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**SHANUAH**  
ENJOY OUR HOLIDAY SEASON!  
**TOVAH**

<b>High Holy Day Music @ BT</b> September 18 & 26 See p. 14	<b>Simhat Torah Luncheon</b> October 13 See p. 32-33	<b>Remembrance Day Shabbat Service &amp; Interfaith Concert</b> November 11-12 See p. 28
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# Selihot:



## Weekend of Prayer, Study and Inner Reflection

**VISIONS OF TRANSFORMATION**  
*with* **Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison**

**Friday, September 15 at 6:30 PM**

### **Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Dinner and Presentation**

Join us for our first "Kabbalat Shabbat Service at the Floor", with a focus on high-energy and participatory singing held on the Beth Alpha floor, followed by a delicious catered dinner and Rabbi Addison's first presentation on "God's Birthday Dreams: *Hayom Harat Olam*".

Cost for dinner: \$36 adults; \$21 young adults (ages 15-35); \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4). RSVP deadline for dinner: Monday, September 11.

**Shabbat, September 16  
beginning at 8:45 AM**

Rabbi Addison joins us for an uplifting Shaharit service and a presentation on "Standing Anew with God: *Atem Nitzovim Hayom*", with an enhanced community Kiddush following.

**Saturday, September 16**

**Lecture 9:15 PM / Service 10:45 PM**



Rabbi Addison concludes his Selihot visit with an evening presentation on "Composing a New Song: *V'nomar L'fanav*". Then, we welcome the return of Maestro Meir Briskman and the Lishmoa El Harina Ensemble who join Cantor Sidney Ezer and Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler for a meaningful, musical and mystical service concluding with a delicious midnight dessert reception. No charge.

**For information or to reserve for the dinner, visit [www.beth-tzedec.org/login](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login) or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.**

***Sponsored by the John and Molly Pollock Lectures***

## ***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).



# Words and Deeds

In our century, we are experiencing the “future shock” foreseen by Alvin Toffler, when individuals and groups perceive “too much change in too short a period of time”.



**ON A MID-AUGUST SHABBAT MORNING, ALAN ZIMMERMAN** stood outside his synagogue in Charlottesville, Virginia with an armed guard. Forty worshippers were inside. “Three men dressed in fatigues and armed with semi-automatic rifles stood across the street. Parades of Nazis passed our building, shouting, ‘There’s the synagogue!’ followed by chants of ‘Seig Heil’ and other anti-Semitic language. Some carried flags with swastikas and other Nazi symbols. Nazi websites had posted a call to burn our synagogue, [so we took] the precautionary step of removing our Torahs, including a Holocaust scroll, from the premises. ... This is 2017 in the United States of America.”

The “Unite the Right” rally brought together young men radicalized through the internet with groups such as Vanguard America (“An endless tide of incompatible foreigners floods this nation”), the Ku Klux Klan, Identity Europa (immigrants should “re-migrate” out of the United States), the League of the South (“Southern white culture is distinct from, and in opposition to, the corrupt mainstream American culture”); and the National Socialist Movement (deport Jews and “non-whites”). They carried Nazi and Confederate flags, gave Nazi salutes, shouted “blood and soil”, “Jews will not replace us!” and “N\*\*\*\*\*r” at passers-by.

The controversy seemed to be about the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. The statue was erected in the 1920s, during a period when America was excluding immigrants, lynching blacks and when income disparity was increasing. The contemporary controversy over the statue triggered overt expressions of anti-Semitism because the organizers of the rally share four intersectional beliefs. They believe the “white race” is in danger; the United States was built by and for white people; minorities are taking over the country; and America should be “free from the influence of international corporations, led by a rootless group of international Jews, which place profit beyond the interests of our people, or any people”.

Growing up in Chicago, I was aware that members of my family had been killed during the Holocaust, and occasionally I experienced anti-Semitic bullying. As an adult, I protested against Soviet anti-Semitism, but generally felt that such expressions of hatred were either in the past or “over there”. But more recent attacks on synagogues and community centres in North America, killings in schools and markets in France, have profoundly shaken me.

Witnessing the public display of Jew hatred by nationalist white supremacists, as well as the transformation of left-wing anti-colonialism into anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, have left me—and many other Jews—anxious and angry. More than 70 years after the Holocaust, it is as if a large rock in the garden was moved and all the creepy-crawlies have emerged from beneath the stone. Jews are still the religious group most targeted in both Canada and the United States.

Haters have always been part of the American political landscape. But over the past century, a gradual effort succeeded in isolating them from civic life. William Buckley Jr., who conceptualized the ideological framework for conservative ideology in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, rejected his father’s anti-Semitism and the extremism of the John Birch Society. He exiled Jew haters from the movement he sought to develop. He understood that when white nativists and anti-Semites have a place in the sun, they become dangerous.

Marshall Berman chose a phrase from Marx and Engels for the title of his book about the changes wrought by modern technology and commerce: “All that is solid melts into air”. The dislocations initially described in the 19<sup>th</sup> century led to totalitarian regimes in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Holocaust and Gulag, and two world wars.

In our century, we are experiencing the “future shock” foreseen by Alvin Toffler, when individuals and groups perceive “too much change in too short a period of time”. Cultural and identity boundaries once imagined as fixed are now more fluid. Historical discourse and interpretations once accepted as given are in flux. Changing demographics and technological disruption have left many people with what David Brooks describes as “a bewildering freedom, without institutions to trust, unattached to compelling religions and sources of meaning, uncertain about their own lives, with an unnamable dread about the future”. Rather than the Age of Aquarius, we have entered the Age of Anxiety.

During the recent American election campaign, Donald J. Trump fed the fear of an anxious nation. His election gave haters a place in the sun with permission to enter the public square. This summer, he minimized the actions of those who set the table for conflict by establishing a false equivalency between white supremacists and those who came to protest their hate. Even if some disruption also

came from counter-protesters such as Antifa, they did not initiate the rally. They did not shout or display Nazi salutes. They did not march under Nazi and Confederate flags.

What can we do? How should we face the violent words and deeds? Two rabbis who survived the Holocaust offer suggestions on ways forward.

**First, stand with dignity and self-respect.** For almost 25 years at Beth Tzedec, we have read an adaptation of a prayer composed by the late Rabbi Leo Baeck to introduce our Kol Nidrei service. He wrote these words in 1935, to be read aloud in German synagogues on the sacred night of Yom Kippur. The Nazi regime prohibited its distribution and arrested Rabbi Baeck, yet his words still resonate:

We express our abhorrence of the slander of our faith and its expressions. We believe in our faith and our future. Who brought the world respect for the Human made in the image of God? Who brought the world the commandment of justice, of social thought? It sprang from our prophets, and continues to grow in our Judaism. Our history is the history of spiritual greatness, spiritual dignity. We turn to it when attack and insult are directed against us, when need and suffering press in upon us.

Blacks and Jews, First Nations and Muslim immigrants have rich spiritual histories and should bring their legacies to Canadian life with pride.

**Second, demonstrate moral principle.** In 1963, responding to an invitation from President Kennedy to discuss religion and race, my teacher Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel sent a telegram to him:

Please demand of religious leaders personal involvement, not just solemn declaration. We forfeit the right to worship God as long as we continue to humiliate Negroes. ... The hour calls for moral grandeur and spiritual audacity.

Leaders must model righteous action.

Local and national leaders can be a counter-choir to the solo of President Trump. It was heartening to hear presidents George H.W. and George W. Bush unequivocally state, "America must always reject racial bigotry, anti-Semitism, and hatred in all forms". Senators and representatives, governors and mayors, business leaders and creative figures expressed sentiments similar to those written in 1790 by George Washington, that the Government of the United States "gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance". In the face of those who would exclude from Canadian life, it was reassuring to hear premiers and parliamentarians articulate the importance of inclusion.

**Third, when leaders do speak up for an inclusive Canada or America, let them know of your support.** Stand with them. As the late Fred Rogers once said, "Be among the healers" not the haters. Encourage the best of us.

I learned to respond to anti-Semitism and racism with strong and dignified speech. I learned to respond to racism with personal engagement and forceful action. I learned to respond to hatred with faith, not fear, to gradually forge a more respectful and inclusive society. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we must continue to teach our children "when they sit in their homes and go on their ways, when they lie down and when they rise up" to love God and to respect those created in the divine image. Then our words and deeds will prevail.

At this time of anxiety, on the cusp of the New Year, Josette and I hope that 5778 will bring you the blessings of good health, much love and the moral commitment to walk toward peace.



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#### CORRECTION NOTICE:

In Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's article "What Do I Do? What Can I Do?" in the summer edition, we incorrectly named **Ira Rosenberg**. We apologize for this error.

# New Beginnings

The members of the Board of Governors are always eager to hear from you. Your thoughts, ideas and critiques help us in addressing needs and planning for the future.



**OVER THE SUMMER, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING STEADILY** to keep our shul moving forward to meet the challenges and opportunities we face in the coming year.

It has been more than a generation since we have engaged a new Senior Rabbi. Over the past 24 years, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl has provided our Congregation with remarkable leadership—a unique combination of deep learning, pastoral outreach and community engagement.

We've all been touched by Rav Baruch's caring ways. In advance of his retirement in 2019, the Board of Governors has chosen Bernie Gropper, Dr. Eudice Goldberg and Norman Kahn to serve as co-chairs of the Rabbinic Search Committee. Together with the Board, the co-chairs will strike a committee and begin the search process guided by our recently completed strategic plan.

We continue our search for a Senior Cantor guided by our strategic plan. We invite those who are interested in participating in this committee to contact our executive director Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or [rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org).

While major leadership changes are never easy, they do offer us an opportunity to help shape the future of our shul in a way that meets the needs of our current membership and those of the next generation. Your Board and its committees, our clergy, management and staff are energized by the renewal taking place at Beth Tzedec.

The excitement and anticipation for this year's High Holy Days services and programs is building. We are thrilled to welcome back *Hazzan* Moshe Fishel, Meir Briskman and the *Lishmoa El Harina* choir who will lend their voices to the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services alongside our own Cantor Sidney Ezer. They will participate in other musical events in advance of and during the High Holy Day season, including a "Meet and Greet" on September 18 and a "Musical Cabaret" on September 26.

There is no congregation in Canada that provides the depth and diversity of our High Holy Day programming.

It is jam-packed with breakout sessions, programs and prayer services for all ages and stages. A glance at the *High Holy Day Guide* included in your ticket package highlights the array of options available, including lounges for tweens, teens and adults, and numerous Connect Lounge 'conversations' and Hot Topics! sessions with notable members and guests. We are particularly proud of our *Kellilah* Inclusion Service that provides individuals with special needs and their families a unique forum to celebrate the High Holy Days.

Over the summer, we completed the repaving and realignment of the upper and lower parking lots, creating much-needed additional spaces. We also finished the expansion, renovation and centralization of the administrative and accounting departments, now located in the former library space. We are looking forward to revamping the second-floor accounting space to create a dedicated youth lounge for our teen members.

Israel is the spiritual homeland for all Jews—Orthodox, Conservative and Reform—living in Israel or the Diaspora. Decisions made by its government and religious leadership have far-reaching impacts on our local community. Our Congregation has a 'voice' in Israel through MERCAZ-Canada and Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism who work to foster and strengthen Conservative Judaism in Israel. Based on the ideals of tradition and tolerance, study and spirituality, social action and love of Israel, MERCAZ-Masorti works tirelessly on our behalf. When you renew your membership this year, consider supporting MERCAZ-Canada.

The members of the Board of Governors are always eager to hear from you. Your thoughts, ideas and critiques help us in addressing needs and planning for the future. During the *haggim*, we will all be wearing nametags, making us easily identifiable. Please do not hesitate to come up, introduce yourself and have a chat.

On behalf of your Board of Governors, the clergy, staff and my entire family, I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year.

*Shanah Tovah U'metukah.*

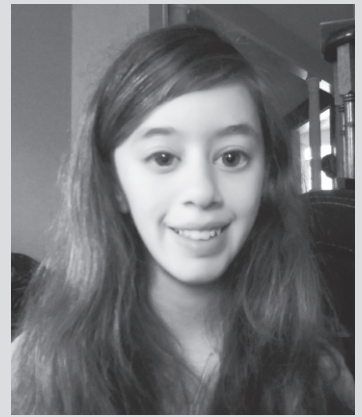
**Coming  
Soon**

## *Coercion and Competency in Medical Care* **Continuing Professional Development for Legal Professionals**

A seminar program with leading professionals, ethicists and rabbis. (Eligible for CPD credit by the Law Society of Upper Canada). Watch for details coming soon.

# Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR  
BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



**September 9**

**Carsyn Andrews**

daughter of Hartley

& Mandi Andrews

דבורה אלונה בת צבי נתן  
וחיה בילא



**October 9**

**Kai Ariana Zabitsky**

daughter of Edward Zabitsky

& Liza Stern

חיה יקירה בת אפרים  
אהרן ועליזה



**October 9**

**Zev Alexander Zabitsky**

son of Edward Zabitsky

& Liza Stern

זאב אשר בן אפרים  
אהרן ועליזה



**October 14**

**Emma Abrams**

daughter of Jonathan

& Leora Abrams

אסתר אביגיל שרה בת שלמה  
יונה שבתי וליאורה שושנה



**(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) October 21**

**Rebekah Yael Bloom**

daughter of Steven Bloom

& Tamara Hauerstock

יעל בת אברהם ואיידל  
אסתר תמר



**November 2**

**Taylor Jill Richman**

daughter of Rebecca Richman

and Oren Richman

דינה טובה איטה בת רבקה  
ואורן



**November 11**

**Shawna Pervin**

daughter of Eric

& Ellen Pervin

שושנה בת איסר יהודה  
ויוכבד מרים



**(AT MINḤAH) November 18**

**Martine Blair Glazman**

daughter of Drs. Trevor Glazman

& Lara Propst

מעין בנימינה בת טוביה  
נתן הכהן ולאה גיטל



**(AT MINḤAH) November 25**

**Rachel Satov**

daughter of Elan

& Lynne Satov

רחל פנינה בת אברהם משה  
ולאה



**October 7**

**Ethan Silverberg**

son of Ari Silverberg

& Sari Feldstein

יהודה בן אברהם ושרה



(AT MINḤAH) **October 28**

**Joseph Ezra Berman**

son of Drew Berman

& Pearl Gropper Berman

יוסף עזרא בן דוד ופנינה



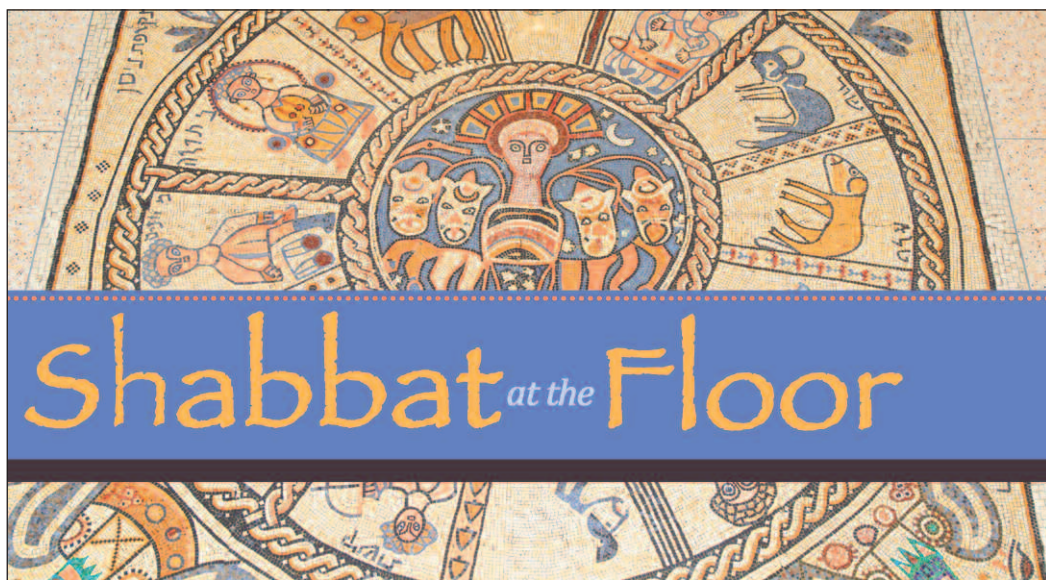
(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) **December 2**

**Natasha Rose Freedman Enchin**

daughter of Drs. Adam Enchin

& Dayna Freedman

נתניה רחל בת אהרן משה  
ודינה מרים



# Shabbat *at the* Floor

**Fridays, October 20, November 17 and December 15 at 6:00 PM**

Beth Tzedec's newest service is a monthly Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service on the Beth Alpha Floor (just outside the Museum). Led by Cantor Sidney Ezer, Reb Yacov Fruchter and friends, the focus is on high energy and spirited, participatory singing. When the onset of Shabbat permits, musical instruments will be used. A delicious catered dinner follows (by registration). For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

**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 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.

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

All 'Tribute card' contributions are fully tax receiptable. For information or to purchase, contact Avital Narvey at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).



# MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING

## Minyan of Comfort Initiative with Cantor Sidney Ezer

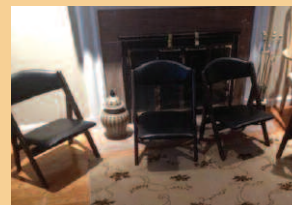
**Mondays, October 16, 23 & 30 and November 6 & 13 at 7:30 PM**

Minyan of Comfort is a program developed by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and the Cantors Assembly. Cantor Sidney Ezer will lead this program designed for **seasoned** Hebrew readers who are interested in learning the skills for becoming shiva *minyanim* lay leaders. Areas covered will include:

- Developing an understanding of the role of *menaḥem avel* (comforter)
- Learning the relevant *minhagim* and *halakhah*
- Becoming fluent in the *nusah* for each service
- Understanding other special liturgical needs
- Methods of delivering a *D'var Torah*

Cost: Beth Tzedec members—\$25 registration + \$18 materials;  
Non-members—\$40 registration + \$18 materials.

*This program has been made possible by Beth Tzedec Men's Club and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs*



## The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice with Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

**Mondays, October 16 & 23, November 6, 13,  
20 & 27 and December 4 & 11 at 7:30 PM**

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern.

Cost: Beth Tzedec members—\$36 (includes materials);  
Non-members—\$80 (includes materials)

## Hebrew for Beginners with Lorne Hanick

**Monday evenings beginning October 16  
at 7:30 PM**

Ritual Director Lorne Hanick leads a year-long **beginners** Hebrew reading class for adults wishing to develop basic skills. No previous Hebrew reading experience necessary.

Cost: Beth Tzedec members—\$40 registration + \$36 materials ; Non-members—\$90 registration + \$36 materials

**"Friends of Beth Tzedec" are entitled to free registration, paying only the materials fee.**

**For information or to register, please contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@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 January through March is November 15.**

## Births

**Chase Gordon**, son of REMI & JAYME KRUGER, grandson of BARBARA & RICKY KIRSHENBLATT and SUSAN & LOREN KRUGER, great-grandson of MOLLY QUITT, ESTHER KIRSHENBLATT and SARAH FALKOVIC, born April 20.

**Benjamin Noah**, son of DR. RICHARD & STEPHANIE LEITER, grandson of DR. LAWRENCE & KAREN LEITER, BARBARA LAZAR and JEFF & BEV KISSEL, great-grandson of MILDRED LEITER and RUTH KISSEL, born May 10.

**Summer Lexi**, daughter of JAMIE & ZACHARY SCHWARTZ, granddaughter of SEYMOUR & JOLANTA SCHWARTZ and JOEL & BLANCHE PANET, born July 1.

**Eloise Ettie**, daughter of CAROLINE & MISCHA KOWALL, granddaughter of LILIANE & THE LATE GERARD DREYFUS, TEMA BLACKSTONE and NEIL KOWALL, born July 6.

**Caleb Myles**, son of SAMANTHA & MICHAEL FELDMAN, grandson of FERN & JOHN SPENCER and HELENE & ROBBIE FELDMAN, born July 27.

**Nadav Motek**, son of DANIEL SILVERMAN & RACHEL HINDEL, grandson of MARGO & JUDAH SILVERMAN and JOSEF HINDEL & ESTHER SALVE-HINDEL, born August 6.

## Weddings

**Julie Klein**, daughter of ALISSA & DONALD KLEIN, and **Will Miller**, son of MARTHA & THE LATE HARRY MILLER, who were married July 2.

**Alexandra Copeland**, daughter of REBECCA COPELAND and MARTIN COPELAND, and **Daniel Pearlstein**, son of SHARON & MARK PEARLSTEIN, who were married August 6.

**Jodi Bernstein**, daughter of DENISE & MALCOLM BERNSTEIN, and **Gregg Vertes**, son of JOAN & GEORGE VERTES, who will be married in September.

**Dawn Librach**, daughter of DR. MARK & HEATHER LIBRACH, and **Mitchell Polokow**, son of BORIS & JAN POLAKOW, who will be married October 1.

**Dr. Kenneth Norwich & Hope Springman**, who will be married October 15.

**Melanie Finkelstein**, daughter of SHERI FINKELSTEIN and LEE FINKELSTEIN, granddaughter of MARILYN & THE LATE ALBERT FINKELSTEIN, and **Kory Ross**, son of GARRY & CHERYL ROSS, who will be married October 21.

**Maxwell Risen**, son of PEGGY & STANLEY RISEN, and **Rebecca Kogon**, daughter of MARILYN & DAVID KOGON, who will be married December 31.

## Congratulations to

**Howie Katz**, son of NEIL & JANET KATZ, and **Sydney Lashko**, daughter of PETER LASHKO and CATHERINE LASHKO, on their engagement.

**Norman & Ellin Kert**, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 9.

**Barbara & Ricky Kirshenblatt**, who celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 8.

**Shimmy Nauenberg**, son of PENINA ACKERMAN & ERIC NAUENBERG, grandson of FRANCES & THE LATE DR. JOHN ACKERMAN and JEANNE & URIEL NAUENBERG (of California), who graduated from Yeshivat Or Chaim in June, and was awarded the Governor-General Medal for highest academic achievement in combined Grades 11 and 12.

**Mitchell Jacob Rattner**, son of IAN & MARLENE RATTNER, grandson of BEVERLEY & AARON<sup>ztl</sup> BLACK and CYRIL & FRED RATTNER<sup>ztl</sup>, and **Samantha Esther Seaton**, daughter of MEYER & SHELLI<sup>ztl</sup> SEATON, granddaughter of HARVEY & JEANETTE ANISMAN<sup>ztl</sup> and ALBERT & MICHELINE SEATON<sup>ztl</sup>, on their engagement.

**Kimberly Snow**, daughter of DR. HOWARD & EMILY SNOW, who graduated with an Honours Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts degree from Ivey Business School at Western University.

**Rosalie Steinberg**, who received her medical specialty certification in psychiatry after completing her post-graduate residency training in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto on June 30.

## Many Thanks to

**Aubrey & Judith Golden**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 8 in honour of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Phyllis & Ab Flatt, Gabi Weisfeld and Harold & Carole Wolfe**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 15 in honour of their birthdays.

**Nathan & Glennie Lindenberg and family**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 29 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Miriam Lindenberg**.

**John & Amanda Sherrington**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 12 in honour of the birth of their grandson **Theo Noah**, and to commemorate the yahrtzeiten of **Sidney Finley** and **David Sherrington**.

**David & Charline Sherman**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 19 in honour of the marriage of **Michael Sherman & Courtney Karas**.

**Courtney Karas & Michael Sherman**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 26 in honour of their marriage.

**Dr. Kenneth Norwich & Hope Springman**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 26 in honour of their upcoming marriage.

**Ari Silverberg & Sari Feldstein**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 7 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Ethan Silverberg**.

**Edward Zabitsky & Liza Stern**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 7 in honour of the *B'nei Mitzvah* of their children **Kai Ariana** and **Zev Alexander Zabitsky**.

**Jonathan & Leora Abrams**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 14 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Emma Abrams**.

**Steven Bloom & Tamara Hauerstock**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 21 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Rebekah Yael Bloom**.

**Drew Berman & Pearl Gropper Berman**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 28 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Joseph Ezra Berman**.

**Rebecca Richman & Michael Hershorn**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 4 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of **Taylor Jill Richman**.

**Eric & Ellen Pervin**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 11 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Shawna Pervin**.

**Drs. Trevor Glazman & Lara Propst**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 18 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Martine Blair Glazman**.

**Elan & Lynne Satov**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 25 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Rachel Satov**.

**Drs. Adam Enchin & Dayna Freedman**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on December 2 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Natasha Rose Freedman Enchin**.

# SACRED SPACES:

## Jewish Cemeteries, Past Present and Future



**November 15, 21 & 29 and December 6 at 7:30 PM**

With guest speakers from around the world, explore Jewish cemeteries in small Canadian towns, the state of abandoned European cemeteries, *halakhah* and eco-friendly burial practices, the relationship between Jewish and Indigenous burial rites and the future of Jewish burial in Toronto.

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

*Generously sponsored by Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel*

# Mizinke: Sweep 'em Away?

I think of how the rituals of our religion have given all of us a colourful framework around which we live our lives.



**THIS PAST MONTH, I HAD THE DISTINCT HONOUR OF** walking my fourth and youngest child down the aisle to the wedding canopy. There is so much of this that makes me emotional, not the least of which is living to see this day—*shehechyanu vikiyamanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh*. I think often of friends who were like family, who have left this world and did not have the honour—or their children did not have the *brakhah*—of walking together from one life to another. I am also blessed to have terrific relationships with my children, their spouses and their children (my grandchildren). It is not always easy for them to accept me as I am, but they are respectful. As they have grown, their connection to Judaism and the synagogue has helped forge a foundation of respect and acceptance of all people. They are still, as we all are, growing into themselves and finding their way. That way, fortunately, includes respecting their parents.

So it was with interest that, as we approached the wedding, so many people asked me if this was my “*Mizinke*”. Well, Koby is our final child to be married and we had seen the *Mizinke* done before. But what were the song, the brooms, the wreaths and the dancing all about? And did we want to do it? Initially, I had expected that this was an earned rite of passage, something that I had seen “old parents” get to do. As the time loomed closer, knowing people who don’t have their children married off, or have had challenging life experiences, we wondered if this might be a bit of an ‘in your face’ ritual.

I found a very interesting article, “Exploring One of the Most Puzzling Rituals at a Jewish Wedding”, by Reuven Becker, that gave me all of the background I needed ([www.ou.org/jewish\\_action/06/2014/mizinke-dance-tradition-folklore/](http://www.ou.org/jewish_action/06/2014/mizinke-dance-tradition-folklore/)). In addition, I had recently studied with Rabbi Burton Visotzky at JTS and learned that there are tons of our traditions that have connections borrowed from other religions and cultures. The wreath/laurel on the head during a *Mizinke* has a connection to the ancient Greeks, and while it does not have the same meaning, it was a fascinating reminder of our cultural development as a people. Known as the “broom dance”, the *Mizinke* song which accompanies it is very much a song of gratitude for the blessings of God, of being able to raise and marry off children, sending them on their way, into their future lives. While the song refers to the

youngest daughter and presumes that children all marry in order, nonetheless, we interpret this to be representative of the last child to be married.

But what about the broom? Here I was troubled. The cute imagery is of the parents finally sweeping away their responsibilities, of cleaning house, of graduating to a next liberating period of life. Here the custom and my reality collide; first, I really, really like my kids. I like them around, I like when they laugh at or sometimes with me. While I wish that they were all totally independent, just as my parents I am sure wished the same about me, the broom has not swept them from my life, nor from the occasional opportunity to help out. If anything, I would like to vacuum them up and hold them as close as they will let me!

Yes, it’s true, I wish that they would have moved their stuff out when they left. Still, having some of their memories occupy our shelves or closets gives me a lift—when it doesn’t need dusting. I know I also still have “stuff” at my parents’ house that they wished would have departed with me, too. The stuff we collect occupies too much of our space, and while it does not equal a person or often have a monetary value, seeing, holding and smelling something from another person and time does give us pause to think about the one who owned/placed it where we find it. I don’t want it all swept away.

