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## SHABBAT SHIRAH

A Tribute to | NAOMI  
SHEMER  
שבת שירה

**Beth Tzedec Congregation and Tarbut Toronto celebrate 70 years of Israeli music through vibrant prayer, learning and a unique concert highlighting Naomi Shemer within the vast landscape of Israeli music.**

**Friday, January 26—5:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

Following a Shabbat service incorporating Israeli melodies, Israeli educator and Naomi Shemer enthusiast Roy Rimshon uncovers Naomi's impact on Jewish peoplehood and Israel, while Cantor Sidney Ezer and the choir perform a few of her songs. RSVPs required by Monday, January 22.

**Shabbat morning, January 27—8:45 AM**

Continuing the celebration of "70 Years of Israeli Music", Cantor Sidney Ezer and the choir lead a Shabbat service featuring famous songs from Israeli composers and song festivals, followed by a lunch 'n' learn with Roy Rimshon.

**Saturday evening, January 27—8:00 PM**

**The Honey and the Sting—**

על הדבש ועל העוקץ

**Shabbat Shirah Concert**

Beth Tzedec, Tarbut Toronto and Israeli Connection at MNJCC present a concert of 70 years of Israeli music including Naomi Shemer classics performed by The Quartet with Cantor Sidney Ezer. Tickets: \$25 advance; \$30 at the door.

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

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# On the Trail

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”.



## HIKING IN ISRAEL AS PART OF THE UJA CENTENNIAL

Mission, I was awestruck by the raw desert landscape of the Ramon Crater, the lush plant and animal life of Ein Avdat and Nahal Katlav, and the steep trails in each of these locations. At the International Birding and Research Center in Eilat, I was reminded of the strategic land-bridge that Israel provides, enabling avian migration between Africa and EurAsia. One of the great gifts of Zionism to the Jewish people has been a reawakening of awareness of the natural beauty of the Land of Israel. That love is celebrated on Tu B'Shevat (the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew month, marked this year on January 31).

Our appreciation and celebration of the Land of Israel takes on a deeper dimension during Pesah when we read the Song of Songs. Elaine James explores how *Shir Hashirim* creates a “landscape of desire” linking physiography and poetry, landscape and lyric, fragile human love and the complexity of the natural world (*Landscapes of the Song of Songs*). Our younger members who have hiked the Israel Trail tell of the great beauty of the journey and have countless stories of human kindness, of the “trail angels” who support and encourage them. As the Purim narrative of Mordekhai and Esther states, “help and support comes from other places”.

In the past, great religious authorities have pointed to Esther as an exceptional woman who only briefly ventured into the political challenges of ancient Persia. Even the *megillah* that bears her name ends with a focus on the leadership role of Mordekhai. Rabbinic commentators—from the past to the present—have suggested that the Biblical verse, “The daughter of the King is glorious in the inner chamber” (Psalm 45:14) indicates that Jewish women should not have a place in public ritual.

But we know that during the Hasmonean revolt, Jewish women played a significant role, acclaimed by the inclusion of women in the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah. We also recognize that, while the role of women in public Jewish ritual was minimal, some Jewish women were involved in commerce, played a role in the governance of community affairs and had a place of social (and even religious) prominence in synagogue life.

At Beth Tzedec, we have been on a long trail. Over a period of almost a quarter-century, I have composed a series of responsa (*teshuvot*, legal decisions) that has

gradually created a place for women in the public ritual of Beth Tzedec. As possibilities opened, women have embraced Torah *aliyot* and reading, been welcomed in the minyan (quorum) for prayer and are now forging roles as leaders of public prayer. While initially hesitant, they have gradually discovered their voice. It has been heartening and inspiring to watch.

Through this extended process, I have also been learning. I have trained myself to read rabbinic texts with a new eye and fresh perspective, to discover in our classical texts a warrant for greater inclusion. My evolving approach has been to create an *halakhic* basis for each development and to allow for communal adjustment and acceptance. Through these years, my rabbinic colleagues have both challenged and supported me. And after each period of consolidation, our Congregation was prepared for other possible considerations.

A similar process occurs in our calendar during the winter-spring season. Tu B'Shevat, a day that signals that spring in the Land of Israel is on the way, is still chilly. The holiday is a harbinger of a process from the first almond buds (a natural occurrence, without any overt Divine activity) to the remarkable turnabout of Purim (a human saga without the mention of God in the narrative), culminating in the redemptive narrative of the Exodus (where God is fully engaged in the Exodus). Our Torah tradition appreciates that God may be found in the slow and subtle evolution of nature, society and Jewish law.

The Hanukkah heroism of Hannah and Judith, the courageous intervention of Esther and the redemptive acts of significant women in Egypt (the two midwives to the Hebrew women; Yoheved, Moshe's mother; Miryam, his sister and saviour; and Pharaoh's daughter) remind us of the importance of women to the sacred history of our people. That role was not only in the past. I see it reaching into the future.

Just as Zionism triggered a reawakened love of the Land of Israel, I hope that the *halakhic* developments within Beth Tzedec will give rise to a revival of synagogue life. Just as rigorous hiking requires dedication, time and serious preparation, so does reading Torah and leading *tefillah*. Even as women find their place on the *bimah*, I envision the girls and young women of our community being inspired to step up and become more engaged in

public prayer and congregational life. I pray that the men and boys of our community also will be challenged to increase their capacity for ritual leadership, thus becoming more connected and committed.

As I wrote regarding the composition of a minyan, "The sanctity of the Jewish people includes men and women and enables the people of Israel to be worthy of the *mitzvot*." Let us continue on this trail.

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As my colleague and friend, Rabbi Adam Cutler, prepares to leave Beth Tzedec for his new role as Senior Rabbi of Aduth Israel Congregation, I thank him for his stalwart support and communal creativity. He has been an exemplar of rabbinic service, responding to common concerns and extraordinary emergencies with care and concern.

Rav Adam has been responsible for initiatives to welcome Jews-by-Choice, green the synagogue, include Jews with various physical and developmental challenges, reach out to other faith communities, link us to Truth and Reconciliation projects, teach serious Torah and maintain a high profile for Beth Tzedec in the Jewish and general community.

He and Debra, as well as Jacob and Ezra, will be missed in our community. We wish them much success as they move north along Bathurst, and hope that they will continue to contribute much to the Jewish community of Toronto.





**Sunday, January 28**  
**from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

For Jews-by-choice who have completed a Conservative conversion in the last five years. A one of a kind initiative for converts and their families. No charge. RSVP to 416-781-3511 by Monday, January 22.

**A Program for Jews-by-Choice**

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# A New Klei Kodesh Team for the Next Generation



This is a time of great change in the Jewish world and our *kehillah* is well positioned as a leading shul within the Conservative congregational world.

**BETH TZEDEC CELEBRATES AS RAV ADAM WILL TRANSITION** from his role as a key member of our *klei kodesh* team to a new role as Senior Rabbi at Adath Israel, right up the street. This is a tremendous achievement for Rav Adam who arrived at Beth Tzedec as a Tanenbaum Fellow and then as a rabbinic graduate filled with promise. His success brings honour to our *kehillah*, and we thank him for his years of service. This accomplishment also reflects well on Rav Baruch's years of mentorship and teaching.

With Rav Adam's departure, our rabbinic search will expand as we look to build a *klei kodesh* team consistent with the objectives set out in our recently completed strategic plan. It is the goal of our search committees to attract the finest rabbinic leadership to help chart our path for future generations. We also recognize the importance of building a team with complimentary skills and talents.

Leading the charge to develop our "dream team" are Bernie Gropper, Dr. Eudice Goldberg and Norman Kahn who co-chair the search for the senior rabbi; Dena Libman and Ted Zittell who co-chair the search for our second rabbi; and Ava Kanner and Aaron Wine who co-chair the Cantorial Search Committee. As all three committees move forward, we will keep our members informed.

This is a time of great change in the Jewish world and our *kehillah* is well positioned as a leading shul within the Conservative congregational world. While much change will be happening over the coming year, during our transition, Rav Baruch and our *klei kodesh* team will continue to provide outstanding spiritual and pastoral leadership.

This past November, Patti and I joined a contingent of 54 Beth Tzedec members who marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto on a mission to Israel. For eight jam-packed days, we connected with the people and the land, witnessing first-hand great achievements in areas of technology, archeology, history and the culinary arts.

Beth Tzedec members hold or have held offices as volunteers and professionals at all levels of UJA. Our contributions continue to shape the face of philanthropy and engagement with social services at home and in Israel. We hope that our members will continue to play significant roles with the UJA Federation over their next 100 years.

While the weather may have turned cold, the activities at Beth Tzedec are heating up. This *Bulletin* and our website are full of programs that attract hundreds every day to Beth Tzedec—we serve as the Jewish centre in the heart of



the city. From book reviews and great lecture series to holiday programs and family-centric programming, there's lots happening.

For those of you who have either booked or attended functions in our renovated Mezzanine Hall or in the newly minted Herman Hall on the main level, I am sure you have had a great experience. Beth Tzedec continues to be one of the most outstanding and versatile venues in the city for a life-cycle event, community gathering or corporate meeting. When you are thinking about a celebration or meeting, think Beth Tzedec.

Our many *hesed* events, including the Beth Tzedec/Beth Shalom program Out of the Cold and the "Genesis Project" series with Temple Emanu-El are prime examples of our partnerships with other synagogues and organizations. Our strength lies in our ability to accommodate groups large and small, to be flexible and to adhere to excellence in program delivery.

Our strategic objectives drive our events and how we deliver our services and programs. With a goal of engagement and relevancy to all generations, we encourage our members to design and implement exciting new initiatives for the Beth Tzedec family. As an example, the Peace of Mind week that brings Israeli soldiers to Toronto and the Syrian resettlement project that helped a family restart their lives in Toronto were both successful projects led by members. I encourage you to offer your ideas and thoughts through any member of the staff or directly to me via the shul office or email [president@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:president@beth-tzedec.org). We need our members to volunteer, to lead the way, as together we shape the future and build the Beth Tzedec of tomorrow.

