer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Glatzer**.

Courtney Karas, honouring her engagement to **Michael Sherman**.

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

Rose Lindzon and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Martin Lindzon**.

Jeremy Nemers, honouring the memory of **Henry (Red) Samuels**.

Dr. David and Shirley Promislow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Promislow**.

Shirley and Dr. David Promislow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Reva Gandler**.

David and Dr. Devorah Pullan, honouring the memory of **Marjorie Katz**.

Carl-Henry Remy, honouring **Beth Tzedec Congregation**.

Emma Rosenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Saul Rosenberg**.

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# *Jewish Meditation*



Shabbat, January 7, February 4 and March 4 from 10:00 to 11:15 AM

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

*Michelle Katz is an educator in English and Special Education. She provides workshops, retreats and group classes in Jewish Meditation, Jewish Spiritual Direction and Torah yoga.*

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## Condolences

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

<b>Arthur Sheldon Barkin</b>	<b>Corinne Leigh Levine</b>
<b>Morton (Morty) Benjamin</b>	<b>Bernard (Bernie) Liberman</b>
<b>Lou Beverstein</b>	<b>Muriel Putterman</b>
<b>David Cappe</b>	<b>Beatrice Rosenberg</b>
<b>Alice Drabin</b>	<b>Cecil L. Rotenberg, Q.C.</b>
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<b>Sally Elizabeth Finkelstein</b>	<b>Frances Sobel</b>
<b>Herbert Goldstein</b>	<b>Martin Tauber</b>
<b>Erika Hamburger</b>	<b>Benjamin Ungar</b>
<b>Marion Hershoran Cassel</b>	<b>Beulah Wagman</b>
<b>Leonard Klebanoff</b>	<b>Bernard S. Walman</b>
<b>David Kovnats</b>	<b>Saul Wexler</b>
<b>Chava Kwinta</b>	<b>Dr. Marcia Wiseman</b>

*"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:

**Lilian Blanche Fine**  
**Dr. Max Murray Martin Glassman**  
**Freda Margles**  
**Bertha Ann Savlov**  
**Abraham Schwartz**

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.



Ken, Clare and Noah Shapiro, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Shapiro**.

Jeffrey Weinzwieg, Paul Wynn and Leslie Wynn, honouring the memory of **Philip Wynn (Weinzwieg)**.

Dr. Harold Weizel, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Pinchas and Sarah Weizel**.

#### **Sheila Zeldin Memorial Fund**

Allan and Elaine Glassman, honouring **Dr. John Zeldin** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Al and Sabina Green, honouring **Dr. John Zeldin** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Wayne and Felice Kirsh, honouring **Dr. John Zeldin** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Fern Kirshenbaum, honouring **Dr. John Zeldin** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Freya, Kerri and Adam Morrison, honouring **Dr. John Zeldin** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### **Syrian Refugee Program**

Nava Jakubovicz, wishing **Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Nava Jakubovicz, wishing **Cantor Sidney Ezer** a Shanah Tovah.

Nava Jakubovicz, wishing **Lorne Hanick** a Shanah Tovah.

Irving Matlow

Mary and Les Richmond and family

Irving and Jeanne Salit, acknowledging **Lisa Berger** in memory of **Shimmy Berger**.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **Ruth and Fred Fishman** on the birth of their granddaughter.

#### **Victims of Terror Fund**

Eric Sobel, honouring **Moshe Chriqui** on his birthday.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Moshe Chriqui** on his birthday.

#### **Yom Hashoah Candle Fund**

Sharon and Norman Gottlieb, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Krystal**.

Brooke Schiff, honouring **Elliot Goldstein** on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### **Young Emissaries Program Fund**

Marnie Burke and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Solomon Burke**.

#### **Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger**

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Leonard Gangbar

Bonnie Greenberg, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Barry and Debbie Kruger and Rami and Miriam Miransky, acknowledging **Lawrence and Helen Waxman** in memory of **Larry Bendavid**.

Harold and Ruth Margles, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

# Pesah for Kids

Kids get into the Passover spirit with books, stories and chocolate ... oh my!  
Save these dates and celebrate the holiday.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2—10:30 to 11:30 AM**

## **PJ Library Story Time: Pesah Edition**

Come out to a cozy morning of stories, songs, games and other activities that revolve around the PJ Library book of the month. This month's session will focus on Passover activities and stories. *Presented in partnership with PJ Library's Plug into PJ Initiative*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9—12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM**

## **Chocolate Seder for Nitzanim and Kokhavim (SK to Grade 5)**

Get ready to eat way too much chocolate while learning a few interesting things about the Passover seder. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). RSVPs requested to Simmi Toby by **Wednesday, April 5**.



Contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org).

# Preparing for Pesah at Beth Tzedec



Take a bit of time away from kashering your home and enjoy a variety of engaging events celebrating the Passover spirit.

MONDAY, MARCH 27—7:30 PM

## One Little Goat, 30 Different Melodies

*with Cantor Sidney Ezer*

Cantor Sidney Ezer leads a musical workshop highlighting the Seder song *Had Gadya* and the many musical versions sung by Jews around the world. Tune in and tune up for your Seder.

SHABBAT, APRIL 1—SERVICES AT 8:45 AM

## On Fire

*with Rabbi Harvey Meirovich*

Scholar-in-residence Rabbi Harvey Meirovich speaks from the pulpit and joins us for a special community Kiddush.

MONDAY, APRIL 3—7:30 PM

## What Happened and What Does it Mean

*with Rabbi Harvey Meirovich*

Rabbi Meirovich explores the history and theology of Pesah.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7—6:30 PM

## A Pre-Pesah Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Join us for an uplifting Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious *hametz* dinner and time for catching up. Cost for dinner: \$36 adults, \$18 youth (ages 5-14), \$6 children (ages 1-4). RSVPs required by Monday, April 3.

DATE: TBD

## Roads to Freedom

The personal paths of a Holocaust survivor and refugees from Syria and Eritrea make the ancient saga of Pesah contemporary. Watch for details.