This momentous life cycle event of marriage, the joining of two lives, is steeped in ritual and holiness. It is a time of joy and celebration. It’s a time when we can reflect and recall the little lives that came before, all who helped them grow to become their own people. It is a time to appreciate the blessings of life, of opportunity and of each other. The moments pass so fast, it seems, and must not be swept away. As I am in the Synagogue on Shabbat mornings I often think of “the little one I carried” and how true it is that “swiftly go the years”. I think of taking my child to “Junior Congregation”, of praying together, of making a *brakhah* or of gleefully sharing a cracker with herring (to my wife’s disgust). I think of how the rituals of our religion have given all of us a colourful framework around which we live our lives.

So yes, sing, dance and even wear costumes, but lose the broom.



# Notable Speakers Series:

## News & Views from Prominent Scholars and Personalities

Engaging ideas in current Jewish affairs, politics, arts and science

**Mondays: 1:00 PM Light Lunch / 1:30 PM Lecture**

**Cost: \$15 per session**

**October 23** The Honourable **Linda Frum** discusses her experiences as a Jewish parliamentarian and Senator.

**October 30** Journalist and writer **Heidi Kingstone** shares her novel *Dispatches from the Kabul Café*, in a conversation with **Jonathan Kay**.

**November 13** **Paul Michaels** speaks about "Israel and the Middle East: Where Are Things Headed?" He is Director of Research and Media Relations for CIJA.

**November 20** Award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster **Dan Falk** presents "From Robots to Thinking Machines: How a Brave New World of Artificial Intelligence Will Change Everything", exploring the coming age of thinking machines.

*This series made possible by the Buckstein Family, in loving memory of David Buckstein<sup>z</sup>"*

To register, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or email [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).

## HAVURAT HASEFER WITH RABBI ADAM CUTLER

**Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

**October 26, November 16, December 7, January 11 & 25,  
February 8 & 22, March 15, April 19, May 10 & 31 and June 21**

Beth Tzedec's best kept secret, Havurat HaSefer, now in its fourth year, is a Jewish thought 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. No charge.

### Previously read books include:

Mordecai Kaplan, *The Meaning of God in Modern Jewish Religion*

Yeshayahu Leibowitz, *Judaism, Human Values and the Jewish State*

Michael Walzer (ed.), *Law, Politics, and Morality in Judaism*

### Books we will read in the new season:

*God, Man and History* by Eliezer Berkovitz

*God of Becoming and Relationship: The Dynamic Nature of Process Theology* by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson

*Human Nature & Jewish Thought: Judaism's Case for Why Persons Matter* by Alan L. Mittleman

*Zakhor: Jewish History and Jewish Memory (The Samuel and Althea Stroum Lectures in Jewish Studies)* by Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi

# Thoughts on Camping

As Jews, we are not meant to live in seclusion. We are, however, encouraged to take the time necessary to reflect upon the footprints we hope to leave behind.



**ONE OF MY GREATEST PLEASURES IN LIFE** is camping.

There are two elements of a camping trip that I reflect upon quite a bit. First is that one is supposed to leave the forest the way she finds it. Were anyone to follow your route and be just one day behind, that person should not be able to tell that you were just there. Second is that after several arduous days of paddling and portaging, after a 100 kilometre journey often through pounding rain, scorching sun and ravenous insects, you finish exactly where you begin. This we call a success.

Before embarking on a voyage, our tradition teaches, in a source dating back to the *Talmud* (B. Brahot 29b), that one should recite a

*Wayfarer's Prayer* – תפילת הדרך, which can be found in most *siddurim*.

*Tfillat HaDerekh* has us pray “ותצעידנו לשלום”, “emplace our footsteps toward peace”. Though the prayer speaks of a destination, it focuses primarily on the journey. It focuses on the importance (and the potential peril) of each footstep. For it's the footstep—the increments, the day-to-day small gestures—together with the grand movements, that make up life.

Life of course is not a camping trip, for in life we are meant to leave our mark. Even if in some sense our lives may come full circle, the world itself continues on its journey. The *Wayfarer's Prayer* reminds us that we must each consider the mark that our

footsteps will leave behind and how we can assure their permanence.

This year we mark the bicentennial of David Henry Thoreau, the great transcendentalist who spent a year living amidst nature and writing his most famous work *Walden*, in which he states “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”

As Jews, we are not meant to live in seclusion. We are, however, encouraged to take the time necessary—whether while out in nature or amidst the comforts of modern civilization—to reflect upon the footprints we hope to leave behind.



*“All are responsible for caring for and visiting the sick” - Maimonides*

## Creating Caring Communities through Bikkur Holim

Interested in joining our efforts to care for the sick and elderly in our community?

1) Become a visitor today! Sign up for our three part training session with Dr. Elaine Cooper on October 25, November 1 and 8 and email [llevy@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:llevy@beth-tzedec.org) for an application

2) Cook with us! Join us on October 15 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM as we make 500 jars of soup that will be distributed to ill and elderly members of our community throughout the year. Email [anarvey@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:anarvey@beth-tzedec.org) to register

# High Holy Day MUSIC @BT



## *Musical Meet & Greet Reception*

**Monday, September 18 at 7:30 PM**

### **Kickstart your High Holy Days!**

Beth Tzedec welcomes Hazzan Moshe Fishel, Meir Briskman, the Lishmoa El Harina Choir and Cantor Sidney Ezer—the voices of our High Holy Day Services—for a pre-holiday performance and opportunity to meet and mingle over music and refreshments.

## *A Musical Cabaret* **with Meir Briskman and Lishmoa El Harina**

**Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30 PM**

Renowned composer and conductor Meir Briskman and Lishmoa El Harina, the international vocal ensemble, give a cabaret performance presenting the works of great Jewish composers from North America and around the world.

No charge. Everyone is welcome.

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

# The High Holy Days @ BT

Beth Tzedec is gearing up for another fulfilling High Holy Day season.

## PLAN SOME TIME TO EXPERIENCE

our fabulous variety of engaging, entertaining and inspirational services and programs with the whole family.

**Connect**—We have programs for all ages to connect with friends and members for conversation and fun. Get ready for the new year at our “Membership Appreciation BBQ” on September 12 and enjoy good food, music and fun, while renewing your membership or picking up your High Holy Day tickets. On September 18, reconnect with Cantor Moshe Fishel and Meir Briskman, our M&M duo, at a musical “Meet & Greet”. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, take some time for conversation, coffee and freshly baked cookies in the Connect Lounge or our Middle School or Teen lounges. (Sorry, no coffee or cookies on Yom Kippur!)

**Celebrate**—Beth Tzedec truly offers a “SynaPlex” of service opportunities

during the Holy Days. From the grandeur of the Sanctuary Service to the participatory Parallel, Family and *Kehillah* Inclusion services, from the abbreviated and relaxed Short & Sweet Service to the transformational *Avodat Lev* Meditative Service, there is a meaningful worship option for every member of our Congregation. Choose the ‘spiritual adventure’ that speaks to you.

**Learn**—There is a long-standing tradition of taking time in the month of Elul for serious introspection. Try the two-part “Spiritual Check-Up” on September 13 and 27 to explore the sense of meaning, purpose and hope using traditional Jewish texts and contemporary care strategies. Alternately, Dr. Arnold Ages resumes his review of the weekly *parashah* with “A New Look at Torah Through the Ages”, and on September 28 will reflect on the meaning of repentance.

**Enjoy**—Holidays are the time for fellowship ... and we have many community celebrations to offer. Meir Briskman and the *Lishmoa El Harina* ensemble will lead a “Musical Cabaret” on September 26, performing selections from popular genres. On October 6, our 20s & 30s are invited to a “Scotch, Sake & Shabbat in the Sukkah” for delicious food and lively conversation. Then on October 7, come to our family-friendly “Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Service” followed by a complimentary dairy luncheon and neighbourhood Sukkah Hop. We close out our High Holy Day celebrations on October 13 at the annual “Simḥat Torah Luncheon” honouring our *Kallat Torah* Mary Ellen Herman and *Hattan Bereisheet* Mark Lapedus. Space is limited; reserve for your family today.

It’s a brand new year here at Beth Tzedec. Join us ... join in!

## High Holy Days—Ticket Pick-up Information

Thursday, September 14 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday, September 15 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 17 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Monday, September 18 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 19 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

\*Wednesday, September 20 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

*\*This is Erev Rosh Hashanah - The High Holy Day ticket office will close promptly at 12:00 NOON*

## Online Membership Payments

A reminder that our Beth Tzedec Membership Account website is online. As a member, you can log in and manage your account through our Home page.

To access your account, visit our website, [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org), and click on the ‘Login/Register’ button in the top right corner of the Home page. You will require a User ID and Password. Your User ID is your Member ID which will be located on your statement. If you have not visited your online account in the past, a password will be sent with your membership renewal package. After you log in, you may change your password at any time.

To view your statement and pay your account, click on ‘Your Membership Statement’ and follow the directions on the screen.

If you have any questions or you encounter any technical issues, please contact Klara Romm at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or [kromm@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:kromm@beth-tzedec.org).

# PJ Library Program Series

for Toddlers with a Parent, Grandparent or Caregiver

**Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM**

**Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun, new friends, Jewish programming, story time and free play.**

## **October 29 — The Story of Noah**

Interact with real live animals from the ark while learning about the story of Noah!

## **November 19 — The Beauty of Shabbat**

Explore the beauty of Shabbat and make stunning *hallah* plates and covers!

## **January 21 — Israel Party!**

Celebrate Israel with a party and our amazing *shinshinim* Maayan and Dan!

## **March 25 — Let's Make Matzah**

Get into the Passover spirit learning to make matzah.

## **April 29 — Sing-Along Songs**

Spend the morning with friends and family with dancing and singing.

## **May 27 — Li'l Tree Huggers**

Join Barbara Reid, the author of *Two by Two*, as she reads her book *Picture A Tree* and teaches us how she did her beautiful pictures.



### **Volunteer Opportunity:**

**Teens in Grades 9 to 12**—Do you need to fulfil community service hours or are you interested in engaging in mitzvah projects? We need volunteers to help with these special events. For information or to register as a volunteer, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org).

Cost per session: \$10 per toddler. For information or to register, visit [www.beth-tzedec.org/login](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login) or contact Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org).



# What's in a Name

Choosing names for a child is one of the most daunting things a parent experiences. There are so many things to consider.



**CHOOSING NAMES FOR A CHILD IS ONE OF THE MOST** daunting things a parent experiences. There are so many things to consider. What names do I like? Who might I want to honour or commemorate? Do the initials spell anything meaningful, or more troublingly, inappropriate? Will the child like the name, in the near term and long term? It's a lot of pressure.

Rachel and I experienced all these emotions and questions as we decided on our son's name: Nadav Motek in English, and Nadav Hen Mordechai in Hebrew. We named him for two of our grandparents and a great uncle, and also tried to connect the attributes behind the names to values and principles that we hope he lives by. It was in some ways an easy process, but we still had moments of doubt along the way, wanting to make sure that we were happy with our choice.

Rosh Hashanah is a holiday with many names—I've counted five—and each name highlights a different aspect of the holiday. Rosh Hashanah (meaning Head of the Year) references the changeover of the annual calendar, this year moving into 5778. *Yom Harat Olam* (meaning Day the World is Born) connects the holiday to the days of Creation, reminding us of God's creative and restorative power. *Yom Teruah* (meaning Day of Blasts) connects to the sounding of the shofar and its call for introspection. *Yom HaDin* (meaning Day of Judgement) brings to mind the theme of God's judgement and God's determination for our year to come. Finally, *Yom Hazikaron* (meaning Day of Remembering) elevates the theme of God recalling promises to stand by, protect and secure the Jewish people, resulting in positive judgements for all of us.

Why so many names? Our sages give many explanations about each one, but to me, the beauty of multiple names for the holiday is that it allows for multiple, or alternate, points of connection. Perhaps one person is greatly moved by the idea of standing before God in judgement, while another connects to the sound of the shofar and its call to

attention. Some may find more than one name relatable, while others may only find meaning in one. The more names, the more entry-points for each individual, and hopefully, every single person can find a connection point with at least one of them.

I view Beth Tzedec's High Holy Day services and programs in the same way. There are six services and seven programs for each and every age and stage, each day of Rosh Hashanah. There are even more on Yom Kippur. Our commitment is to make sure that every person who enters the doors of 1700 Bathurst has a meaningful and connective experience by the time they leave. Of course, each person's journey will be unique. Some may have multiple experiences that create meaning, while others may only have one. Some may seek a variety of services and programs, and others may choose to dive more deeply into a single experience. Some may connect through music, others through learning, others through breathing and meditating, others through seeing friends and family. The possibilities seem almost endless.

When you and your family join us for Rosh Hashanah, please explore all the spaces, services and programs we offer. Make sure that your time with us at Beth Tzedec is meaningful for you. This might happen organically or spontaneously, but you may also have to work at it a bit, trying one thing and seeing if it works for you, and being prepared to move on if it doesn't. Then come back that next day and try something different or return to the thing you found and loved. Let these days be moments for spiritual and human connection, for growth and energy, for participating and soaking it all in. I look forward to bumping into you all over our building.

Rachel, Mira, Nadav and myself wish you all a *Shanah Tovah U'metukah*, a sweet, healthy and happy new year. May it be a year with more love and less hate, more peace and less violence, more understanding and less division.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Beth Tzedec, in partnership with Holy Blossom and the Jerusalem Foundation, presents an **Evening with Dr. Elan Ezrachi**, on **Sunday, October 22 at 7:00 PM**.

*Elan Ezrachi is a community activist and veteran Jewish Peoplehood education professional, serving as the founding CEO of Masa—Israel Journey and consulting with international Jewish organizations in areas of Jewish Peoplehood, Israel Engagement, Jewish identity and Israel-Diaspora relations.*



# BT Connect.

## A Mentorship Program for Young Entrepreneurs

### Opening Program—Monday, October 23 at 7:30 PM

#### What is BT Connect?

BT Connect is a seven-month mentorship program for Beth Tzedec's young entrepreneurs (aged 19-40) to gain valuable business advice and guidance from seasoned entrepreneurs and business executives from the Beth Tzedec community. The program runs from October through April, and in addition to this opening event, will include at least four one-to-one mentorship sessions.