Keep up to speed with all our programming with our weekly email newsletter *The Week Ahead*, or by going to our website ([www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org)). "Embrace Jewish life" together with me at Beth Tzedec. I look forward to seeing you at our exciting, vibrant home, and I hope you won't miss out.

# 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.



## January 21 — Israel Party!

**Sunday, January 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun as we celebrate Israel with our amazing *shinshinim*!

## March 25 — Let's Make Matzah

**Sunday, March 25 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun as we learn how to make matzah!

Cost per session: \$10 per toddler. Healthy snacks will be served. Register online at [www.beth-tzedec.org/login](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login) or contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.





# Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR  
BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



**January 11**  
**Sierra Trossman**  
daughter of Andrew Trossman  
& Marcy White

שרה בת אהרן ומינדל



**January 11**  
**Jamie Trossman**  
daughter of Andrew Trossman  
& Marcy White

שרה בת אהרן ומינדל



**February 24**  
**Ryan Paul Fox**  
son of Jamie &  
Elissa Fox

דורון משה בן בנימין מיכאל  
הכהן ועליזה אורנה



**(AT MINḤAH) February 24**  
**Sam Sherman**  
son of Derek &  
Aliza Sherman

זאב בן אפרים ועליזה



**(AT MINḤAH) March 10**  
**Rebecca Michelle Roitman**  
daughter of Drs. Daryl Roitman  
& Rosalie Steinberg

רחל מרים בת דניאל שמעון  
הכהן ויוכבד



**March 17**  
**Adam Beallor**  
son of Todd &  
Cathy Beallor

ליאור בן דב הכהן ושמחה חוה

# Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 2 at 6:00 PM

Let us do the shopping, cooking and cleaning for you!

Enjoy amazing adult and kids programming along with a delicious catered dinner and time to relax and socialize. Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4).

Reserve online at [www.beth-tzedec.org/login?](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login?) or call 416-781-3511 by Monday, January 29.



BREAKING THE STIGMA IN  
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Mental health during and after pregnancy

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018  
7:15 – 9:30 P.M.

Join community experts and those with personal experience as they shed light on these important issues.

**LOCATION:** Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

**COST:** Free Admission

**MODERATOR:** Dr. Melyn Leszcz, Psychiatrist, Sinai Health System

**PRESENTERS & PANEL:**  
**Dr. Ariel Dalfen**, Head, Perinatal Mental Health, Sinai Health System  
**Yanekah Jacobs**, a personal perspective on postpartum depression  
**Dr. Andrew Howlett**, Head, Fathers' Mental Health Network, Sinai Health System  
**Ira Weisman**, a personal perspective on fathers and mental health  
**Dr. Arielle Berger**, a personal perspective on perinatal loss  
**Dr. Jonathan Golden**, Jewish Family and Child (JF&CS)

**SUPPORTING RABBIS:** Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Rabbi Chaim Strauchler

For more information about the program and panelists, visit [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org)

PARTNERS:





# Milestones and celebrations



We can't share your good news unless you tell us about it. Send an email to [thumphries@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org), or call us at 416-781-3514 ext. 212. **Deadline for the next *Bulletin* covering April through June is February 23.**

## Births

**Theo Noah**, son of ALEX & CHELSEA SHERRINGTON, grandson of AMANDA & JOHN SHERRINGTON.

**Ella Lee**, daughter of ERICA & TALLY BERDUGO, granddaughter of DORANN & TOM GOTTLIEB and RACHEL & SAM BERDUGO, born August 29.

**Simone Gabrielle and Ellie Maya**, daughters of NATHAN STALL & TALI BOGLER, granddaughters of RICHARD STALL & LISA BERGER and AVI & SUSY BOGLER, born September 9.

**Ivy Quinn**, daughter of RYAN & JESSICA RAKOWSKI, granddaughter of DAVID & SHANEA RAKOWSKI and ALEX & PATTY GUTTMAN, great-granddaughter of HENRY RAKOWSKI, MIN MANDEL and NICOLAS & AGI VADSZ, born September 10.

**Elle Rhoda**, daughter of GILLIAN HARNICK & ANDREY MATUSEVICH, granddaughter of BEVERLEY & CHARLES HARNICK and NATALIA & YAKOV MATUSEVICH, great-granddaughter of PEARL HARNICK, born September 24.

**Jacob Garnet**, son of JOANNA MANSFIELD & ELI COOPERBERG, grandson of MARCIE & GARY MANSFIELD and JANET & AARON COOPERBERG, born October 6.

**Hunter Cole**, son of AMANDA & ADAM ROTHSCHILD, grandson of CAROL & SHELDON SILVER and SUSAN & JOHN ROTHSCHILD, great-grandson of ANITA SILVER, HELEN FROME and SYBIL ROTHSCHILD, born October 10.

**Eleanor Eliana Malka**, daughter of RAFI & RACHAEL SPITZER, granddaughter of RABBI MIRIAM & JEFF SPITZER (of Greensboro, NC), great-granddaughter of RABBI ROY & LORETTA TANENBAUM, born November 13.

**Ava Colette**, daughter of ASHLEIGH & JASON SIMON, granddaughter of JEFF & DOROTHY SIMON and ROSS HODGINS & MONIQUE BENDAVID-HODGINS, great-granddaughter of SAM KOHL, born November 25.

**Reuben Levi**, son of JASON & TENIELLE GOLDLIST, grandson of ROSYLIN & GEROLD GOLDLIST and LORRAINE & MARK FRANKLIN, great-grandson of HELENE BERGER, born November 29.

## Weddings

**Ryan Gozlan**, son of ALAN & RENEE GOZLAN, and **Lisa Renard**, daughter of STEPHEN & JACQUELINE RENARD, who were married September 3.

**William Goldberg & Carrie Taylor**, who were married September 17.

**Corrie Pollock**, daughter of GARY & PATTI POLLOCK, granddaughter of EDITH POLLOCK, and **Raphi Aronowicz**, son of HARRY & SANDRA ARONOWICZ, grandson of DAVID & SARMA KAN (of Berlin, Germany), who were married November 25.

**Russell Moses Lindzon**, son of PAUL & SUSAN LINDZON, grandson of AB & PHYLLIS FLATT and PHYLLIS AND PERCY<sup>z"l</sup> LINDZON, and

**Lauren Arshoff**, daughter of FRED & MARILYN ARSHOFF, granddaughter of RITA & BERNARD ARSHOFF<sup>z"l</sup> and TILLIE & MENDEL SCHER<sup>z"l</sup>, who will be married January 13.

**Jaime Polan**, daughter of GARY & ALISON POLAN, granddaughter of THE LATE FRANK & AILEEN WOLFF and THE LATE AL & SARAH POLAN, and **Matthew Zimmerman**, son of DANNY & ARLYN ZIMMERMAN, grandson of ED & THE LATE SANDRA COOPERMAN and ZOLI & SARA ZIMMERMAN, who will be married February 18.

## Congratulations to

**Dana Davis**, who received the Baldwin Family Scholarship in Honours History award from the University of Western Ontario.

**Bill & Roz Halman**, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 10.

**Jerry & Riva Kirsh**, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 15.

**Norman Roth**, who will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 30.

**Dr. Howard & Emily Snow**, who celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 22.

## Many Thanks to

Howard Cohen, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 9 in honour of the marriage of **Pearl Cohen & Gene Robinson**.

**Carrie Taylor & William Goldberg**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 16 to honour their marriage.

The Matlow Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 16 to honour the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Irving Matlow**.

**Boris & Jan Polakow** and **Mark & Heather Librach**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 23 to honour the marriage of their children **Mitchell Polakow & Dawn Librach**.

**Gella & Paul Rothstein**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 5 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **J. Barney Goldhar**.

**Judy & Michael Litvak**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 7 to honour **Sheldon & Patti Rotman**.

**Dr. David & Shanea Rakowski** and **Alex & Patty Guttman**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 7 to honour the birth of their granddaughter **Ivy Quinn**.

**Dr. Eudice Goldberg** and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 14 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Tillie Goldberg**.

**Albina Backman**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 21 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Mariana Rozencwajg**.

Paul Austin and Lawrence Austin, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 4 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Fannie Cardish**.

Phyllis & Ab Flatt, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 11 to honour their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Dr. Lawrie Giddens & Candy Kurk and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 18 to honour the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of **Dr. Lawrie Giddens**.

The Pollock and Aronowicz Families, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 18 to honour the upcoming marriage of **Corrie Pollock & Raphi Aronowicz**.

Lorne Hanick, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 25 to honour the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah, and 25 years of teaching *b'nei mitzvah*.

The Cappe Family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on December 2 to commemorate the first yahrtzeit of **David Cappe**.

Patti & Paul Betel and Gordon & Wendy Peters, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 9 to honour the 13<sup>th</sup> Bar Mitzvahs of their sons **Adam Betel** and **Ryan Peters**.

Risa Levine & David Weisdorf and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on December 9 to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit of **Toby Levenson**.

Howard & Joyce Simmons and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on December 9 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Samuel J. Simmons**.

The Zidel and Glick Families, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 30 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Julia Zidel**.

The Kirsh Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 16 to honour the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Riva & Jerry Kirsh**.

Andrew Trossman & Marcy White, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on January 13 to honour the b'not mitzvah of their daughters **Jamie and Sierra Trossman**.

Drs. Daryl Roitman & Rosalie Steinberg, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on March 10 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Rebecca Michelle Roitman**.

Jamie & Elisa Fox, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on February 24 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Ryan Paul Fox**.

Derek & Allison Sherman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on February 24 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Sam Sherman**.

Todd & Cathy Beallor, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on March 17 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of the son **Adam Beallor**.

Be sure to mark your calendar as we gather under the  
Beth Tzedec Big Top for our tenth annual

**Beth Tzedec's Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show**

★ ★ ★ **UNDER THE** ★ ★ ★  
**BIG TOP**

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

**10 YEARS OF CHAI TEA**



# Leadership: Who Cares? No, Who *Cares!*

Being part of something bigger than ourselves has always been a core element of our culture.