#### Apply Now

For more details or to apply, visit [www.btmentorship.ca](http://www.btmentorship.ca).

## For 20s & 30s Downtown Lunch 'n' Learn

### with Yacov Fruchter

September 12, November 15, December 13,  
January 17, February 15, March 22 and April 19  
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. No charge.

For information, contact  
Yacov Fruchter at 416-781-3514  
ext. 279 or [yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org)



## From Newcomers to New Canadians: Our Syrian Families One Year Later

### Sunday, November 19

Join us for a special kosher, vegetarian/dairy dinner prepared at Beth Tzedec by our Syrian families to celebrate their first year in Canada. Watch for reservation information coming soon.

**LIMITED SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY:** Participate in meal preparation, technique and recipe sharing with our families before dinner.

# Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!



Simply hearing the plight of another person, affirming the experience and feelings being shared with us and being a witness to their suffering is incredibly difficult, but is also an amazing gift we can offer.

**THE SHEMA IS ARGUABLY THE MOST** important, if not best known, Jewish phrase. Many Jews uttered these very words with their final breath, as Rabbi Akiva modeled. Conjuring for us ideas of Jewish commitment to God, *mitzvot* and our fellow Jews, the emphasis of the *Shema* on listening. "Hear, O Israel: the Eternal our God, the Eternal is one" (*Devarim* 6:4).

In our weekly "Li'l Minyans" service for kids up to age 5, we accentuate the element of hearing and listening by using one hand to cover our eyes and the other to push forward an ear in a posture of careful attention as we belt out these words. I always get a kick out of watching the children as they scrunch up their noses to concentrate.

Being a good listener is certainly a quality and skill that is valued in the business world, education and all care-based industries. I find it interesting, however, that for many of us, when we encounter another person who chooses to share with us their personal struggles, it is challenging to focus on the 'listening'. Instead, we often respond to the person offering solutions (I have certainly been guilty

of this), sharing similar experiences or sometimes, out of discomfort, changing the topic altogether.

For the past two summers, I have spent significant time as a student in the Spiritual Care departments of CAMH and the University Health Network, as well as dozens of hours with congregants and their families who have been ill, in mourning or troubled in another way. My most important realization is this: simply hearing the plight of another person, affirming the experience and feelings being shared with us and being a witness to their suffering is incredibly difficult, but is also an amazing gift we can offer. As caring human beings, and as a holy community, it is our responsibility to be present for people at their darkest times.

Without a doubt, the rabbis and clergy (*klei kodesh*) of Beth Tzedec, of which I am incredibly honoured to be part, spend a significant amount of time trying to care for our community in this way. Because *bikkur holim* (caring for the sick and those who need emotional support) is a community responsibility, we want to invite you to join us in this mitzvah.

We are now organizing a three-part training session to be held on October 25 and November 1 & 8, led by Dr. Elaine Cooper who will help us develop our listening skills and other traits to more effectively assist our community members in need. On Sunday, October 15, we will host a *bikkur holim* initiative making soup that will be taken to our elderly and ill members during *hesed* visits. We hope you will roll up your sleeves and join us.

Even two hours a month can make a big difference in someone's life. If you can spare just a bit of time to aid community members, please reach out to us by contacting Lynn Levy at [llevy@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:llevy@beth-tzedec.org).

I recently saw a t-shirt worn by one of my spiritual care colleagues with the words famously spoken by the white rabbit in the 1950s version of *Alice in Wonderland*: "Don't just do something; stand there". We know that it is easier said than done, but we can show you how.

May we be blessed with a year of peace and fulfilment.

—*B'shalom*

## Greetings from Sisterhood

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood wishes everyone a healthy and new year.

For information about the Sisterhood, please contact Ruthann Lubin or Rhoda Salama through the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).

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# PILATES

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**with Hanna Etlin-Stein**

**Monday evenings, September 11, 18 & 25 and October 2 & 16 at 7:30 PM**

Sculpt your body, improve your strength and flexibility and relax your mind with certified pilates instructor Hanna Etlin-Stein. Participants must bring their own mat and sign a waiver form. Class size limited.

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

**FIVE SESSIONS:**

\$60 Beth Tzedec members / \$75 non-members

**PER SESSION:**

\$15 Beth Tzedec members / \$20 non-members

## Pre-Shabbat Music Class

**with Sara Borer**

Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 AM



**For babies up to 18 months  
with a parent, grandparent  
or caregiver**

Join Sara Borer and welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *hallel*, grape juice and lots of fun. Sara is a singer, mom of three, music therapist and former camp counselor. Fluent in both English and Hebrew, she brings great warmth and creativity to her work with children and their parents.

To register, call the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511



**Friday, November 3 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 funny, playful magic show for toddlers and young children.

Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5 to 14); \$5 children (ages 1 to 4). Dinner by advance reservation only by **Monday, October 30**.



## Shabbat, December 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Sports, games and learning for everyone! Come experience why Shabbat is the awesome-est day of the week.

No charge, but pre-registration recommended to the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).

### For Children 0 to 5 and their Families

#### Little Thinkers Tot Program

(18 months and older with an adult)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:30 to 11:00 AM

Give your 'little thinker' a flyer start with this joint program presented by Robbins Hebrew Academy and Beth Tzedec. Children with develop early critical thinking skills while participating in music and movement activities, Judaic and special Shabbat programs and much more. For information, contact Michael Ferman at 416-224-8737 ext. 137 or [mferman@rhacademy.ca](mailto:mferman@rhacademy.ca).

#### Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings

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Join Sara Borer and welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *hallel*, grape juice and lots of fun. Sara is a singer, mom of three, music therapist and former camp counselor. Fluent in both English and Hebrew, she brings great warmth and creativity to her work with babies. For information on fees or to register, call the Synagogue office.

#### PJ Library: The Story of Noah

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)  
Sunday, October 29

9:00 to 11:00 AM

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun as we learn the story of Noah and get to interact with real live animals from the ark! Meet some new friends while enjoying Jewish programming, story-time and free play. Healthy snacks will be served. Cost: \$10 per toddler. RSVP by Monday, October 23.

#### PJ Library: The Beauty of Shabbat

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)  
Sunday, November 19

9:00 to 11:00 AM

Learn the story of the beauty of Shabbat and make stunning *hallel* plates and covers! Meet some new friends while enjoying Jewish programming, story-time and free play. Healthy snacks will be served. Cost: \$10 per toddler. RSVP required by Monday, November 13.

## Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

### Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service

(especially for families with young children)  
Shabbat, October 7, November 4 and December 2

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Our participatory abridged 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. It features the highlights of a Shabbat morning service and is led by children, teens and our Director of Spiritual Engagement Yacov Fruchter. It also includes programs by our *shinshinim* and youth staff. Celebrate a group aliyah and blessing for everyone whose birthday is that month. A complimentary dairy lunch follows.

On October 7, don't miss our annual Sukkah Hop where we visit the sukkahs of neighbourhood families, enjoying treats along the way. We will depart from the parking lot at 1:00 PM.

### Li'l Minyans

(children up to age 5 with a parent)

9:30 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 new *shinshinim*, Maayan Lange and Ishay Frenkel.

### Shabbat is Awesome

(for families)

Shabbat, December 2

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Sports, games and learning for everyone! Come experience why Shabbat is the awesome-est day of the week. No charge, but RSVP by Monday, November 27.

GRADES 6 TO 8

# KADIMA LIMO SUKKAH HOP



**Monday, October 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**

Travel in style as we visit Sukkahs from “around the world”! Come hungry for a delicious, themed dinner and hilarious activities at every stop.

**Cost: \$20 (includes activities and dinner). Pick-up from the Beth Tzedec parking lot at 5:00 PM sharp.**

Advance registration required to Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org) by Monday, October 2.

## For Children in SK to Grade 5

### Bringing Noah to Life

(for Grades 1 to 5)

Sunday, October 29

12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM

Let's bring the story of Noah to life with real live animals! Cost: \$10 per person (includes daily lunch). RSVP by Monday, October 23.

### Design a Hallah Plate and Cover

(for Grades 1 to 5)

Sunday, November 19

12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM

Design your very own beautiful *hallah* plate with the help of Artistis Way. Come dressed for a mess! Cost: \$10 per person (includes daily lunch). RSVP by Wednesday, November 15.

### Shabbat Sleepover Party

(for Grades 2 to 5)

Friday, December 8 Time: TBC

The entire family is invited to join us for a delicious family Shabbat dinner, and then pre-registered kids will kick off a sleepover party with a dessert bar followed by hilarious Shabbat-friendly activities. Watch for details coming soon.

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

### Kadima Limo Sukkah Hop

(for Grades 6 to 8)

Monday, October 9

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Travel in style and visit sukkahs from ‘around the world’! Come hungry for a delicious, themed dinner and hilarious activities at every stop. Program leaves from the Beth Tzedec parking lot at 5:00 PM sharp. Cost: \$20 (includes activities and dinner). RSVP by Monday, October 2.

### Exploring Our Jewish Roots

Sunday, October 15

2:00 to 5:00 PM

Explore Jewish history and hear from a Holocaust survivor while touring the Beth Tzedec Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum. Cost: TBC. RSVP by Wednesday, October 4.

### Hanukkah Latke Battle

Sunday, December 3

2:00 to 5:00 PM

Battle it out in the kitchen to see who can make the grate-est latkes before we take a walk through the “From Latkes to Laffas” exhibit. Cost: \$10 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, November 29.

## For Teens in Grades 6 to 12

### Simhat Torah for Teens

Friday, October 13 11:00 AM

Join us for a teens-only Simhat Torah experience! Get an aliyah, read from the Torah and enjoy a teens-only kiddush.

## Kadima & BTUSY Youth Bake-Off

Sunday, November 12

2:00 to 4:00 PM

Get ready for the dessert bake-off of the century with special guest judges! All of the desserts prepared will be donated to a youth shelter in Toronto. Cost: \$5 per person. RSVP by Monday, November 6.

## For Families

### Pizza in the Hut Sukkah Party

Tuesday, October 10

4:00 to 5:30 PM

Meet in the Beth Tzedec sukkah and celebrate the holiday with music, food, drinks and fun. It's a great way to get in the Sukkot spirit and have fun after school. No charge and everyone is welcome. RSVP by Monday, October 2.

### Family Simhat Torah Celebration

Thursday, October 12

5:30 to 7:30 PM

Enjoy holiday crafts, games and a kids' Torah parade (recommended for children up to age 7), followed by a dinner for pre-registered families of all ages beginning at 6:30 PM. Synagogue-wide *Hakafot* with singing, dancing, candy food and drinks follows. Cost for dinner: \$20 adults; \$15 youth (ages 13 and under).

## An Evening with Dr. Elan Ezrachi

Sunday, October 22 7:00 PM

Beth Tzedec, in partnership with Holy Blossom and the Jerusalem Foundation, presents an evening with Dr. Elan Ezrachi. Dr. Ezrachi is a community activist and veteran Jewish Peoplehood education professional, serving as the founding CEO of Masa—Israel Journey and consulting with international Jewish organizations in areas of Jewish Peoplehood, Israel Engagement, Jewish identity and Israel-Diaspora relations. Watch for details coming soon.

## Pillars of Jewish Family Life: Mental Health and Anxiety in Our Children-Coping Skills

Thursday, October 26 7:00 PM

Leanne Matlow has spent her entire career working with children as a teacher, special education resource teacher and CBT counsellor. She is a Professional Colleague of the Academy of Cognitive Therapy, and her first children's book, *Thinking About Thoughts*, is recommended reading for parents on KidsMentalHealth.ca. This is the first in a four-part series presented with Robbins Hebrew Academy. Cost: \$36 for all four lectures; \$18 per lecture.

## Tot Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 3  
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 with a funny, playful puppet show for toddlers and young children. Cost for dinner: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4). RSVP by Monday, October 30.

## Family Hallah Bake

Thursday, November 9  
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Let's get messy as a family as we learn the special ingredients we put into *hallah* and their mystical meanings. Get amazing tips to easily bake *hallah*, the blessing we make and how to braid like a pro! Cost: \$10 per person. RSVP by Monday, November 6.

## Pillars of Jewish Family Life: Financial Literacy for Kids and Parents-Turned Upside Down

Thursday, November 30 7:00 PM

Learn about finances for yourselves and your children from Yakos Spiliotopoulos, founder of Extra Ed, and Michael Hartt, Financial Planner and Wealth Advisor with BMO Nesbitt Burns. Presented with Robbins Hebrew Academy. Cost: \$36 for all four lectures; \$18 per lecture.

## Teddy Bear Havdalah

Saturday, December 9  
5:00 to 6:15 PM

Celebrate Havdalah, the close of Shabbat and the start of a new week, with friends and family. Bring your own teddy bear to cuddle as you enjoy songs and stories. Pyjamas are encouraged. No charge, but RSVP by Tuesday, December 5.

## Family Fun Day

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

Three hours of activities and programs for children including sports, crafts, games and more. Watch for details coming soon.

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 BTUSY programs, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org).

## ECRUSY Programs

### ECRUSY Fall Convention

(for Grades 9 to 12)  
October 20 to 22

Enjoy a weekend filled with fun, old and new friends, great programs and a fantastic Shabbat experience!

### ECRUSY Kadima Convention

(for Grades 6 to 8)  
November 17 and 18

Our Kadima-only convention with Beth Tzedec's *b'nei mitzvah* class! A weekend filled with new friends and lots of fun ... in Hamilton!

### USY International Convention

(for Grades 9 to 12)  
December 24 to 28

Join hundreds of Jewish teens in Chicago, Illinois for five days of fun, friendship, celebration, reunion and community service opportunities. Pre-registration required.

For information ECRUSY programs, email the ECRUSY offices at [ecrusy@uscj.org](mailto:ecrusy@uscj.org) or call 416-667-1717.

Looking for a place to get your community service hours? Check out Beth Tzedec!

For information, email Jessie Greenspan at [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org)



## Thursday, October 19, 2017

### A conversation...

about Toronto's vibrant Jewish restaurant scene with

**Ruthie Ladovsky**, United Bakers Dairy Restaurant

**Judy Perly**, Free Times Cafe

**Anthony Rose**, Fat Pasha and Schmaltz Appetizing

**Bonnie Stern**, food and cookbook author

**Michael Wex**, comedian and author of *Born to Kvetch* and *Rhapsody in Schmaltz*

### Moderated by:

**David Sax**, author of *Save the Deli* and *The Revenge of Analog*




**Good food and schnapps at 7:00 PM**





**Conversation begins at 8:00 PM**

Cost: \$25 (RSVPs requested by October 16 to the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511)

*Presented with the participation  
of the Beth Tzedec Men's Club.*







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<p>II TISHREI</p> <p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 6:25pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>12 TISHREI</p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 6:25pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Plates</p>	<p>13 TISHREI</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 6:25pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>14 TISHREI</p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>EREV SUKKOT</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 6:25pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 6:37pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle before Festival candles</p>	<p>15 TISHREI</p> <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>SUKKOT</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit with the Choir 10:15am Li’l Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 6:25pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:38pm Candle Lighting from existing flame</p>	<p>16 TISHREI</p> <p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>SUKKOT</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Li’l Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 6:25pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:00pm Scotch, Sake and Shabbat in the Sukkah Candle Lighting from existing flame</p>	<p>17 TISHREI</p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>HOL HAMOEED SUKKOT</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Day</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 10:30am Short &amp; Sweet Inter-Generational Service &amp; Sukkah Hop 5:45pm <i>Kohlev/Ecclesiastes</i> 6:15pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 7:33pm Havdalah</p>
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<p>18 TISHREI</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>HOL HAMOEED SUKKOT</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Day</b></p> <p>8:30am Shaharit 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>18 TISHREI</p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>HOL HAMOEED SUKKOT</b></p> <p><b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Day</b></p> <p>8:30am Shaharit 5:00pm <i>Kadima</i> Limo Sukkah Hop 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>20 TISHREI</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>HOL HAMOEED SUKKOT</b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Intermediate Day</b></p> <p>7:10am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 4:00pm Pizza in the Hut Sukkah Party 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>21 TISHREI</p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>HOSHANA RABBAH</b></p> <p>7:00am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 6:24pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle before Festival candles</p>	<p>22 TISHREI</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit/Vizkor 5:30pm Family Simchat Torah Celebration 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:00pm <i>Hakafot</i> 7:25pm Candle Lighting from existing flame</p>	<p>23 TISHREI</p> <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Li’l Minyans 11:00am Simhat Torah for Teens 12:00pm Simhat Torah Luncheon 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 6:21pm Candle Lighting from existing flame</p>	<p>24 TISHREI</p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>SHABBAT MEVARKHIM</b></p> <p> <b>Beisheet</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Torah Talk 9:30am Li’l Minyans 10:00am Jewish Meditation 6:00pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 7:21pm Havdalah</p>
<p>25 TISHREI</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 11:00am Bikur Holim Soup Making Program 2:00pm <i>BTUSJ</i>: Exploring Our Jewish Roots 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>26 TISHREI</p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Book &amp; Film Club 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Ethical Life Class 7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners 7:30pm Minyan of Comfort 7:30pm Plates</p>	<p>27 TISHREI</p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>28 TISHREI</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Abigail 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>29 TISHREI</p> <p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 6:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:00pm Heymish &amp; Hip: Eating Jewish in Toronto</p>	<p>30 TISHREI</p> <p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>ROSH HODESH HESHVAN</b></p> <p>7:15am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:30am Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat at the Floor and Dinner 6:09pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>1 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>ROSH HODESH HESHVAN</b></p> <p> <b>Noah</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit with the Choir 12:00pm Sing-Along with Cantor Sidney 5:50pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 7:10pm Havdalah</p>
<p>21 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 6:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:00pm An Evening with Dr. Elan Ezrachi</p>	<p>3 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Notable Speakers: Hon. Linda Frum 6:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:00pm BT Connect Launch 7:30pm Ethical Life Class 7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners 7:30pm Minyan of Comfort</p>	<p>4 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 6:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>5 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Ehud 6:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Creating Caring Communities with Dr. Elaine Cooper</p>	<p>6 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 6:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:00pm Mental Health Issues &amp; Anxiety in Children 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer</p>	<p>7 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:30am Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings 5:59pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>8 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>28</b></p> <p> <b>Lekh Lekha</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Torah Talk 9:30am Li’l Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 11:00am Torah Next Dor 5:40pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 6:15pm Havdalah</p>
<p>9 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:00am PI Library: The Story of Noah 12:00pm Bringing Noah to Life for Grades 1-5 5:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>10 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Notable Speakers: Heidi Kingstone 5:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Genesis Project: Kosher Pork? 7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners 7:30pm Minyan of Comfort</p>	<p>11 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 5:45pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>				

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<p>16 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 4:40pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>17 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Book &amp; Film Club 4:40pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Ethical Life Class 7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners 7:30pm Minyan of Comfort</p>	<p>18 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 4:40pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm In the Name of Humanity: The Secret Deal to End the Holocaust</p>	<p>19 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Nathan 4:40pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Creating Caring Communities with Dr. Elaine Cooper</p>	<p>20 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 4:40pm Games Afternoon 6:00pm Family Hallel Bake</p>	<p>21 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:30am Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings 4:40pm Kabbalat Shabbat 4:40pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>22 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>REMEMBRANCE SHABBAT</b></p> <p> <b>Hayei Sarah</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit with the Choir 9:30am Torah Talk 12:00pm Remembrance Day Lunch 'n' Learn 4:25pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 5:41pm Havdalah</p>
<p>23 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 2:00pm <i>BTUSY</i> and <i>Kadima</i> Bake-Off for Youth 4:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm An Interfaith Concert of Remembrance</p>	<p>24 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm Notable Speakers: Paul Michaels 4:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Ethical Life Class 7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners 7:30pm Minyan of Comfort</p>	<p>25 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 4:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>26 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 12:30pm Downtown Lunch 'n' Learn 1:30pm Hana Werner Series 4:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 6:30pm From Delis to Dairy: Kibitzing about Kensington 7:30pm Sacred Spaces: Jewish Cemeteries</p>	<p>27 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 4:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer</p>	<p>28 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:30am Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat at the Floor and Dinner 4:30pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>29 HESHVAN</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>SHABBAT MEVARKHIM</b></p> <p> <b>Toldot</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Torah Talk 11:00am Torah Next Dor 4:15pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 5:34pm Havdalah</p>
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ECRUSY KADIMA CONVENTION FOR GRADES 6-8

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>15 KISLEV</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 2:00pm <i>BTUSY</i>: Hanukkah Latke Battle 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>16 KISLEV</p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Ethical Life Class 7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners</p>	<p>17 KISLEV</p> <p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>18 KISLEV</p> <p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Sacred Spaces: Jewish Cemeteries</p>	<p>19 KISLEV</p> <p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Havurat HaSefer</p>	<p>20 KISLEV</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:30am Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings 4:23pm Candle Lighting 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner with RHA 6:30pm Shabbat Overture for Grades 2 to 5</p>	<p>21 KISLEV</p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p> <b>Vayeshleh</b> 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Torah Talk 9:30am Li'l Minyans 11:00am Torah Next Dor 4:05pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 5:00pm Teddy Bear Havdalah 5:25pm Havdalah</p>
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<p>22 KISLEV</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>12 KISLEV</p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Ethical Life Class 7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners</p>	<p>24 KISLEV</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>EREV HANUKKAH</b> 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>25 KISLEV</p> <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 1</b> 7:15am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 12:30pm Downtown Lunch ‘n’ Learn 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>26 KISLEV</p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 2</b> 7:15am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>27 KISLEV</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 3</b> 7:15am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 4:23pm Candle Lighting 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat at the Floor and Dinner</p>	<p>28 KISLEV</p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 4</b> <b>SHABBAT MEVARKHM</b>  <b>Mikeitz</b> 8:45am Shaharit 12:00pm Sing Along with Cantor Sidney 4:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 5:26pm Havdalah 6:00pm Family Hanukkah Party</p>
<p>29 KISLEV</p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 5</b></p> <p>8:30am Shaharit 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>30 KISLEV</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 6</b> <b>ROSH HODESH TEVET</b> 7:15am Shaharit 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>1 TEVET</p> <p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 7</b> <b>ROSH HODESH TEVET</b> 7:15am Shaharit 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>2 TEVET</p> <p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>HANUKKAH DAY 8</b> 7:15am Shaharit 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>3 TEVET</p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 4:30pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>4 TEVET</p> <p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:26pm Candle Lighting 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>5 TEVET</p> <p><b>23</b></p> <p> <b>Vayigash</b> 8:45am Shaharit 4:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 5:28pm Havdalah</p>
<p>6 TEVET</p> <p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 4:35pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>7 TEVET</p> <p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b> 8:45am Shaharit 10:30am Family Fun Day 4:35pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>8 TEVET</p> <p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL HOLIDAY</b> 8:45am Shaharit 4:35pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>9 TEVET</p> <p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:35pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>	<p>10 TEVET</p> <p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>FAST OF 10<sup>TH</sup> OF TEVET</b> 7:30am Shaharit 10:00am Torah through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 4:35pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 5:35pm Fast concludes</p>	<p>11 TEVET</p> <p><b>29</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:30pm Candle Lighting 4:35pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>12 TEVET</p> <p><b>30</b></p> <p> <b>VayeHi</b> 8:45am Shaharit 4:15pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 5:35pm Havdalah</p>
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<p>13 TEVET</p> <p><b>31</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 4:40pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</p>						

# REMEMBRANCE DAY SHABBAT

## Saturday, November 11

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### **Shabbat Shāharit Service—8:45 AM**

Join Cantor Sidney Ezer and his choir as they present this meaningful Remembrance Day Shabbat Service honouring our veterans and incorporating popular hymns as well as songs from the First and Second World Wars.

### **Remembrance Day Lunch 'n' Learn—Following Services**

Following the service, we are pleased to welcome **Norman Gardner** on behalf of the Toronto Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada for a special presentation on Jews in the military and Jewish heroes.

### **Interfaith Remembrance Day Concert**

**Sunday, November 12 at 7:30 PM**

Join us for a moving and inspirational interfaith concert of war and peace featuring over 150 singers, including Cantor Sidney Ezer and his choral ensemble, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Sanctuary Choir and Choir School, the Adult and Junior Choirs of Grace Church on-the-Hill, Christ Church Deer park, and the Beth Tzedec Youth Choir. All proceeds will support Canadian and Jewish war veterans as well as the Churches On The Hill Food Bank.

Admission: Pay what you can (suggested donation \$10).



# 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. Once a month, we will have a “Kabbalat Shabbat at the Floor” on the Beth Alpha Floor, focusing on high energy and spirited, participatory singing. A delicious catered dinner will follow. For more information, see page 7.

## **Sanctuary / Chapel 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 through December 16. 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.

## **Sing-Along with Cantor Sidney** following Services,

October 21, November 18 and December 16. Do you like to sing? Would you like to expand your Jewish musical repertoire? Join Cantor Sidney Ezer in an informal sing-along, with each session exploring some *Z’mirot* (Shabbat Table Songs), and melodies for *Shaharit* and *Musaf*.

**Little Minyan—Raise the Ruah** 9:30 AM, October 21 and December 16. 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.

**A Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Service** 10:30 AM, October 7, November 4 and December 2. Our participatory abridged 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. It features the highlights of a Shabbat morning service and is led by children, teens and our Director of Spiritual Engagement Yacov Fruchter. It also includes programs by our *shinshinim* and youth staff. Celebrate a group aliyah and blessing for everyone whose birthday is that month. A complimentary dairy lunch follows.

For more information on Youth Shabbat programs, see pages 21 to 23.

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



### **Torah Talk with 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 Daniel Silverman.

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

11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON on October 28, November 18 and December 9

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**

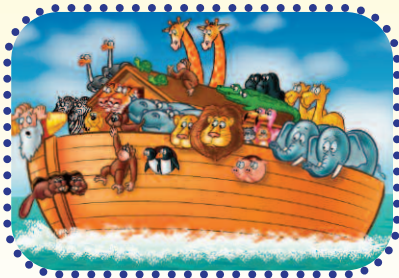
10:00 to 11:15 AM on October 14, November 4 and December 2

For men and women, centred on texts from our tradition, eliciting response and deep listening—a doorway to enhanced prayer. For more information, see page 50.



# Kids Programs

## For Grades 1-5



### Bringing Noah to Life

**Sunday, October 29**  
**from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM**

Let's bring the story of Noah to life with real live animals! Dairy lunch will be served.

Cost: \$10 per person (includes dairy lunch). RSVP by **Monday, October 23.**



### Design Your Own Challah Plate and Cover

**Sunday, November 19**  
**from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM**

Design your very own beautiful challah plate with the help of Artists Way. Come dressed for a mess!

Cost: \$10 per person (includes dairy lunch). RSVP by **Wednesday, November 15.**



### Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

**Sunday, January 21**  
**from 12:30 to 5:30 PM**

Let's go on an adventure to go and see "The Lorax" at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

Cost: \$40 (includes transportation, admission and snacks). RSVP by **Monday, January 8.**

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



# A Call to Action

A family-friendly story for the High Holy Days.



**LONG BEFORE THE INVENTION OF THE FIRE TRUCK, MOST** houses were built of wood. So a fire was a terrible thing. A small fire gone astray could end up burning down the entire town. When a fire broke out, the whole community left work or school and rushed to help put out the fire.

There used to be a watchtower that was taller than all the other buildings, where a watchperson kept a lookout all the time. As soon as they saw any sign smoke or fire, they would sound the alarm. The townspeople would then form a human chain between the fire and the nearest well, and pass each other pails of water with which to put out the fire.

A boy from a small village came to town for the first time, and stopped at an inn on the outskirts of the town. Suddenly, he heard the sound of a bugle. He asked the innkeeper what it meant.

“Whenever we have a fire,” the innkeeper explained, “we sound the bugle, and the fire is quickly put out.”

“How wonderful,” thought the boy. “What a surprise I will bring to my own village!”