**THIS YEAR, THE UJA FEDERATION CELEBRATES ITS 100<sup>TH</sup>** anniversary as a leading voice in shaping the Toronto Jewish community. Early in my career, I worked at Federation as a social planner, helping to launch new programs. Later, I moved over to the Bequest and Endowment Fund, raising and allocating funds for special grants. It was while I was at Federation that I saw firsthand how fortunate our community is to have dedicated leaders who contribute time and money to help change the world for others.

Being a leader is a selfless task; it means time away from family, early morning and late-night meetings, asking “what if” questions, participating in telethons and canvassing friends and family to support Israel and the Jewish people around the world. It was there that I had the privilege to meet luminaries of Beth Tzedec who, through their statesmanship, were much more than “rubber stamp” committee members. I was fortunate to learn from the Gella Rothsteins and the Wilfred Posluns’ (z”l) of our community how to never say “no” and to appreciate that, before you ask someone to do something, you better be prepared to do it yourself.

Movers and shakers are those who have the capacity, vision, tenacity and thick skin to know that taking a communal position may not always be popular. Leaders act not for their own personal interest but are driven by the interests of the community. While there is no shortage of “back-seat presidents” in every organization, it is those who carry the mantle of volunteerism on a board or a committee, who roll up their sleeves and do not shy away from fiduciary and moral decision making, who should be applauded. They act selflessly, solely on behalf of a congregation or membership they represent.

Many communal organizations suffer from a crisis of leadership. As in the world of politics, it can be so difficult that many choose not to even get involved. I am sure we all know someone who, after some hesitation, decided to take the well-intentioned plunge and volunteer. Sometimes from the moment that one agrees to volunteer on a board, their ability to pray, participate in programs or to freely enjoy a synagogue social event can become compromised. When one chooses to get in the kitchen, stand by the stove

and try their best to be an “iron chef”, they don’t deserve to get burned. Rather, it is our responsibility to turn that tide, become activists and support each other’s initiatives.

We have the opportunity to encourage and applaud leadership in every generation. Our organizations survive, and the beneficiaries of their work—the children, elders, impoverished or homeless—benefit only when volunteers carry out their mission-driven tasks. For more than 60 years, our congregants have been the catalysts to greatness in charitable work carried out in our city and beyond.

Beth Tzedec members have held and hold positions at every level, leading campaigns in times of crisis and peace. Beth Tzedec members have lit and carried the community torch, lighting the way for improved health care, social services, freedom for Jews in Arab lands, providing supplemental assistance to feed the hungry, helping to house and clothe the new immigrant and even sending children to summer camp to escape the heat of the city. Our people have held hands with Jews across the globe and in the State of Israel, facing with them as we could their challenges. Our members demonstrate to all people everywhere, to paraphrase from the prophet Ruth, “where you will go and with all that you will face, we shall go together”.

It is with pride that we salute Beth Tzedec’s members who have been disproportionately represented at the board tables of charitable organizations, on committees and at philanthropic events. Being part of something bigger than ourselves has always been a core element of our culture.

To leadership who cares, to those dedicated to improving Jewish life, literacy and opportunities for our members today and the entire community tomorrow, *Yasher Koah—Go forward with strength!*

Be part of a Beth Tzedec that is building today for a better tomorrow. There are so many ways to help, but in the end, the greatest beneficiary will be you.

Please contact me at  
rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org or  
416-781-3514 ext. 211 to plan a gift,  
to establish an endowment or to get  
involved with activities at  
Beth Tzedec.





# PROFESSOR ERIC LAWEE

## The Bible as Literature? Classical and Critical Approaches

**Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 PM**

The world's most popular book, sacred to Jews, is classically interpreted through traditional rabbinic methods. The Bible has also been analyzed through the ages for its literary dimensions. Eric Lawee explores these two approaches, examining how they differ, where they overlap and what we might learn from each.



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

**January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22 and March 15**

Beth Tzedec's best kept secret, Havurat HaSefer, 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.

### Books we will read this season:

*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 Yerushalmiy



# Thank You

Rav Adam reflects on his eight years as part of Beth Tzedec Congregation's accomplished and respected clergy.



**THANK YOU FOR HONOURING ME BY** calling me Rabbi.

Thank you for trusting me with your funerals, weddings, b'nei mitzvah, baby-namings and more.

Thank you for coming to me with your smiles and tears.

Thank you for welcoming me into your homes and into your lives.

Thank you for giving me space to grow.

Thank you for tolerating my failures and celebrating my accomplishments.

Thank you for teaching me about community.

Thank you for embracing Debra, then Jacob, then Ezra.

Thank you for supporting me in my decision to take on a new challenge.

Eight and a half years ago, and newly ordained, I was remarkably blessed when you chose me for North America's largest Conservative synagogue. While many of my friends found their calling in far-flung shuls with fewer than 150 member families, I had the good fortune of landing here, in the heart of a world-class city (Jewish and otherwise) that also happened to be my hometown, working under the supervision of Rav Baruch, and very quickly getting to know our

2,600 member families.

Rabbi is the only full-time employment I have ever known. As I am often told, it is not a "normal job". The hours are strange, I work every weekend, and am on-call 24/6. No two days are alike as the variety of activities demanding my attention is wide.

In other words, being a congregational rabbi is most certainly a calling—and there is no synagogue in which I would have rather been called to start my career than Beth Tzedec. I am grateful to have worked in an institution that attracts 150,000 people each year for more programs and events than any other synagogue in Toronto by a wide margin. I am indebted to Rabbi Frydman-Kohl for his leadership, vision and mentorship. The clergy and staff that Beth Tzedec has assembled demonstrate their dedication every single day in ways that most members will never know.

On March 25, I will leave Beth Tzedec to become the Senior Rabbi at Adath Israel Congregation. Even as I move two major streets up Bathurst Street, I look forward to continuing the many wonderful

relationships that I have built here at Beth Tzedec.

I hope that I have served you well. If I have hurt or offended you in any way, I ask for your forgiveness. I hope that I have both broadened and deepened your connection to God, Torah and the Jewish People.

The *Talmud*, in tractate *Berakhot*, teaches that a person should not take leave of his friend with ordinary conversation, joking, frivolity or idle talk. Rather he should leave his friend with a matter of *halakhah*, Jewish law.

Yehoshua, the son of Perahya, teaches in *Pirkei Avot* (1:6):

עשה לך רב, וקנה לך חבר והוי;  
את כל האדם לכף זכות דן

Provide yourself with a teacher; acquire a companion; and judge every person in the scale of merit.

Rav Yehudah Leib of Gur, who is known as the *Sefas Emes*, notes that the term for every person, כל האדם, literally means the entirety of the person. He teaches that even if one does something improper, you must look at the totality of the individual because one's merits almost always outweighs his or her misdeeds.

## Board of Governors Meetings

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

Upcoming meeting dates:\*

**Thursday, January 18 and Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 PM and Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 PM**

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



# Purim Carnival

**Wednesday, February 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

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

**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).

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JEWISH EDUCATION AND  
EXPERIENCE AT BETH TZEDEC

**בית צדק**  
Beth Tzedec Congregation

## A Purim Puppet Show

For toddlers with parents and/or grandparents

**Sunday, February 11 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM**

Join us for a Purim puppet show, some snacks and some Purim songs. Cost: \$10 per toddler. RSVPs required by **Monday, February 5.**



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

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

**בית צדק**  
Beth Tzedec Congregation



# Building a Better Congregational School



Our JEX Congregational School Experience at Beth Tzedec continues the legacy of our Congregation as a leader in supplementary education for children.

**ALMOST 80 YEARS AGO, JOHN DEWEY, A LEADING THINKER** in progressive education, wrote a short book called *Experience & Education*. Dewey makes an argument that all educational experiences are connected to two principles—continuity and interaction. Continuity, according to Dewey, means that each experience we have in our lives will affect our future. We are products of our own past experiences. Interaction is the impact the current setting has on our experience. Essentially, every experience we engage in is filtered both through the moment itself as well as our own personal histories with past experiences.

It is no surprise then that in our Congregational and citywide community, those parents and grandparents making choices about Jewish education—determining the educational experience the child will engage in—are balancing both what they see in the marketplace (Dewey's interaction) and their own history as it relates to Jewish learning (Dewey's continuity). This occurs on both the positive and negative sides of the ledger; parents who had positive experiences in a particular place are more inclined to send their kids there, while those whose own experiences were negative will shy away from that particular school or sector for the next generation.

Synagogue-based supplementary Jewish education can face a continuity challenge. The behaviour-management techniques used by some educators in the past could be problematic in developing a positive feeling of continuity. Attendees of those past programs are now not as interested in enrolling their children and grandchildren in this sector.

This educational environment also faces an interaction challenge, especially as compared with Jewish day schools. The hours are few, often at times and on days where students—and their parents—would rather be doing other

things. As a result, the facilities and programs are usually not as robust as what day schools can offer.

So where's the good news? It's here! For our supplementary school students, their experience is nothing like that of previous generations. They are set free to guide and influence their own learning with the support of caring teachers. They are engaging in learning rooted in exploration and meaning rather than rote and repetition. They are cementing existing friendships and establishing new ones. They are managing to carry out Dewey's understanding of continuity, but not with a connection to the previous generations' difficult experience; rather, they are combining our ancient tradition of Jewish learning and doing with our relatively modern tradition of Jewish engagement outside of regular weekday school hours.

Our JEX Congregational School Experience at Beth Tzedec continues the legacy of our Congregation as a leader in supplementary education for children. It also fulfils every interaction written in the paragraph directly above. While the majority of our Congregants' children are engaged in the Jewish day school sector—which is a feather in our Congregational cap—we also have children in our community not engaged in formal Jewish learning. Furthermore, there are many unaffiliated families who are looking for a high-quality Jewish education program for their children.

Let us together continue to build and strengthen our school. Please reach out to me to learn more about the JEX Congregational School Experience. Speak to family and friends about enrolling children and grandchildren. Come visit on a Sunday morning to see our program in action. Lastly, help ensure that the continuity of our tradition of Jewish learning stays strong while strengthening interactions that lead to powerful, meaningful and positive experiences.