So the boy went and bought himself a bugle. When he returned to his village, he was full of excitement. He called all the villagers together. “Listen, good people,” he exclaimed. “No need to be afraid of fire any more. Just watch me, and see how quickly I will put out a fire!”

Saying this, he ran to the nearest hut and set fire to its straw roof. The fire began to spread very quickly.

“Don’t be alarmed,” shouted the boy. “Now, watch me!”

The boy began to blow the bugle with all his might, interrupting it only to catch his breath and to say, “Wait, this will put out the fire in no time!” But the fire did not seem to care much for the music, and merely hopped from one roof to another until the entire village was in flames.

The villagers began to yell at the boy. “You fool,” they cried. “Did you think that just blowing the trumpet would put the fire out? It is only an alarm, to wake up the people if they are asleep, or to break them away from their work or school and send them to the well to get water and put out the fire!”

We are reminded of this story when we think of the shofar that is sounded many times on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For the boy from the story, the sound of the shofar is the only thing required to put out the fire.

But, like the bugle in the story, the shofar is simply the sound of an “alarm”. It has a message: “Wake up, sleepy-heads, think about your ways to return to God and put out the ‘fire’ that is threatening to destroy your Jewish homes. Go to the well—the Torah and *mitzvot*—hurry, before it is too late!”

Happy New Year to the entire Beth Tzedec community, and may you all have meaningful High Holy Days!



Be sure to mark **Sunday, May 13, 2018**  
on your calendar as we gather under the  
Beth Tzedec Big Top for our tenth annual

**Mother's Day Chai Tea  
& Fashion Show—  
A DAY AT THE  
CIRCUS!**



# *Beth Tzedec's Annual* **Simhat Torah Luncheon**

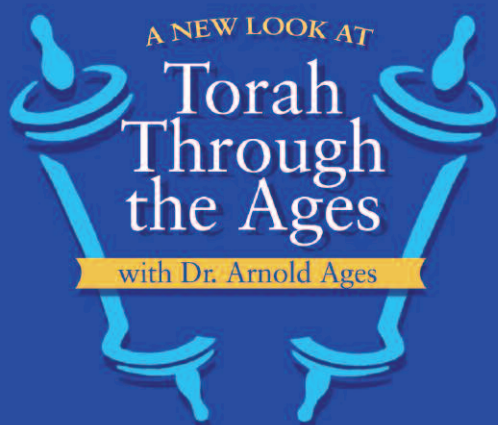


**Friday, October 13** following Services

Join us as we honour our *Kallat Torah* **Mary Ellen Herman** and our *Hattan Bereisheet* **Mark Lapedus**.

**Adults** \$40.00 / **Youth** (4 to 14) \$18.00 / **Children** (under 4) free.  
Limited space. Reserve by Monday, October 2.

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



**Thursday mornings from  
10:00 to 11:00 AM**

Dr. Arnold Ages includes in his Torah study sessions a brief survey of news items relevant to the *parashah*, short book reviews of recent Jewish books, a Talmud-corner from the tractate *Sanhedrin*, and an in-depth look at the weekly Torah portion with traditional and modern commentaries.

No charge.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



**Thursday, May 24, 2018  
at Lebovic Golf Course**

Sponsorship opportunities available.

# Simhat Torah Luncheon

Honouring outstanding dedication to our Beth Tzedec community.



**IT IS OUR GREAT PLEASURE TO HONOUR THIS YEAR'S** *Kallat Torah* Mary Ellen Herman and *Hattan Bereisheet* Mark Lapedus at our Simhat Torah services and luncheon. Mary Ellen and Mark have demonstrated outstanding dedication to our Beth Tzedec community and join our distinguished list of honourees.

## Mary Ellen Herman —*Kallat Torah*

Mary Ellen's family connection to Beth Tzedec began in 1890s when her grandparents Sophie and Isadore Caplan arrived in Toronto having escaped the pogroms raging through Europe. Isadore was a regular shul goer who could be found on Shabbat sitting just below the Rabbi's pulpit. Mary Ellen received her earliest Jewish education in the Beth Tzedec Congregational School as a member of the school's Honour Class. Her passion for learning continued as an adult, and when she decided it was time to learn the Torah trop, she did.

With her late husband Michael, she shared a love of learning. They were regulars in Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl's classes, and were strongly influenced by his teachings and the depth of Jewish thought. Together with their two children, they made Beth Tzedec their religious home and established close relationships with the shul's clergy and members.

Mary Ellen has traveled many times to Israel, has joined Professor Berk on his study trip to Eastern Europe and became a volunteer docent with the Holocaust Centre. One of her personal pivotal moments came when she helped found the Out of the Cold partnership with Beth Sholom, as part of the Beth Tzedec *Hesed* Committee. She has helped families facing bereavement issues and has held numerous leadership positions while supporting special projects and programs.

A woman of intense strength and courage, Mary Ellen has faced life's challenges always believing in the power of the human spirit. Her tenacity to keep moving forward is fueled by her desire to do what she can do to improve life for others and how she can soften their blows.

Shortly after the tragic loss of their daughter, Elizabeth Rose, the Hermans dedicated the wonderful Rose Garden that beautifies the Bathurst entrance to the Synagogue in

her memory. A committed community builder, Mary Ellen has been an angel at the Hospital for Sick Children, and most recently, dedicated the Michael and Mary Ellen Herman Banquet Hall at Beth Tzedec.

## Mark Lapedus—*Hattan Bereisheet*

Mark and his family joined Beth Tzedec on the occasion of their youngest daughter's Bat Mitzvah, which coincided with the arrival of Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, after being members of Shaarei Shomayim for a number of years.

Mark is commencing his 13<sup>th</sup> year as president of the Men's Club that he has helped to maintain as a vital part of the Synagogue community. He also served on the Board of Governors as the Men's Club representative for 11 years. Mark has played a leading and active role in all Men's Club activities, including the Sunnybrook Shabbat services, fundraisers such as the annual Men's Club Golf Classic, programs to support youth and adult education as well as the Yom Hashoah candle campaign.

Mark completed an Honours B.A. in English from the University of Toronto and a law degree from Osgoode Hall. He attended Associated Hebrew Day School from Kindergarten through Grade 13, and was a member of the second graduating class at the Community Hebrew Day School, which became CHAT in 1966.

Mark's parents recognized the importance of a Jewish education and instilled in Mark a desire to contribute to the Jewish community. His grandfather Zev Barenholtz, whose downtown Jewish bookstore was the centre of the community throughout Mark's youth, also influenced him. He regularly studied with his grandfather, and learned how to *daven* and interpret text. His grandfather also taught Mark about what was important in life as a Jew.

Mark is married to Jan, a former principal and teacher of the Leo Baeck Day School. They are very proud of their children Justin, Aimee and Jillian (Andrew Bier), and their grandchildren Jake, Ryan, Cole and Aiden. The eldest three attend Robbins Hebrew Academy and Jake will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah in September at Beth Tzedec.

Mark has expressed gratitude and humility in being selected for this honour.



# Scotch, Sake and Shabbat IN THE SUKKAH

**Friday, October 6 beginning at 6:25 pm**

Join Yacov Fruchter for a special Sukkot Shabbat dinner in the sukkah at 15 Avenal, featuring some great l'haims. Service begins at 6:25 pm at Beth Tzedec, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$18 per person. RSVPs requested by **Monday, October 2.**



## Simhat Torah Young Family Program

**Thursday, October 12 at 5:30 PM**

Join us for holiday crafts, games and a kids' Torah parade (recommended for children up to age 7), followed by a dinner for pre-registered families of all ages beginning at 6:30 PM. The party continues at our synagogue-wide *Hakafot* with singing, dancing, candy food and drinks.

Cost for dinner: \$20 adults; \$15 children (ages 13 and under).  
Dinner reservations required by **Monday, October 2.**

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

# Bill Glied: Glad I Met Him

Gerry Posner profiles Beth Tzedec member and noted community speaker, Bill Glied.



**THERE ARE MANY REMARKABLE STORIES** of survival from the Holocaust. Bill Glied has shared his with thousands of students, and his story has been retold several times in the press. However, what may be considered most remarkable about his testimony is the emphasis he places in the role of hope in his survival.

It is very hard to believe that a person could maintain a sense of hope given what was going on all around him. But his hope was fostered by his father, Alexander, who managed to stay by his side in the selection process in Auschwitz-Birkenau, that same process which sealed the fate of Bill's mother, Miriam, and sister, Anniko. Bill says it was his father, who sadly died nine days before the liberation, who really kept him alive and hopeful.

Bill came to Canada as one of the first war orphans admitted to this country. He was initially taken in by his aunt and uncle who had arrived earlier. It was not long, though, before he was on his own.

His first task was to learn English, and based on the way he speaks, he learned it well. Perhaps it was fluency in Serbian, Hungarian, German and Yiddish that helped him pick up another new language so quickly. After a few odd jobs, Bill was invited to join a fellow immigrant from his home country, the former Yugoslavia, in the lumber business.

He and his new wife Marika, a Holocaust survivor from Budapest, moved to Maple, Ontario where he worked and ultimately established a business. They had three children, and the family and business flourished. Later, Bill also partnered in a construction company and other

ventures, in which he is now joined by two of his daughters.

Bill has enjoyed business success, but his humble manner and warm demeanour—not to mention his flowing silver hair, has remained. To him, far more important than his business success has been the reach he has had in taking the lessons of the Holocaust across the province and beyond.

His focus these days is keeping the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust alive, and ensuring that those lessons are never forgotten. He has spoken in most Canadian provinces, and in May 2017, he shared his message with over 2,000 people at a Catholic church and at a packed Agudas Achim Synagogue in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Surely, when you reflect on what you have accomplished in your life, positively influencing another person would be perhaps one of the most satisfying accomplishments. Bill has done just that as he has taken the history of the Holocaust and transmitted the causes, brutality and lessons to people who have had no direct connection to Jews, let alone the Holocaust.

He has opened the eyes of many students so much so that he receives gifts and cards from them regularly. One student in P.E.I. was so moved by Bill's words that she drew a moving image of a Jewish prisoner in the Holocaust, a picture Bill keeps framed in his home. His willingness and ability to speak, and his charming manner makes him an invaluable teacher and mentor. In addition to speaking in schools and other venues, Bill also travels with Jewish teenagers

to concentration camps in Poland and then to Israel as part of the March of the Living.

Over the last few years, Bill has testified as a witness in two trials against S.S. officers who served at Auschwitz-Birkenau. He felt strongly about the significance of the verdicts being handed down in a German courtroom. The confirmed guilty verdict against Oskar Groening, and Bill's evidence given in honour of the family he lost, will remain in the German court record forever.

I wondered what it was that drove Bill to continue to share his story as far and as often as he can, despite how difficult it is to recount his experience. He has been asked many times and replies, "Once I became a grandfather [he has eight grandchildren] about the horrors of the Holocaust, no matter how painful. I have a duty, literally an obligation, to tell people and to send a message to kids today that they should realize this can happen."

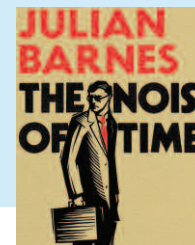
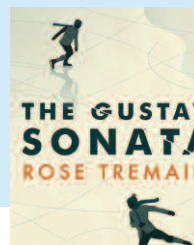
That he is connected to Judaism still is remarkable. Even though he wrestles with God in his quest to understand why he survived when others did not, he has had and continues to have a loyal connection to Beth Tzedec for well over 50 years. He fondly remembers the late Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg<sup>z"l</sup> welcoming him to Beth Tzedec and officiating alongside Cantor Joseph Cooper<sup>z"l</sup> at his wedding to Marika in 1959. Bill identifies Beth Tzedec as an integral part of his life to this day.

Bill Glied (pronounced gleeed) made quite an impression on me. I was 'gleed' to meet and get to know him.

—Gerry Posner

## Book and Film Club Selections 2017-2018

**Mondays—Lunch 1:00 PM; Reviews 1:30 PM**  
\$25 per session (*Limited seating available; pre-registration required.*)



**SEPTEMBER 25**

### **The Gustav Sonata**

Cynthia Good discusses Rose Tremain's book

The story of the friendship of two men in Switzerland who spent most of their lives trying to achieve the unattainable.

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**OCTOBER 16**

### **The Noise of Time**

Professor Robert Sterling Beckwith analyzes Julian Barnes' novel

Based on actual events, this novel presents a riveting, fictionalized account of the life of the great Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovich, and the anguished compromises he made under Stalin's regime.

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**NOVEMBER 6**

### **The Far Side of the Sky**

Cathy Tile explores Daniel Kalla's book

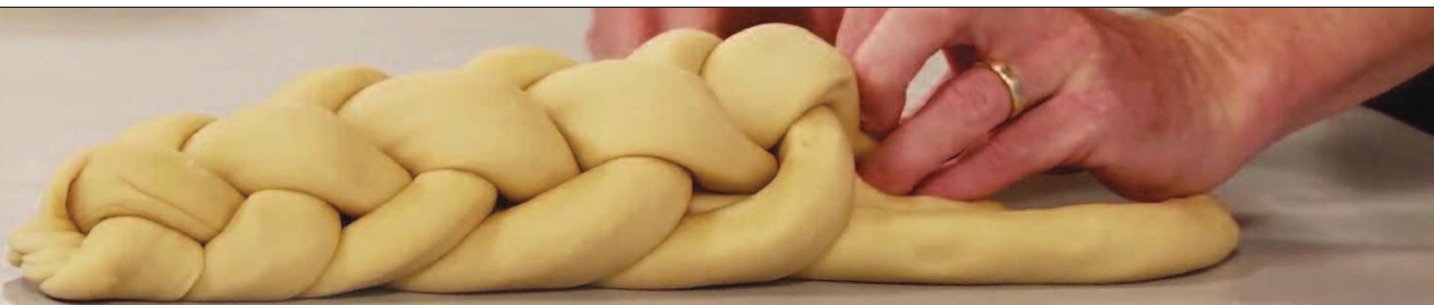
This novel focuses on a short but extraordinary period of Chinese, Japanese and Jewish history, when cultures converged and heroic sacrifices were part of the everyday quest for survival.

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# Family Hallah Bake

**Thursday, November 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**

Let's get messy as a family as we learn the special ingredients we put into *hallah* and their mystical meanings. Learn amazing tips to easily bake *hallah*, the blessing we make, and how to braid like a pro!

**Cost: \$10 per person. Reserve online or the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 by Monday, November 6.**

## Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show

The ninth annual Mother's Day Chai Tea and Fashion Show, held this past Sunday, May 14, was a huge success. The Out of the Cold Program has been the recipient of the proceeds raised from this annual event since its inception, which now totals close to \$70,000. I am so grateful to the Chai Tea Committee, chaired by Patti Rotman, who all worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the festive afternoon. We could not achieve the results that we have at OOTC without such generosity. Keep Sunday, May 13, 2018 open for next year's Mother's Day Chai Tea, as we gather under the Big Top for "A Day at the Circus"!

## Out of the Cold 2018

The 19<sup>th</sup> season of Out of the Cold, undertaken jointly with Beth Sholom out of their premises, will run every Tuesday night from the beginning of January until the end of March. Last year, we fed close to 200 guests each week and provided sleeping accommodations and breakfast for 60 people.

We are always looking for new volunteers of any age to join our team. Registration opens at the end of November. Visit [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org), click on the "Social Action/Tikkun Olam" tab, and then click on "Community Action". Shifts are approximately two hours in length, and volunteers can sign up for the dinner set-up, dinner service, clothing distribution/art program, overnight shifts and breakfast preparation on Wednesday mornings. This program is an excellent opportunity for bar/bat mitzvah-aged students to participate in a meaningful *tzedekah* project. Community service hours are available to high school students.

Out of the Cold is completely self-funded, relying on contributions from members of the Congregation and the community at large. We are always in need of new or gently used **adult** clothing, specifically down coats and ski jackets, winter, hiking or construction boots, running shoes, sweatpants and sweatshirts, t-shirts, sweaters and jeans as well as new sleeping bags and blankets. Please do not donate summer clothing items. Donations should be bagged, labeled and dropped off at Beth Sholom, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, after November 1. If you need to drop off donations sooner, please contact me to arrange it. Hotel-size toiletries are very popular, and can be dropped off anytime at Beth Tzedec.

Any large donations of **new** items, such as underwear, socks, t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts and toiletries, as well as coffee, tea, tuna, paper products (plates, cutlery, and cups), industrial size garbage and recycling bags and latex gloves may be eligible for a charitable donation receipt.

## Thursday Games Afternoons—Mahj, Bridge & Canasta

Games Afternoon, held every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, continues to grow with over 50 participants attending each week to enjoy Mahjong, Bridge and Canasta. New players, including non-members, are always welcome.

In September, we initiated a voluntary donation of a Toonie for the Games Afternoon program. A *tzedekah* box will be placed on the refreshments table each week, and you are encouraged to contribute. Proceeds will be used to fund *hesed* projects, including Out of the Cold and Games Afternoon.

Mahjong and Canasta lessons are offered at the Synagogue. Please contact me if you are interested in registering. I have also received a request for Chess lessons. If anyone is interested in teaching, please contact me.

## Visiting or Chatting with the Elderly—Bikkur Holim

Our program of matching volunteers to either call or visit those living in seniors' residences or at home is an often overlooked, but most vital lifeline for our elderly and ailing members. The positive impact you can make by taking the time to show you care is immeasurable. Many are sick and may not have family members who are able to visit often, while others are just lonely. Please consider volunteering to visit or to become a phone pal. It is a flexible opportunity and you can choose how much time you can offer. It is also a wonderful opportunity for bar/bat mitzvah-aged students to participate in with their parents or grandparents. Training sessions for *bikkur holim* initiatives will begin in late October. Watch for details.

## Driving the Elderly to Synagogue

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

## Hesed Fund Occasion Cards

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

For more information on any of the above opportunities, please call the Synagogue office and leave a message for me.

I would like to wish everyone a *Shanah Tovah*, and may the coming year be filled with good health, happiness and peace.

—Maureen Tanz  
Chair, *Hesed* Committee

## THE GENESIS PROJECT:

# Kosher Pork? Artificial Hearts?

Jewish Challenges in the Age of Biotechnology  
with **Rabbi Daniel Nevins** and **Dr. Milica Radisic**

**Monday, October 30 at 7:30 PM**

Actual meat grown in the lab, not on the farm? Artificial organs developed in a lab? Explore the scientific prospects, bioethical questions and halakhic issues associated with the challenges that human-made meat and tissues create. Do the familiar rules apply?

Watch for details and registration information coming soon.



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.



# Teddy Bear Havdalah

for Toddlers and Their Families



**Saturday, December 9**  
**from 5:00 to 6:15 PM**

Celebrate Havdalah, the close of Shabbat and the start of a new week, with friends and family. Bring your own teddy bear to cuddle as you enjoy songs and stories. Pyjamas are encouraged.

No charge, but pre-registration required to Simmi Toby at [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org) by **Thursday, December 7.**

# Sadat in Jerusalem: Emmanuel Levinas on Ethics Beyond Politics, Judaism and the Jewish State

*with Prof. Michael Morgan*



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

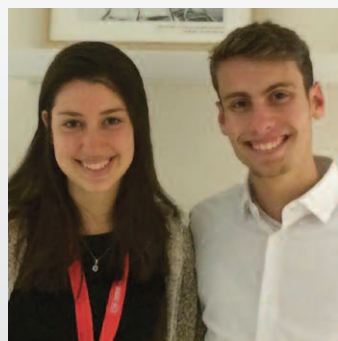
French-Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas saw the Egyptian leader's unprecedented 1977 visit to Israel and his address to the Knesset as an extraordinary ethical gesture. To Levinas, Sadat's actions transcended politics and set in motion the events leading up to the Camp David accords, while ultimately costing Sadat his life. No charge.



מרכז למדעי היהדות

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## Welcoming Maayan and Ishay!

Maayan Lange and Ishay Frenkel, our new Israeli *shinshanim*, have arrived in Toronto and are looking forward to meeting the Beth Tzedec family at our upcoming events, services and programs, including the "Membership Appreciation BBQ" on Tuesday, September 12, and the Middle School and Teen lounges during the High Holy Days.

Why not make a personal connection with Maayan and Ishay by inviting them into your home for a warm, friendly Shabbat lunch? To arrange to host a lunch, contact Marnie Burke at [thedamianis4@gmail.com](mailto:thedamianis4@gmail.com).

# DAY TRIPS IN JEWISH HISTORY

With educator and lecturer  
**HANA WERNER**



## WEDNESDAYS:

1:30 PM Refreshments / 2:00 PM Lecture

### 10 sessions:

\$60 Beth Tzedec members; \$70 non-members

### 5 sessions:

\$45 Beth Tzedec members; \$55 non-members \$14 per session at the door

#### PART ONE:

### Pictures at an Exhibition— A Gallery of Remarkable Men and Women

#### October 18

Abigail—A portrait of a woman of great beauty and wisdom to match. What is her claim to fame?

#### October 25

Ehud—The judge who outwitted the king and thereby saved Israel. What was his weapon?

#### November 1

Gideon—The charismatic judge who tests God's credibility. How did he do that?

#### November 8

Nathan—The prophet who rebukes and scolds the king of Israel. "Thou shall not covet." Really?

#### November 15

Ruth—A risk taker and a passionate convert. What is her destiny?

#### PART TWO:

### The Surprising Firsts in the Hebrew Bible

#### April 11

The first kiss—To kiss or not to kiss ... and the implications of Jacob kissing Rachel upon meeting.

#### April 18

The First Hatred is within a marriage—the first biblical family of survivors, and their toxic interactions.

#### April 25

The first anointed leader in the Bible, *Mashiah Hashem*, and the fascinating legacy of other Messiahs.

#### May 2

The first challenged man of royal descent, and the kindness of King David towards him.

#### May 9

The first liberator who changed the destiny of our people and built monumental ideas for mankind.

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

*Generously sponsored in memory of Cantor Joseph Cooper<sup>21</sup>*

# Men's Club Makes a Difference

## Men's Club Scholarships

The following young people were awarded Men's Club scholarships at the annual award breakfast on June 11. Congratulations to these winners who represent a bright future for the Jewish community:

*Lily Chapnik*—Lily is enrolled in a Concurrent Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work at University of Toronto. She wants to work with Jewish families resolving disputes.

*Carrie Bettel*—Carrie is working toward a PhD in Humanities with a Jewish Studies Graduate Diploma at York University, with a focus toward conducting research in a university and teaching Jewish studies.

*Uri Kochavi*—Uri is pursuing a Masters in Music, working toward achieving a Jewish musical education at McGill University.

*Yaacov Libersohn*—Yaacov is studying Talmudic Studies in Israel with the goal of becoming a rabbi.

*Elysa Keshen*—Elysa is pursuing a Masters of Jewish Education at Hebrew College.

*Gdalait-Aviella Neuman (Orenstein scholarship in fine arts)*—Gdalait-Aviella is following a PhD in Dance Studies at York University focusing on dance and Jewish contemporary history.

*Hena Rivka Perman*—Hena is working toward a degree in post-secondary school teaching in Israel.

*Rachel Rosenbluth*—Rachel is enrolled in a rabbinical study program in Israel.

*Esther Enayatzadeh*—Esther is enrolled in a teachers training program for Jewish Studies in Israel.

## Sunnybrook Shabbat

The first Sunnybrook Shabbat for this year will take place on October 28 in the Sunnybrook Chapel. The abbreviated service begins at 10:00 AM and concludes at 12:00 NOON, with a kiddush following. Free parking is

available for those attending. Come join us for this warm and intimate service. For information, please contact Jerry Grammer at 416-985-8708 or jaygeel937@gmail.com.

## Lillian Grammer—Honour Roll

Lillian Grammer recently received recognition for her many years of dedicated work in providing kiddush food following Men's Club Shabbat Services held at Sunnybrook Hospital.

Lillian's name has been engraved and is now part of the Men's Club Honour Roll, located on the Men's Club Welcome Walk wall, near the parking lot entrance.



## MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS & PRIVILEGES



Men's Club is providing a new updated card for its members. A \$36 contribution provides members with:

- A plastic card that includes a three-year Jewish Holiday calendar
- Preferred seating at Men's Club sponsored events
- Renewal stickers for 2017/2018 will be mailed

*Contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 if you need a new card.*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ **BTUSY**



**GRADES 9 TO 12 (BTUSY)**

### **EXPLORING OUR JEWISH ROOTS**

**Sunday, October 15  
from 2:00 to 5:00 PM**

Explore your Jewish history as we hear from a Holocaust survivor while walking through Beth Tzedec's Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum.

Cost: \$TBC. Advance registration requested to Jesse Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org) by **Tuesday, October 10.**



**GRADES 6 TO 12 (KADIMA and BTUSY)**

### **BAKE-OFF FOR YOUTH**

**Sunday, November 12  
from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**

Get ready for the dessert bake-off of the century with special guest judges! All of the desserts prepared will be donated to a youth shelter in Toronto.

Cost: \$5 per person. Advance registration requested to Simmi Toby at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or [stoby@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:stoby@beth-tzedec.org) by **Monday, November 6.**



**GRADES 6 TO 12 (KADIMA and BTUSY)**

### **HANUKKAH LATKE BATTLE**

**Sunday, December 3  
from 2:00 to 5:00 PM**

Battle it out in the kitchen to see who can make the grate-est latkes before we take a tour through the "From Latkes to Laffas" exhibit.

Cost: \$10 per person. Advance registration requested to Jesse Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org) by **Monday, November 27.**

# Lake Region Federation News



## FJMC International Convention

The FJMC convention in Washington, D.C. attracted over 600 participants this year. A huge success, it featured dozens of learning tracks, tours of Washington and regional attractions, the investiture of the new board and the highlight "Cantors Gala", with five of the top cantors in the world.

Beth Tzedec members Larry Rachlin and Don Smith attended, and Beth Tzedec was named to the FJMC board for the next two year term.

## Man/Youth of the Year

Sunday, October 22, Adath Israel

will host the Man/Youth of the Year celebration, with Beth Tzedec honouring Men's Club president Mark Lapedus and youth members Zach Friedman and Josh Arbess. Watch for details.

## Minyan of Comfort Initiative

The "Minyan of Comfort Initiative", a program of the Cantors Assembly and FJMC, will return this fall under the capable leadership of Cantor Sidney Ezer. "Minyan of Comfort" is designed for **seasoned** Hebrew readers interested in acquiring the skills necessary to become *shiva minyanim* lay leaders. For more

information about this program, please see page 8.

## Yom Hashoah Candle Campaign

Lake Region chapter members will partner with local congregations in the annual Yom Hashoah "yellow candle" campaign. This program, initiated by Beth Tzedec, is still recognized as the gold standard for fundraising success, and by working together and sharing insights, we can support synagogues throughout North America and beyond to make this mitzvah campaign an international success.

**FROM DELIS TO DAIRY:**

**Kibitzing about Kensington's Early Jewish Restaurants**

**WITH ELLEN SCHEINBERG, CYREL TROSTER AND DONNA BERNARDO-CERIZ**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

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# 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

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Phyllis Flatt** on her birthday.

Debbie and Randy Spiegel, honouring **Ron Polster**.

## Daily Minyan Fund

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Dr. Steven Gottesman and Liddy Beck** on the marriage of their daughter **Elizabeth**.

## Daily Minyan Breakfast

Norm Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Karol Abramowicz**.

The Alexandroff Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Alexandroff**.

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

Helena Axler and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Feiga Glazer**.

Janice Bennett and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Geoffrey Bennett**.

Stephen Bernhut, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gertrude Bernhut**.

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

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

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

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

Earl and Harley Consky and Louise Shogilev, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sandra Consky**.

The Coopersmith Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Myrtle Coopersmith**.

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

Elliott Eisen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Eisen**.

Marilyn Finkelstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Albert Finkelstein**.

The Gertner Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Gertner**.

Helen Glazer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Albert E. Glazer**.

Gerold and Rosylin Goldlist, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Charles Goldlist**.

Arlene Grajcer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Grajcer**.