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**WEISFELD GUEST SCHOLAR WEEKEND:**

**The Future of Israel: The Next 70 Years**  
with **Rabbi Yoav Ende**

Friday, April 27 and Shabbat, April 28, 2018

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# JEWISH COUPLEHOOD

with Yacov Fruchter

**Mondays, March 5, 12 & 19 at 7:30 PM**

This three-week course for couples (dating, engaged or married) will create an inclusive framework to learn about, grapple with and begin to answer the most crucial questions that a couple needs to address while building a meaningful life together. Same-sex and interfaith couples welcome.

**Cost per couple: \$36 Beth Tzedec members; \$54 non-members. Register online at [www.beth-tzedec.org/login](http://www.beth-tzedec.org/login) or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.**

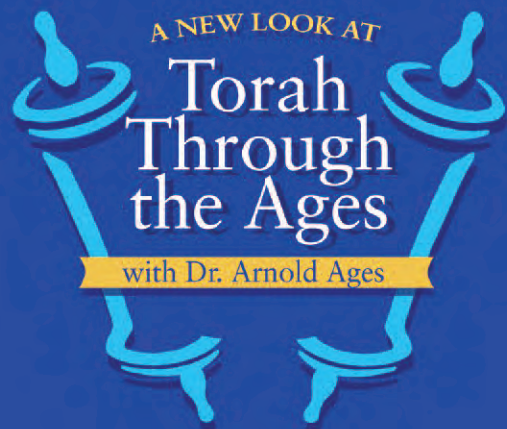
## For 20s & 30s Downtown Lunch 'n' Learn

with Yacov Fruchter

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)



**Thursdays 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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# Whose House is It? Our House!



It's no surprise that Beth Tzedec is a *kehillah kedoshah*, but what has been tremendously exciting for me are the new ways that we are being inspired and inspiring one another.

**THIS MIGHT COME AS A SURPRISE, BUT** growing up, I was never on my school basketball team, nor really on any competitive team for that matter. Though my actual athletic ability wouldn't have contributed much to my team's potential success on the court, I do believe they missed out on having my positive energy (*ruah*)! Of all the cheers used at the end of team huddles, my all-time favourite has always been—"Whose house is it? Our house! Our house!"—that often gets shouted over and over again by the home team. Something about the pride, intensity and ownership moved me, even if I wasn't one of the players on the court.

We learn in the Torah that after leaving the land of Israel, Jacob has an encounter with the Divine that takes the form of a dream in which angels are ascending and descending a ladder. Upon waking up, Jacob exclaims: "This is the house of God, and I had no idea!" Jacob was surprised by both the location and the way in which he interacted with God. This revelation inspired him to call that place Beit El—the House of God.

In a recent conversation with Randy Spiegel, our executive director, he reminded me of the importance of explicitly pointing out to the many

members that I interact with each week the simple but crucial reality that Beth Tzedec is "their house". Indeed, in my two years as part of the Beth Tzedec community, I have encountered many wonderful members who, for years, have viewed Beth Tzedec as "their house"—a place where they actively built community, made friends, learned, celebrated family *simhahs*, mourned and of course, interacted with God. I have also met new members who, from the get-go, have been building connections and finding ways to make Beth Tzedec the spiritual home they have been searching for. Some examples of this include a same-sex couple who are trying to help us as a community be more welcoming to LGBTQ Jews, and another new member who has inspired us to add a Holocaust-themed opera into our programming for 2018. They have recognized that this is "their house" and they are taking ownership and responsibility for it.

It's no surprise that Beth Tzedec is a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community committed to meaningful encounters with the other and with God, but what has been tremendously exciting for me are the new ways that we are being inspired and inspiring one another. In the next few months,

we will be exploring our connection to and learning about Israel in a multitude of ways, beginning with our Shabbat Shirah weekend celebrating 70 years of Israeli music, highlighting the work of Naomi Shemer. As well, as we are now including both men and women within the complete realm of prayer leaders, we hope that dozens if not hundreds more people will find new ways of expressing their Jewishness and connection to our community as *shali'ah tzibbur*, prayer leaders. Our second Spiritual Sounds Lab will be an opportunity for many of us to develop new skills with the talented Deborah Sacks Mintz. We will also have several opportunities to honour Rav Adam Cutler who has brought so much life and wisdom to "our house" for close to a decade.

If you have been having a hard time figuring out how to get involved, but are thirsty to do so, I would love to get to know more about your passions and help connect you to the right opportunities.

This is an exciting time for our community, and I hope that throughout it all, you find a greater connection to both the physical space that we call Beth Tzedec, and the people and experiences found within it. Whose house is it? Our house!

—B'shalom

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## The Golden Age of Yiddish Literature in Canada with Professor Pierre Anctil

**Sunday, April 29 at 4:00 PM**

Examine the dramatic lives of Canadian Yiddish writers and the vitality of Yiddish literary culture in Canada.

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



**Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 PM**  
(at Shaarei Shomayim)

Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Yael Splansky and Chaim Strauchler conduct a public conversation on how we as a community should respond to modern manifestations of anti-Semitism. This is the second public conversation in a series. Everyone is welcome.



## Beyond the Huppah: Becoming a Couple

Tuesdays evenings at 7:00 PM  
January 30 and February 6, 13, 20 & 27

Designed for engaged couples planning to marry within the year. Topics include: changing roles and expectations, finances, conflict negotiation and resolution, communication, and Jewish home and family life.

Cost: \$180 per couple. Space is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. Register online at [www.jfandcs.com](http://www.jfandcs.com) or call 416-638-7800 ext. 6215.

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# Ab Flatt—Right on Key

Gerry Posner profiles long-time Beth Tzedec member Ab Flatt.



**RECENTLY, BETH TZEDEC WAS THE SCENE OF AN UNUSUAL** moment in its history on Bathurst Street. On a Shabbat morning at the Synagogue, one of its oldest members, one who has been a member almost from the time the building was built and opened in 1955, had an aliyah. Not only did he have an aliyah, but also, he was one of likely a handful of men who can say that he received the honour of the aliyah in the very same spot and the very same Sanctuary where he was married a mere 60 years earlier. Ab Flatt can make that statement, and in fact he did. His wife Phyllis (née Wolfe) also commented on and confirmed that significant marker. It was quite a moment for those present to be a part of the day, not the least of who were Ab and Phyllis.

The connection to Beth Tzedec started simply enough for the Lithuanian lad who came to Canada as a five year old, who later became a practicing pharmacist and is now a nonagenarian. Phyllis' parents, Max and Beatrice Wolfe, had a long-standing relationship to the Congregation, even before its transformation into 'Beth Tzedec'. Ab took to the Synagogue with ease and has continued his devotion to it ever since he joined in 1957. If you want to witness for yourself a form of Ab's relationship to Beth Tzedec, just come to any Shabbat service and you will find him present in his seat in either the Hendeles Chapel or Sanctuary, in the seats once occupied by his late father-in-law. Ab is what might be termed a regular, and Beth Tzedec values people like him who attend each and every week.

Ab's connection to Beth Tzedec is far deeper than just attending. Over the years, he has served by sitting on many committees including Membership and Cemetery, and is a former Board member. He has also participated in fundraising campaigns. Most of all, Ab has been a key wheel in the continuing operation of Camp Ramah in Canada, a project very dear to his heart—and indeed to Beth Tzedec—which, once upon a time, was one of three major synagogues responsible in the creation of the camp some 60 years ago.

Camp Ramah, located in Utterson, Ontario, is operated under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary. It was the very first camp opened in Canada as a Ramah Camp, though there were several operating in the United States at that time. Ab undertook the job of getting this

camp going, and clearly succeeded as it continues to thrive to this day. Ab was even Chairman of the Ramah Board for eight years, and that effort alone deserves a medal.

What Ab emphasizes about Ramah, a camp that serves 500 children from Ontario and the surrounding area, is this: "One of the by-products of being a Ramah camper is that any camper can walk into any synagogue and be familiar with the prayers and liturgy." Ab proudly states that all of his and Phyllis' four children, now adults, and their 14 grandchildren are former or present day Ramah campers. It gives Ab a real sense of satisfaction that Camp Ramah is a vital part of summer life which especially includes the Tikvah Program for children with special needs.

Arising from Ab's involvement with Camp Ramah was a strong connection to the Jewish Foundation for Jewish Camp, an organization which oversees the not-for-profit Jewish camps in North America. In fact, Ab became one of the few Canadians ever to be on this Board, where he served for more than seven years. Ab recognizes the importance of camping, and has worked hard to assist in the development of programs that reach out to children who otherwise might be denied this experience as a result of financial issues or other reasons. All of this from a guy who spent but one week at camp as a youth.

Ab is quick to acknowledge that he had been fortunate to work for many years with the Wolfe family business, the Oshawa Food Group. He was active both in the produce and pharmaceutical divisions where his obvious interpersonal skills were an asset. He recognizes how lucky he has been, and marvels at how life has unfurled for him. And yet, when he and Phyllis reflect on the highlights of their lives to date, surely the one that might be the most meaningful is the knowledge that all of their four children and 14 grandchildren are connected to Beth Tzedec and their Judaism in a significant way. What joy that must be for a grandparent to see the traditions and feelings you fostered continue in the generations that have followed. That is *Nahahs* with a capital N!

You could say that Ab Flatt's devotion in so many areas of Jewish life to Beth Tzedec and beyond has been anything but flat. Right on key, we would all agree!

—Gerry Posner



### General Reshef Luncheon

Retired General Amnon Reshef, founder of the Commandeers for Israel's Security, spoke at the Canadian Friends for Peace luncheon held at Beth Tzedec in late October. Pictured: Beverley Stern, General Amnon Reshef and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl.



### Interfaith Concert of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 12, over 300 people attended a moving and inspirational "Concert of Remembrance" where the choirs of Beth Tzedec Congregation, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Grace Church on-the-Hill and Christ Church Deer Park performed songs of war and peace.



### Herman Hall Dedication

During the pre-High Holy Day Meet & Greet performance, the Congregation officially commemorated the Michael & Mary Ellen Herman Hall. Mary Ellen Herman and her son Jake were onhand for the dedication.



### Sacred Spaces

Rabbi Adam Cutler and Michael Lozman discussed "Where the Only Jews are Dead: Jewish Cemeteries in Bygone Communities" as part of the *Sacred Spaces* series.



### Habitat For Humanity / Canada 150

Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Debra Landsberg, Shalom Schachter and Jennifer Gorman participated in the "Interfaith Leaders Build in Scarborough", co-sponsored by Habitat and Faith in Canada 150. This initiative works to construct affordable housing in Toronto.



### Elan Ezrachi Lecture

In October, Israeli community activist and author Dr. Elan Ezrachi shared his personal perspectives on life, politics and reality in post-1967 Israel.



# We warmly welcome our newest members

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

Mark and Elaine Atlin  
Aastha Awasthy  
Julian and Rebecca Back  
Cleotilde Ceron  
Joshua Farhi  
Olivier Felicio  
Baina Fridlyand  
Gianna Glassman  
Yehuda and Itia Golan  
Sid and Vivian Goldhart  
David and Tamara Grad  
Vadim and Rissa Kats  
Adam and Ashley Levine  
Robert Linder  
Frank Piltz  
Solomon and Toby Reichert  
Daniel and Hayley Resnick  
Maria Rueda  
Donna Saslove  
Aaron Seligman  
Rachel Seligman  
Richard Seligman  
Simon Seligman

Daniel and Elana Shapiro  
Cynthia Stren  
Mandy Usprech  
Noa Zaifman  
Samara Zaifman  
Jacklyn Zosky

## New 18 to 20 Year Old Members

Noah Aaron  
Kenzie Abenhaim  
Joshua Aidelman  
Lewis Ashley  
Samantha Beallor  
Sarah Berdowski  
Cole Brown  
Maddie Brown  
Noah Brown  
Russell Brown  
Samantha Brown  
Sean Brown  
Daniel Clark  
Adam Cockburn  
Dana Davis  
Madelaine Fischer-Bernhut

Laura Flatt  
Zachary Friedman  
Cleo Fruitman  
Sara Gangbar  
Leo Gelfand  
Jeremy Glied-Beliak  
Cooper Godel  
Ely Golden  
Ben Goldfarb  
Alexandra Goldman  
Samantha Goldman  
Joshua Granovsky  
Austin Gwartz  
Ashley Hamburger  
Ethan Hartt  
Lauren Kanee  
Leah Kanee  
Edyn Karney  
Rhea Kirschner  
Rachel Kroll  
Stephanie Leboff  
Cooper Levy  
Jaimie Muscat  
Carly Naimer

Jamee Nepom  
Emily Oelbaum  
Julia Oelbaum  
Matthew Pollock  
Sarah Pollock  
David Rabinovitch  
Melanie Rose  
Allison Schon  
Noah Shapiro  
Amanda Shekarchi  
Samara Silver  
Benjamin Simon  
Tyler Soberano  
Danielle Solish  
Yale Sussman  
Hannah Swartz  
Leanna Trister  
Dylan Wagman  
Michael Wagman  
Emily Wagner  
Jacob Walters  
Emily Wener  
Hannah White  
Juliet Young



## SENDING PURIM CHEER TO OUR UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE STUDENTS

We will soon be sending our annual holiday package filled with Purim treats to our university/college student members. Provide a 'snailmail' (mailing) address sent to the Synagogue office at [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org) or call 416-781-3511. If the address is a dormitory, be sure to give the proper address to receive a package. All requests must be received by **Friday, February 9.**



## Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service

(especially for families with young children)  
Shabbat, January 13, February 3 and March 3  
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 lunch follows.

## 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, story-telling, healthy snacks and guided play. When there is a Family Service, Li'l Minyans will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

## Junior Congregation

(ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 12)  
10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

A dynamic drop-off program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, and quality time with our *shinshinim*, Maayan and Ishay. Junior Congregation does not meet when there is a Family Service.

## Parenting the Parashah

(for parents)  
Shabbat, January 20 and February 24  
10:45 to 11:45 AM

Drop your kids off in our Shabbat childcare programs and join Daniel Silverman as we learn together, focusing on topics related to parenting and family life.

## 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. Children will 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.

### Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings

(babies up to 18 months with an adult)  
Friday mornings  
10:30 to 11:15 AM

Join Sara Borer and welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *hallah*, 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: Israeli Party!

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)  
Sunday, January 21  
9:00 to 11:00 AM

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun as we celebrate Israel with our amazing *shinshinim*! Healthy snacks served. Cost: \$10 per toddler. RSVP by Monday, January 15.

### Teddy Bear Havdalah

Saturday, February 3  
5:00 to 6:30 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 Monday, January 29.

### Purim Puppet Show

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)  
Sunday, February 11  
10:30 to 11:30 AM

Join us for a Purim puppet show, some snacks and some Purim songs. Cost: \$10 per toddler. RSVP by Monday, February 5.

### PJ Library: Let's Make Matzah

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)  
Sunday, March 25  
9:00 to 11:00 AM

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun as we learn how to make matzah! Healthy snacks will be served. Cost: \$10 per toddler. RSVP by Monday, March 19.

## For Children in SK to Grade 5

### Science Centre Scavenger Hunt

(for Grades 1 to 5)  
Sunday, January 21  
12:30 to 5:00 PM

Electrify your day with an exciting scavenger hunt around the Ontario Science Centre. Be sure to wear comfy clothing and running shoes for a day full of fun adventures. Cost: \$30 (includes lunch, transportation and admission). RSVP by Monday, January 15.

### Chopped Kids: Israeli Edition

(for Grades 1 to 5)  
Sunday, February 11  
12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM

Dust off your chef hat for an Israeli cooking competition with Ishay and Maayan. It'll make your tummy happy! Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). RSVP by Tuesday, February 6.

### Chocolate Seder

(for Grades 1 to 5)  
Sunday, March 25  
12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM

Get ready to eat way too much chocolate and learn a few things about the Passover seder. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). RSVP by Tuesday, March 20.

## For Teens in Grades 6 to 12

### BT Youth @ Out of the Cold

Tuesdays, January 9 & 23 and February 13 & 27  
5:00 to 7:00 PM

Be a part of a great mitzvah by participating in the Beth Tzedec / Beth Sholom Out of the Cold program, which helps feed and shelter homeless people in Toronto.

While the Out of the Cold program runs every Tuesday, we will coordinate a special Beth Tzedec group of volunteers for these dates. Note that Kadima participants (in Grades 6 to 8) must be accompanied by an adult. Limited spaces. RSVPs required.



## Kadima & BTUSY Movie Night

Saturday, February 10  
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Get ready to enjoy a VIP movie experience with surround sound and in-seat dining in our comfy bean-bag chairs! The movie will be voted on at the event. Cost: \$5. RSVP by Monday, February 5.

**For Teens in Grades 9 to 12 (BTUSY)**

## BTUSY Bowling

Saturday, January 20  
7:00 to 10:00 PM

Strike! Put on a pair of snazzy bowling shoes and join us for an evening of bowling at Bathurst Bowlerama. See you at the alley! Cost: \$20. RSVP by Monday, January 15.

## BTUSY Trampoline Afternoon

Sunday, March 4  
2:00 to 4:00 PM

Want to get your bounce on? Come see how high you can jump at Just Bounce! See you at 3731 Chesswood Dr. Cost: \$20. RSVP by Monday, February 26.

**For Families and Parents**

## Speaker Series: Mental Health and Anxiety in Our Children

Thursday, January 25 7:45 PM

Leanne Matlow has spent her 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. Series presented with Robbins Hebrew Academy. Cost: \$18

## Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 2 6:00 PM

Let us do all the shopping, cooking and cleaning! Enjoy amazing adult and kids programming along with a delicious catered dinner with time to relax and socialize with other community families. Cost for dinner: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4). RSVP by Monday, January 29.

## Speaker Series: What Baking Ḥallah Teaches Us About Our Family Life

Thursday, February 22 7:00 PM

Yacov Fruchter will lead us in making ḥallah and will show us how preparing for Shabbat, baking ḥallah and doing so as a family adds spirituality to our home and Shabbat table. Series presented with Robbins Hebrew Academy. Cost: \$18

## Mishloah Manot Packaging

Sunday, February 25  
12:00 NOON to 3:00 PM

Learn about the mitzvah of *mishloah manot* while packing gifts for the community. It's sure to be a fun-filled afternoon. Cost: \$5 (includes dairy lunch). RSVP by Thursday, February 22.

## Purim Carnival

Wednesday, February 28  
4:00 to 6:00 PM

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

## Tot Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 2 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 animal show for toddlers and young children. Cost for dinner: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4). RSVPs required by Monday, February 26.

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

## ECRUSY Programs

### Beach Blast

Sunday, January 14  
2:00 to 4:30 PM

Escape the winter blues with an afternoon of beach games, fun and snacks at Beach Blast (15 Leswin Rd.).

### Mid-Winter Convention

March 2 & 3  
(at Beth Tzedec)

Spend the weekend with your ECRUSY friends, enjoying great programs, community service opportunities, a USY Shabbat, great food and lots of fun. Registration required.

### Aquarium Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 25  
2:45 to 6:00 PM

Spend the afternoon at Ripley's Aquarium for a fun-filled photo scavenger hunt. Registration required.

For information about ECRUSY programs, visit [www.ecrusy.org](http://www.ecrusy.org), email [ecrusy@uscj.org](mailto:ecrusy@uscj.org) or call 416-667-1717.

## High School Student Volunteers

**Calling all students in Grades 9 to 12:** Volunteers are needed for many of our programs, including several beginning in September. If you are looking to fulfil community service requirements or would like to gain valuable experience working on family-oriented programs, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or [jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org).

A monthly Shabbat morning learning opportunity for parents.

# PARENTING THE PARASHAH

with Daniel Silverman

Drop your kids off in our Shabbat childcare program and come learn together. We'll focus on topics related to parenting and family life.



Shabbat, January 20 from 10:45 to 11:45 AM

## PARASHAT BO:

### *V'higaditah l'vinkhah: Telling Our Children*

What does our tradition say about teaching the Exodus story, and teaching in general? What role do we, as parents, have to play?