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

Alison Himel and Andrew and Sharon Himel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Malka Green**.

Gloria Houser and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cyril Houser**.

Judith and Stephen Kauffman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Annette Carson**.

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
for Parents

<p><b>Evening Session</b> Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:00 - 9:30 PM</p>	<p><b>New Stream</b> Information Session 7:15 - 8:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Morning Session</b> Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:00 - 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>New Stream</b> Information Session 10:30 - 11:15 AM</p>

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Dr. Beverly Kupfert, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eva Kupfert**.

Ruthe Mann, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Grace Longert**.

Ruthe Mann and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Longert**.

The Menkes Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Florence Weintraub**.

Betty Plotnick and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernie Plotnick**.

Esterita Rajskey and Rochelle Zabitsky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Chananie**.

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

Millard Roth, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Juanita and Manuel Consky**.

Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Marcia Gilbert, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rabbi Zalman Schachter**.

The Seigel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Harold Seigel**.

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

Shoshanah Steel and Morrison Steel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Steel**.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, honouring the marriage of **Emily Teichman and Jonathan Zworth**.

Matthew Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Evie Weinstein**.

#### General Fund

Sharon and Waldo, honouring **Ariel Roitman** on her graduation.

Sharon and Waldo, honouring **Dr. Rosalie Steinberg** on her graduation.

Prof. Arnold and Shoshana Ages, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sharon Ages-Goldberg**.

Bernie and Elise Gropper, acknowledging **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Jack Kimel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Kimel**.

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

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

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

Roslyn Nathanson, acknowledging **Ruth Nichols** in memory of **Carolyn Marsha Cronenberg**.

Pearl Schwartz and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Schwartz**.

Marilyn Siegel, honouring **Professor Arnold Ages**.

Harvey Worth, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Worth**.

#### Hesed Fund

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

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

Esther Cole, acknowledging **Ruth Nichols** in memory of **Carolyn Marsha Cronenberg**.

The Glassman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sybil Glassman**.

Irving and Wendy Gold, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dora Gold**.

Eve Goodman and family, acknowledging **Ruth Nichols** in memory of **Carolyn Marsha Cronenberg**.

Carole and Nathan Greenberg, acknowledging **Mrs. P. Greenberg and family** in memory of **Dr. H. Joseph Greenberg**.

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Carole and Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rebecca Greenberg**.

Lony and Roth Gropper, wishing **Betty Plotnick** a speedy and complete recovery.

Esther Hussman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Hussman**.

Judith Libman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arnold Cohen**.

John and Molly Pollock, honouring **Donald Carr and Judy Feld Carr** on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Aubrey and Judith Golden** on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Allan, Kathy and Daniel Troster, commemorating then 25<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit of **Sydney Troster**.

Manley and Barbra Walters, acknowledging **Janice Brown and family** in memory of **Violet Brown**.

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

David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit Grossman, honouring **Ben and Jill Lustig** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Stephen Cooper**.

Tali and Barry, Ashleigh and Howie, Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal, honouring **Carol Grossman** on her retirement.

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

Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring **Marty and Heather Goose** on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring **Dr. Steven Gottesman and Liddy Beck** on the marriage of their daughter **Elizabeth**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring **Sylvie Milner** on her Bat Mitzvah.

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

Judy Libman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Arnold Cohen**.

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

Michael and Phyllis Kaplan, honouring **Lou and Honey Mostyn** on their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Michael and Phyllis Kaplan, honouring **Abe Schwartz and family** on his Bar Mitzvah (in Israel).

#### **Kosher Food Bank**

Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Jacob Greenberg, Anne Greenberg, Rose Glicksman, Joseph Greenberg and Morris Greenberg**.

Paul and Sharon Haberman, acknowledging **Stephen Freedhoff and family** in memory of **Helen Freedhoff**.

Irving Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Goldie Matlow**.

Corinne Rochweg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ethel and Chester Sparckman**.

Judith Shostack, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aron Shostack**.

#### **Little Minyan Fund**

Gary and Jan Elman and family, honouring **Joseph Milner and Allison Gerson** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Sylvie Milner**.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, honouring **Sherry and Jay Firestone** on their son **Ross** receiving his PhD.

#### **Lorne Hanick Website Development Fund**

Miriam Lubin and Shane Grosman, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Paul and Jodi Mandel, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

#### **Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library Fund**

Joshua and Rhonda Charlat, acknowledging **Laura Orzy** in memory of **Lyrice Behrman**.

Marsha Joseph, honouring **Zina Glassman**.

Dorothy Tassis, honouring **Diane and Ron Richler** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Jamie Wise**.

Dorothy Tassis, honouring **Shelly and Yaffa Wise** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Jamie Wise**.

Eileen and Phil Wunch, honouring **Phyllis Flatt** on her birthday.

#### **Men's Club Scholarships**

Art and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Ellis Macmull and family** in memory of **Gerald (Jerry) Macmull**.

Art and Carole Andrews, honouring **Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale** on the marriage of their daughter **Emily Teichman** to **Jonathan Zworth**.

#### **Moshe Chriqui Memorial Fund**

Diane and Ron Ennis, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Susan Fremes and Michel Silberfeld, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Carole and Nathan Greenberg, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Barbara and Ricky Kirshenblatt and family, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Ellis and Vicci Macmull, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui and family** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

#### **Music Fund**

Lorraine Simpson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lillian Simpson**.

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

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

Ethel Abramowitz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Nathan Abramowitz**.

The Ackerman Family, honouring **Frances Ackerman** on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

David Ackerman and Joni Cohen, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Carole and Arthur Andrews, acknowledging **Patti Rotman and family** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Howard and Halle Cohen, acknowledging **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Verna W. Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Irving Cooper**.

Barbara Firestone, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

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

Paul and Sharon Haberman, honouring **Max Berg** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Mark and Judy Libman, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Faye Librach and Harvey Koff, honouring **Sam and Evelyn Librach** on their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on **Sam's** 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pearl Lipton-Silver, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Marvin Lipton** and **Morris Lipton**.

Shirley and David Promislow, honouring **Ralph and Judy Shiff** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring **Heather Librach**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring **Phyllis Flatt** on her birthday.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Ellis Macmull** in memory of **Gerald (Jerry) Macmull**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring **Vera Finkelstein** on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Herb and Taube Samuels, honouring **Zel and Helen Baltman** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Rose Sobel, honouring the memory of **Eleanor Charney**.

Elaine and Joseph Steiner, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, honouring **Joe Goldman** on his special birthday.

Maureen and Bernie Tanz, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

Steven, Line, Sarah and Dana Troster, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sydney Troster**.

Eleanor Wisenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Wisenberg**.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

#### **Prayer Book (Maḥzor) Dedications**

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

Skip and Lynn Sigel and family, acknowledging the **Friedland Family** in memory of **Sheldon Friedland**.

The grateful students of the 2016-2017 classes, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** and **Rabbi Adam Cutler** for teaching and inspiring them during their year of learning at Beth Tzedec.

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

Allan Cooper, honouring **Rose Cooper** on her 60 years of participation at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Barbara Firestone and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sheldon Firestone**.

Gerald Freeman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Debbie Freeman**.

Eileen Hersey and Ian Hersey, honouring the memory of **Stewart Matthew Hersey**.

Malki Lazar, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Evelyn Chava Lazar**.

#### **Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum Fund**

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging the **Simchovitch Family** in memory of **Simcha Simchovitch**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marjorie Rothstein**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pauline Goldhar**.

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

Anna Day and Oscar Zimmerman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Layah Day**.

Brenda Orser, acknowledging the **Shapiro Family** in memory of **Jakob Ari Shapiro**.

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

Cathy Surdin and Lawrence Schiff, acknowledging the **Lipton Family** in memory of **Lawrence Lipton**.

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

Lois and Brian Demone, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Jerry and Thelma Fisher and family, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Ruth and Murray Freedman and family, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Cynthia Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Beila Moss**.

Jack and Florence Kimel, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Rose Chelin Sobel and Duke Segel, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Judy and Lorne Stein, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Perlan and Ted Waxman, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Jerry Willer, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Cheryl Zale, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

## **Family Hanukkah Party!** **Saturday, December 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

Join us for a fabulously fun family Hanukkah party.  
Watch for details.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Teens in Grades 9 to 12—Do you need to fulfil community service hours or are you interested in engaging in mitzvah projects? We need volunteers to help with this special event. For information or to register as a volunteer, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org).

# Sing-Along with Cantor Sidney

Shabbat mornings, October 21, November 18,  
December 16—following services

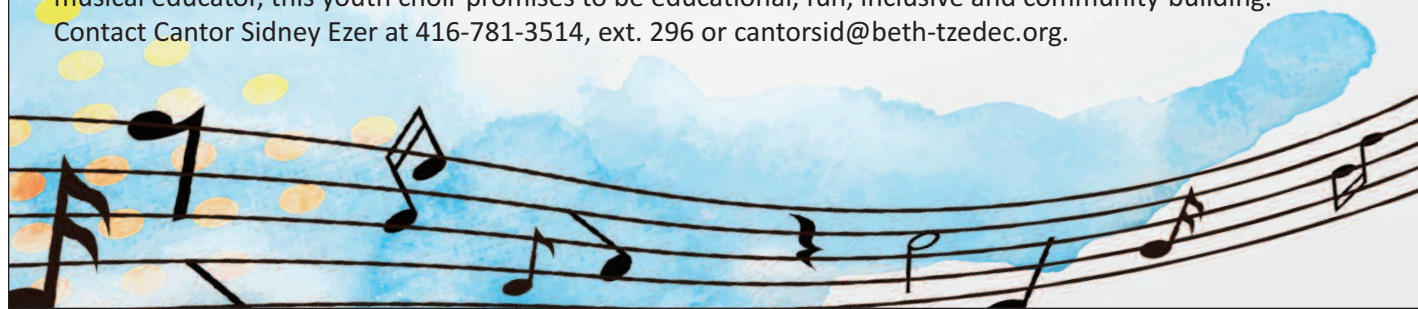


Do you like to sing? Would you like to expand your Jewish musical repertoire? Come join Cantor Sidney Ezer in an informal sing-along following services. Each session we will explore some *Z'mirot* (Shabbat Table Songs), as well as melodies for *Shaharit* and *Musaf* both familiar and new. In celebration of Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, each session will also include at least one or two songs of Israel. The December 16 session will feature on Hanukkah songs.

## Beth Tzedec Youth Choir

Calling all kids 7 years and older

Would you like to sing from the *bimah* or a stage for a few Services or concerts this year? Then the Beth Tzedec Youth Choir is for you! Led by Sara Schabas, classically trained soprano and musical educator, this youth choir promises to be educational, fun, inclusive and community-building. Contact Cantor Sidney Ezer at 416-781-3514, ext. 296 or [cantorsid@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:cantorsid@beth-tzedec.org).



Join us at Beth Tzedec for our Ninth Annual

# Family Fun Day

Monday, December 25  
from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Looking for something exciting to do with your family on December 25? Join us for our annual Family Fun Day! Three hours of activities and programs for children including sports, crafts, bouncy castles, music, games and so much more. Watch for details coming soon.



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## Condolences

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

<b>Rae Appleby</b>	<b>Norem Litvak</b>
<b>Gordon Atlin</b>	<b>Lloyd Margles</b>
<b>Muriel Berger</b>	<b>Irving Milstein</b>
<b>Susan Brisgel</b>	<b>Sigmund (Skip) Pulver</b>
<b>Fela Friedman</b>	<b>Gerald Rabinovitch</b>
<b>Norma Hazan</b>	<b>Jack Rabinovitch</b>
<b>Rozalia Heisz (Kovendi)</b>	<b>Miriam Reyhanian</b>
<b>Leonard Kaplow</b>	<b>Thomas Schwartz</b>
<b>Tom Kirschner</b>	<b>Simcha Simchovitch</b>
<b>Marinel Kritzer</b>	<b>Larisa Zhornisty</b>
<b>Joan Kruger</b>	<b>(Shpiegelman)</b>
<b>Hon. Allen M. Linden</b>	<b>Katie Zuckernick</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:

<b>Benjamin Chelin</b>	<b>Joe Hillman</b>
<b>Bertha Chelin</b>	<b>Anna Ingles</b>
<b>Ruth Goldstein</b>	<b>Max Ingles</b>
<b>Bessie Hillman</b>	<b>Frances Pearl Sobel</b>
<b>Bette Hillman</b>	<b>Saul Wexler</b>

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](mailto:mvasserman@beth-tzedec.org).

## Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

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

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

## Jewish Meditation



Shabbat, October 14, November 4,  
December 2, January 13, February 3,  
March 3, April 14 and May 5  
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.*

For more information, please contact Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234 or [mlaba@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mlaba@beth-tzedec.org)

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# Wave Hello to Sukkot!

**Shake a lulav**—Be sure to order your quality Israeli lulav and etrog! Only \$45 per set.

Beginning on Thursday, October 5, bring your family and your lulav and etrog to shul, as we joyously march around the Synagogue in celebration of Sukkot. Children welcome!

**Ordering Deadline** Monday, October 2 at 12:00 NOON

**Pick-up Dates and Times**

Tuesday, October 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 4 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

☐ **Yes, I would like to be a part of this *Mitzvah*!**

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**I would like** the following set(s) of Lulav & Etrog: \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$45 per set**

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**Please check one of the following**

☐ **Cheque enclosed** — Make all cheques payable to *Beth Tzedec Congregation*

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Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3

**Order by Phone:**

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*In keeping with the theme of "Pivotal Moments", this is the dramatic, untold story of the secret negotiations—by the most unlikely figures—that ended the Holocaust.*

## **In the Name of Humanity:** **The Secret Deal to** **End the Holocaust** with *Max Wallace*

**Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 PM**

Holocaust historian and *New York Times* bestselling author Max Wallace, a veteran interviewer for Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation, draws on an explosive cache of recently declassified documents and an account from the only living eyewitness to unravel the mystery.

Published to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Final Solution, *In the Name of Humanity* contains revelations that may rewrite the history of the Holocaust and the Second World War.

*Sponsored by the Kubes Family Fund in memory of Zoltan Kubes (z"l)*

*Presented with the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre*

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