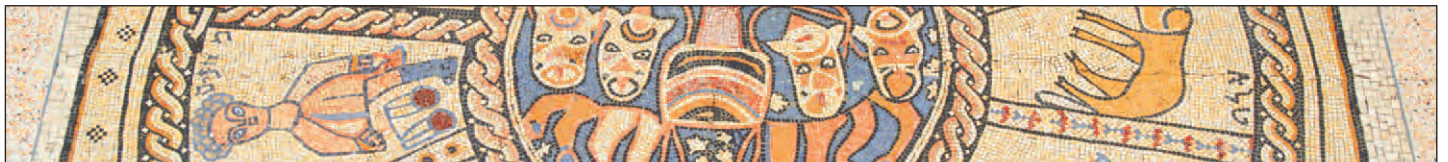
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February 24 – Parashat Tetzaveh



## LITTLE MINYAN Tu B'Shevat Seder

Shabbat, February 3  
*Following Services*

The Little Minyan hosts a Tu B'Shevat Lunch 'n' Learn with guest speaker **Risa Strauss Cooper**, executive director of Shores. Everyone is welcome.



# Shabbat *at the* Floor



**Fridays, February 23 and March 23**

Beth Tzedec's newest service is a monthly Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service on the Beth Alpha Floor. 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, informal dinner follows (by registration). For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.



# 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 24.

## **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, *Shabbat mornings through June 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,

*January 27, February 24 and March 10*. 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, March 17.

While the Little Minyan offers a warm, welcoming, participatory and spiritually meaningful *Beit Kneset* each 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, *January 13, February 3 and March 3*.

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 22 and 23.

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



### **Talking Torah 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 January 13, February 10 and March 10

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

### **Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz**

10:00 to 11:15 AM on January 13, March 3 and April 14

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 54.

# ANOTHER FAREWELL SUNRISE & AUSCHWITZ

a Canadian premiere of two one-act operas

by composer Jake Heggie (Dead Man Walking, Moby Dick)

February 10, 2018 | 8 pm & February 11, 2018 | 2 pm

Based on the true story and poetry of Holocaust survivor and Polish dissident Krystyna Zywulska, and featuring a cast of rising and established Canadian operatic talent, the operas will be accompanied by a chamber ensemble in a new staging, featuring a libretto by the Grammy award winning Gene Scheer.

DIRECTOR: **Aaron Willis** (*Yichud*, Co-Founder & Artistic Director, Convergence Theatre)

MUSIC DIRECTOR: **Michael Shannon** (*San Francisco Opera*, *Canadian Opera Company*, *Tapestry Opera*)

KRYSTYNA: **Sara Schabas** (*Tapestry Opera*, *Dayton Opera*)

ZOSHA: **Georgia Burashko** (*Banff Centre*, *International Vocal Arts Institute*)

MANFRED: **Sean Watson** (*L'opéra d'Avignon*, *Teatro di Livorno*)

Performance sung in English

Produced by Electric Bond Ensemble and Beth Tzedec Congregation

**Tickets: [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org) or 416.781.3511**






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<div>2 NISAN</div> <div><b>18</b></div> <div>8:45am Shaharit</div> <div>2:00pm Passover Food Hamper Packing</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div>	<div>3 NISAN</div> <div><b>19</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>1:00pm The Humash</div> <div>6:30pm ITEM</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div> <div>7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners</div> <div>7:30pm Jewish Couplehood</div> <div>7:30pm Milestones &amp; Meanings</div> <div>7:30pm Weekday Davening Skills</div>	<div>4 NISAN</div> <div><b>20</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>10:30am Torah/Female Eyes</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div> <div>7:30pm Bible as Literature? Classical &amp; Critical Approaches with Prof. Eric Lawee</div>	<div>5 NISAN</div> <div><b>21</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div>	<div>6 NISAN</div> <div><b>22</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>10:00am Torah Through the Ages with Dr. Ages</div> <div>12:30pm Downtown Lunch 'n' Learn</div> <div>1:00pm Games Afternoon</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div>	<div>7 NISAN</div> <div><b>23</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>6:00pm Shabbat at the Floor Service &amp; Dinner</div> <div>6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>7:15pm Candle Lighting</div>	<div>8 NISAN</div> <div><b>24</b></div> <div><b>SHABBAT HAGADOL</b></div> <div> <b>Tzav</b></div> <div>8:45am Shaharit</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv</div> <div>8:18pm Havdalah</div> <div>8:30pm Havdalah Concert</div>
<div>9 NISAN</div> <div><b>25</b></div> <div>8:45am Shaharit</div> <div>9:00am PL Library: Let's Make Matzah!</div> <div>10:00am Leading from the Centre with Deborah Sacks Mintz</div> <div>12:00pm Chocolate Seder</div> <div>2:45pm ECRUSY Aquarium Scavenger Hunt</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div>	<div>10 NISAN</div> <div><b>26</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>1:00pm The Humash</div> <div>6:30pm ITEM: Jewish Teen Experience Midtown</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div> <div>7:30pm Hebrew for Beginners</div> <div>7:30pm Milestones &amp; Meanings</div> <div>7:30pm Weekday Davening Skills</div>	<div>11 NISAN</div> <div><b>27</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>10:30am Torah/Female Eyes</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div>	<div>12 NISAN</div> <div><b>28</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div>	<div>13 NISAN</div> <div><b>29</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>10:00am Torah Through the Ages with Dr. Ages</div> <div>1:00pm Games Afternoon</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div>	<div>14 NISAN</div> <div><b>30</b></div> <div><b>EREV PESAH/FAST OF THE FIRST BORN</b></div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:00am Public hametz burning</div> <div>11:00am Dispose of hametz</div> <div>6:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div> <div>7:52pm Candle Lighting</div> <div>Light a 24-hr candle before Shabbat candle</div>	<div>15 NISAN</div> <div><b>31</b></div> <div><b>PESAH DAY I</b></div> <div><b>Hallel</b></div> <div>8:45am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am LM/Dr. Ages</div> <div>4:30pm Early Minhah</div> <div>8:10pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</div> <div>8:55pm Havdalah followed by candle lighting from existing flame</div>
				<div><b>Search for hametz after nightfall</b></div>	<div><b>First Seder after nightfall</b></div>	<div><b>Second Seder after nightfall</b></div>



# MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING

## Weekday Davening Skills

with Cantor Sidney Ezer

This program is open to both men and women and is designed for seasoned Hebrew readers who are interested in learning to lead weekday services. *Davening* is a valuable skill. Learn to do it now!

**PART 1: Weekday Minhah and Ma'ariv – January 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12**

**PART 2: Weekday Shacharit – March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 9, 16**

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

'Friends of Beth Tzedec' pay only the materials fee

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## Milestones and Meanings: Israel's Legacy of the Past and Challenge of the Future

with Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

**Mondays, March 19 & 26, April 2, 9, 16 & 23 and May 7 & 14 at 7:30 PM**

Memory is a central element in defining modern Jewish identity. As we look to Israel's future, we also explore the meanings and consequences of its past. Through the consideration of major historic moments, we shall grapple with the different ideas and values that shape the meaning of modern Israel, Zionism, and Jewish identity today.

This innovative course developed by the Shalom Hartman Institute, follows upon Rav Baruch's High Holy Day sermons last year and the lectures of Professor Stephen Berk in the past spring. We shall explore the pivotal events of the 1917 Balfour Declaration, the UN partition vote of 1947 and the 1967 War as key moments when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come.

Cost (includes materials): \$76 Beth Tzedec members; \$108 non-members

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# Kids Programs

## For Grades 1-5



### Science Centre Scavenger Hunt

**Sunday, January 21**  
**from 12:30 to 5:00 PM**

Electrify your day with an exciting scavenger hunt around the Ontario Science Centre. Be sure to wear comfy clothing and running shoes for a day full of fun adventures.

Cost: \$30 per person (includes dairy lunch, snacks, transportation and admission).

RSVP by **Monday, January 15.**



### Chopped Kids: Israeli Edition

**Sunday, February 11**  
**from 12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM**

Get your chef hat ready for an Israeli cooking competition that will make your tummy happy with our *shinshinim* Ishay and Maayan!

Cost: \$10 per person.

RSVP by **Tuesday, February 6.**



### Pre-Passover Chocolate Seder

**Sunday, March 25**  
**from 12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM**

Get ready to eat way too much chocolate and learn a few things about the Passover seder.

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch).

RSVP by **Tuesday, March 20.**

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



## Teddy Bear Havdalah

### for Toddlers and Their Families

**Saturday, February 3 at 5:00 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 the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org) by **Monday, January 29.**

# countdown to Pesah

## Friday, March 23 / 7 Nisan

7:30am *Shaharit*  
6:00pm Pre-Passover Shabbat at the  
Floor Service & Dinner  
7:16pm Candle lighting

## Thursday, March 29 / 13 Nisan

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

## Friday, March 30 / 14 Nisan

### Erev Pesah

**No matzah may be eaten on erev Pesah**

**Fast of the Firstborn**/*siyyum*

(completion of study) followed by  
breakfast

7:15am *Shaharit*  
9:00-11:00am **Bring your *hametz* to Beth  
Tzedec for burning**

By 11:00am Burn/dispose of all *hametz*  
6:00pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*

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

7:24pm Candle lighting;  
Begin first seder

## Saturday, March 31 / 15 Nisan

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Pesah

8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services  
with *Hallel* and prayer for  
*Tal/Dew*; *Kohanim* bring  
blessing  
12:30pm Early *Minhah*  
7:00pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*  
After 8:27pm Candle lighting from  
an existing flame  
After nightfall Begin second seder  
Count omer 1

## Sunday, April 1 / 16 Nisan

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Pesah

8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services  
with *Hallel*  
7:30pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*  
8:29pm *Yom Tov* concludes  
Count omer 2

## Monday, April 2 / 17 Nisan

### Hol Hamoed Pesah

8:45am *Shaharit*  
7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*  
Count omer 3

## Tuesday, April 3 / 18 Nisan

### Hol Hamoed Pesah

7:30am *Shaharit*  
7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*  
Count omer 4

## Wednesday, April 4 / 19 Nisan

### Hol Hamoed Pesah

7:30am *Shaharit*  
7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*  
Count omer 5

## Thursday, April 5 / 20 Nisan

### Hol Hamoed Pesah

7:30am *Shaharit*  
7:00pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*

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

7:31pm Candle lighting  
Count omer 6

## Friday, April 6 / 21 Nisan

### 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesah

8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services  
with *Hallel*  
6:30pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*  
Before  
7:32pm Candle lighting from an  
existing flame

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

## Saturday, April 7 / 22 Nisan

### 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesah

8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services  
with *Hallel* and *Yizkor*  
7:00pm Song of Songs  
(*Shir HaShirim*)  
7:30pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*  
8:36pm Pesah concludes

**Wait until 9:00pm** to consume *hametz*  
sold with Beth Tzedec as the agent.  
Count omer 8





# Your Guide to Pesah Observance

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

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

## Background

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

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

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

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

## Practical

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



**Erev Pesah—*ḥametz* burning**  
**Friday, March 30 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**

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

Beth Tzedec parking lot, rain or shine.

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

# Pesah Guide continued

## Prohibited Foods

Foods derived from wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye. These include leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, pasta, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, whiskeys and all liquids containing ingredients or flavours made from grain alcohol. Ashkenazi Jews also avoid *kitniyot*. The Committee on Jewish Law & Standards permits the consumption of *kitniyot*, but our rabbis recommend that you continue the historic custom of avoiding rice, corn, millet and legumes (beans, soy and peas). COR now labels some products as Kosher for Passover for *Sefardim*. Many Israeli products contain *kitniyot*. If you have Ashkenazic roots, those products are NOT for you. If you are a vegetarian or have a medical condition that prohibits wheat/gluten, etc., please consult with Rabbi Frydman-Kohl.

## Permitted Foods

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

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

**3. If purchased before or during Pesah**, the following foods **require a kosher le-Pesah label**: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices (juices are often clarified with *kitniyot*); decaf coffee; herbal teas; canned tuna; wine; liquor; vinegar; oils; ketchup; dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavoured milk; ice cream; yogurt and soda.

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

**5.** Consult Rabbi Frydman-Kohl regarding infant formula, lactose-free milk, soy/rice milk or tofu.

## Non-Food Items

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

## Medicine

Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills and corn syrup in liquid medication, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is **required for life sustaining therapy**, it may be used on Pesah.

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

## Pet Food

Use non-grain food or, include your pet food in your sale of *hametz* and keep pet food away from the kitchen and wash utensils away from the kitchen.

## Kashering of Utensils

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

**Earthenware** (china, pottery, etc.) **cannot** be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be kashered. Speak with Rabbi Frydman-Kohl.

## Glassware

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

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

## All metal utensils

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

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

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

**Plastics** such as tablecloths, cutlery, spatulas and storage containers **cannot** be made kosher for Passover. Some heavy-duty plastics may be kashered. Consult Rabbi Frydman-Kohl.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Sale of *hametz*

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

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

You have to do the cleaning, burning and nullification yourselves, but we can assist you in the sale of your *hametz*.

**Rabbi Frydman-Kohl as well as Reverend Hanick and Cantor Ezer will be available following morning services and at various times throughout the day in the week prior to Passover to enable anyone who wishes to sell their *hametz* to delegate to them that authority.** If your *hametz* is in a different time zone from Toronto, please speak with Rabbi Frydman-Kohl.

If you are unable to personally sell your *hametz*, please fax or send this form to the Synagogue office no later than **6:00 PM on Thursday, March 29, 2018.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto, Ontario. As my agent,  
he should arrange for this sale prior to 11:00 AM on Friday, March  
30, 2018. I have placed my *hametz* and mixtures and objects  
containing *hametz* in specially designated storage areas within  
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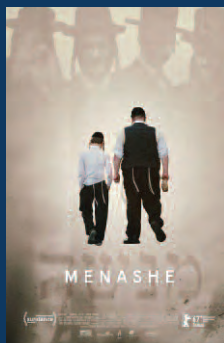
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# Winter Film Series

**Mondays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM**

**Come in out of the cold and enjoy an afternoon of entertaining films and refreshments with friends both old and new.**



## January 8 Menashe

A warm, life-affirming look at the universal bonds between father and son, shedding an unusual light on a notoriously private Hasidic community. Shot in secret entirely within the community depicted, and one of the only movies filmed in Yiddish in nearly 70 years.

[Yiddish with English subtitles]



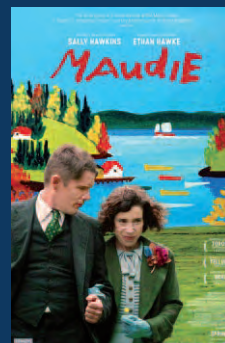
## January 15 Churchill

In the days leading up to the D-Day landings in Normandy, tensions mount for the stressed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Fearful of repeating his deadly mistakes from World War I in the Battle of Gallipoli, exhausted by years of war, plagued by depression and obsessed with his historical destiny, Churchill is reluctant to embark on this campaign, upon which the entire war effort hinges.



## January 22 A Late Quartet

Members of a world-renowned string quartet struggle to stay together in the face of illness, competing egos and insuppressible lust.



## January 29 Maudie

This inspirational movie is based on the true love story of Maud Lewis who overcame the physical challenge of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis to become one of Canada's premier folk artists. An enlightening and joyful story that teaches us that happiness is a choice.

**Cost: Donation of \$5 per screening, in support of the Out of the Cold program.**

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

# A Message from Moshe and Meir

Cantor Moshe Fishel, Meir Briskman and the High Holy Day choir say 'thank you'.

**ON BEHALF OF OURSELVES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR,** we wanted to thank the entire Beth Tzedec family for the wonderful reception and honour of singing with you on *Selihot* and through the High Holy Days. Many of us have performed around the world, but the reception we received, the openness and the willingness to be part of the fun, was incomparable. You guys are a wonderful Congregation!

We all felt honoured to be part of this *kehillah*, to pray together and help make the experience meaningful and relevant. For all of us, the *davening* was an experience that moved us personally. We hope we will return to our Toronto home and sing with you in the synagogue and around your tables. May we all find inspiration in the days ahead and may the Jewish People, wherever we may be, be blessed with peace in the New Year.

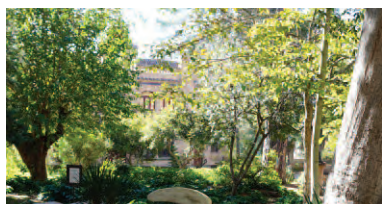
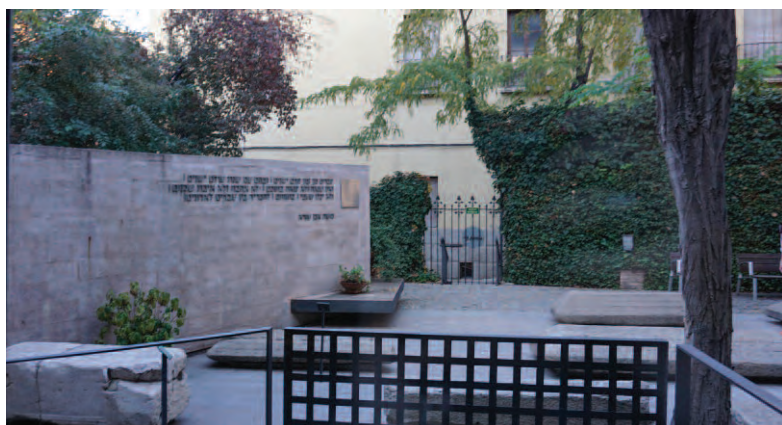


## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**Moses: A Human Life with Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg**  
**Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 PM**

An unprecedented portrait of Moses' inner world and perplexing character, by a distinguished biblical scholar.





# 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, *hallah*, 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

# TOOT SHABBAT DINNER

**Friday, March 2 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 with a funny, playful animal show for toddlers and young children.

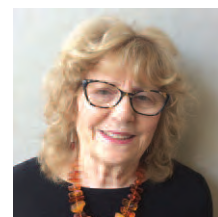
Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5 to 14); \$5 children (ages 1 to 4). Dinner by advance reservation only by **Monday, February 26.**

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



# Travels in Jewish Spain

Museum curator Dorion Liebgott recently traveled to Spain for the AEJM Conference, and reflects on her experiences and discoveries of a historical Jewish experience.



## I RECENTLY ATTENDED THE 2017

Association of European Jewish Museums Conference in Toledo, Spain. This conference—*The Absence of Things, Jewish Museums and the Possibilities of Limitations*—proved to be one of the most significant and enlightening conferences that I have had the privilege to attend.

As curator of our Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum, attending conferences provides an opportunity to meet and learn from colleagues from around the world, to broaden my knowledge and be exposed to diverse Jewish settings. Participants in this conference came from many countries within North America, Europe and the Middle East. Many spoke on panels where we learned about their museums, the ups and downs of funding, choices of exhibits and working with the local communities.

In a keynote address, Dr. Javier Castano of the Spanish National Research Council commented on present and future dilemmas confronted by Jewish museums in Spain as they deal with the absence of objects. He expressed how an exclusive Sephardic identity is part of Jewish Spain, but questioned whether there is a role for other Jewish ethnic groups and local Jewish identities.

While the Conference provided many opportunities for learning and engaging discussions with colleagues from around the world, there is much that can be learned about the Spanish-Jewish past in the cities and towns outside the conference walls.

Toledo sits high above the Tagus River in central Spain and is famously known as the “City of the Three Cultures”, referencing the influences of Christians, Muslims and Jews reflected in its history. Two synagogues still exist there. The Synagogue of El Transito, established in approximately 1356, had originally been known as the Synagogue Samuel ha-levi after its founder, Samuel ha-levi Abulafia. His family served Castilian kings for generations and included kabbalists and Torah scholars. After the expulsion of the city’s Jews in 1492, the synagogue was converted into a church, and later was used as military headquarters during the Napoleonic Wars. It eventually became a national monument and is now known as the Sephardi Museum.

The workmanship throughout is magnificent, with lace-like patterns and inscriptions in Hebrew and quotations from Psalms, as well as Arabic inscriptions intertwined with the floral patterns in the stucco panels. Through an archway, visitors can view exhibits of Judaica and local history.

A second synagogue, Santa María la Blanca, was originally identified as the Ibn Shushan Synagogue, or the Congregational Synagogue of Toledo, and was erected in 1180. It is unequivocally considered the oldest synagogue building in Europe still standing, and is owned and preserved by the Catholic Church. It was created in the Islamic style of architecture for Jewish use, and is an example of the cooperation that existed among the three cultures during the Middle Ages.

After three intensive days of study, I travelled to Barcelona, Girona and Besalu to view the remnants of ancient Jewish communities. In Girona in the quarter of the Calle (referring to the Jews), there is the Museum of Jewish History. Visitors learn about aspects of everyday life, culture and history of the Jewish communities of Catalonia and Girona during medieval times. The most outstanding part of the museum is the collection of 29 tombstones inscribed with the names of the deceased Jewish inhabitants, and more recently, an ancient *mikveh* has been discovered.

The charming, ancient town of Besalu has a unique history of Jewish heritage in Catalonia. In addition to the remains of the synagogue that closed in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, a 12<sup>th</sup> century *mikveh* is considered the treasure of the Jewish Calle in Besalu.

There are few reminders of historical Jewish life in Barcelona, other than a street called Calle de Call and an excavated old synagogue, both still very much worth visiting. A *mikveh* can be found under a present-day restaurant in the area.

The horrors of the Inquisition and expulsion of the Jews from Spain dispersed them to countries in the Mediterranean, North Africa and Europe, and in so doing, spread the traditions and culture of the *Sephardim*. It is, however, still rewarding to visit Spain and learn about the Jews who lived there in peace and harmony with their Spanish neighbours for more than a millennium.







# Centennial Journey of Discovery

**IN EARLY NOVEMBER, HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS OF THE GTA'S** Jewish community travelled to Israel as part of the UJA Centennial Journey, marking 100 years since the founding of our local federation and the Balfour Declaration in 1917. Billed as the trip of a lifetime, the journey moved and inspired through a range of experiences and excursions. From Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Sderot to Eilat, from the shuks to the Arava desert, the Ramon crater to the Red Sea, travellers witnessed and absorbed the historical, spiritual, social, political and cultural sights and sounds of Israel.

The Beth Tzedec community was strongly represented on this Journey, with 54 members taking part, including Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, the president of our

Congregation, Dr. Sheldon and Patti Rotman and Larry and Nina Wallach, who chaired our delegation.

At each step along the way, participants absorbed the atmosphere, shared by local citizens and civic leaders. National dignitaries, including Tzipi Livni, Israel's first Vice Prime Minister and founder of the Hatnuah Party, Jerusalem's mayor Nir Barkat, Natan Sharansky, chair of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Canada's Ambassador to Israel Deborah Lyons, welcomed the group. They also met with many of our former *shinshinim* (young emissaries), and learned from a former Tanenbaum Fellow, Rabbah Chaya Rowen Baker, about the challenges to Jewish religious pluralism in Israel.

This truly was a community journey to remember!



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BTUSY



GRADES 9 TO 12 (BTUSY)

## BOWLING FOR TEENS

**Saturday, January 20**  
**from 7:00 to 10:00 PM**

Strike! Put on a pair of snazzy bowling shoes and join us for an evening of owling at Bathurst Bowlerama. See you at the alley!

Cost: \$20 per person.



GRADES 6 TO 12 (KADIMA and BTUSY)

## MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, February 10**  
**from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**

Get ready to enjoy a VIP movie experience with surround sound and in-seat dining in our comfy bean-bag chairs! The movie with will be voted on at the event.

Cost: \$5 per person.



GRADES 6 TO 12 (KADIMA and BTUSY)

## TRAMPOLINE AFTERNOON

**Sunday, March 4**  
**from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**

Want to get your bounce on? Come see how high you can jump at Just Bounce!

Cost: \$20 per person.



## BTUSY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR GRADES 9 TO 12

**Sunday, April 22 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM**

It's time to start putting together your Dream Team and shooting some practice hoops to get your game ready for the annual 2018 BTUSY Basketball Tournament. Watch for more details coming soon!

## Out of the Cold 2018

Our shelter, which is run jointly with Beth Sholom out of their premises, runs every Tuesday night from January 2 through March 20. We serve dinner to 200 guests each week and provide sleeping accommodations and breakfast for 60.

Out of the Cold is completely self-funded, and we rely on monetary and product donations from the community at large and from local companies. If you would like to purchase items to donate to our shelter, (like underwear, thermal underwear, t-shirts, large tins of coffee, art supplies, etc.), please leave a message for me at the Synagogue office. Such donations will be eligible for a tax receipt for the value of the goods. We are always in need of gently used adult clothing: down coats and ski jackets, winter boots, running shoes, sweatpants and sweat-shirts, t-shirts and blue jeans as well as hotel-size toiletries. Donations should be bagged, labeled and dropped off at Beth Sholom, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. You can also help support our program by buying Beth Tzedec's beautiful tribute cards and designating the proceeds to OOTC.

**Please mark Sunday, March 18** on your calendar for the Out of the Cold Annual Art Exhibit and Sale, which showcases the creativity of our guests who work on their paintings each week under the guidance of our talented art instructors. For many of them, this event is the highlight of their year.

## Thursday Games Afternoons—Mahj, Bridge & Canasta

Games afternoon continues to be a huge success. Every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, close to 60 people gather to play Mahj, Canasta and Bridge. Feel free to join us, whatever your level of expertise. Bring your friends—non-members are always welcome. We have instituted a weekly voluntary Twoonie (\$2) donation policy to help support our many *hesed* initiatives.

Mahjong and Canasta lessons are available during the winter months. Snowbirds can pre-register now for lessons beginning in the spring.

## Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show has been confirmed for Sunday, May 13, and promises to be another fabulous afternoon! The Chai Tea Committee chaired by Patti Rotman is already hard at work. Out of the Cold is grateful to have been the recipient of the proceeds from this special event since its inception, which to date totals over \$70,000. We could not achieve the success that we have at OOTC without such generosity.

## Visiting or Chatting with the Elderly—Bikkur Holim

Our program of matching volunteers to call or visit those living in seniors residences or at home is an often overlooked but is a most vital lifeline for our elderly or ailing members. Yacov Fruchter and Elaine Cooper recently completed a workshop and trained ten volunteers to participate in our *bikkur holim* initiative. There is still time and lots of opportunity to get involved in this most rewarding program. The positive impact you can have on someone by taking the time to show that you care is immeasurable. It is a flexible opportunity as you can choose how much time you can offer. If you are interested in joining us in this important work, please email Yacov at [yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org).

If you or a family member would like to reach out to us, and/or receive a visit from one of our volunteers, contact Yacov at 416-781-3514, ext. 279.

## Soup's On

Several volunteers gathered at Beth Tzedec in October and made huge vats of delicious soup which has been packed in small containers and frozen. If you or someone you know is ailing or unable to cook for themselves and would enjoy some comfort food, please contact the Synagogue office.

—Maureen Tanz  
Chair, Hesed Committee

## Inscribe our Siddurim!

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



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

with Dr. Josh Binstock  
Olympic and Maccabi Games Volleyball Superstar

## Sunday, February 4

**“Wrap” at 8:30 AM; Services at 8:45 AM**  
**Breakfast presentation at 9:30 AM**  
**Volleyball clinic AT 11:30 AM**

Bring your *tefillin*  
and lace up your  
volleyball shoes!

Join with congregations around the world in the mitzvah of putting on *tefillin*.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Josh Binstock as our 2018 WWW speaker. Josh is a two time Olympian and represented Canada in volleyball at the Olympics in London in 2012 and in Rio in 2016. He has also competed four times in the Maccabi Games. He and his partner Sam Schachter won gold at the Maccabi Games last summer and previously in the Argentine Open as well as being on the podium at other events. Josh will speak at breakfast following services, take questions and then give a volleyball clinic in the Kimel Family Gym.

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

## 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).





# Men's Club Makes a Difference

## World Wide Wrap—SuperBowl Sunday, February 4 at 8:30 AM

We are pleased to welcome Olympic and Maccabi Games volleyball superstar Josh Binstock as this year's World Wide Wrap special guest speaker. Josh is a two-time Olympian and represented Canada in four Maccabi games.

Join the Men's Club at *Shaharit* at 8:45 AM on Sunday, February 4 (SuperBowl Sunday). If you require a refresher on donning *tefillin* or have questions, members of the clergy and the Men's Club will be available from 8:30 to 8:45 AM to assist. We welcome our regular 'Minyanaires',

those observing *yahrtzeit*, b'nei mitzvah students and their parents, Beth Tzedec members and others who wish to participate in this mitzvah.

Following the service, enjoy an enhanced breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club and Sisterhood. At the breakfast, Dr. Josh Binstock will give a presentation and answer questions, and will conclude the program with a volleyball clinic in the Kimel Family Gym.

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

## Membership Cards

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



**\$350 Golfer / \$1,400 Foursome**

**12:00 PM Registration & Lunch**

**1:30 PM Shotgun Start**

**6:30 PM Barbecue Dinner & Awards Reception**

Refreshments and snacks available throughout the day.

**Thursday, May 24**  
**Lebovic Golf Club**

14020 Leslie St., Aurora, Ontario

Chance to win fabulous prizes!

Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 16

Kashrut (dietary laws) observed. Women are welcome!!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

**Call 416-781-3511 to register or learn more**





### Cookies for Rosh Hashanah

Arlyn Zimmerman, Ilene Flatt and Patti Rotman brought their baking skills to shul to bake the wonderful homemade (or shul-made) cookies enjoyed in the Connect Lounge and Breakout Lounge during Rosh Hashanah.



### Bringing Noah to Life

Kids in grades 1 to 5 enjoyed an exciting afternoon bringing the story of Noah to life with real, live animals and an ark-themed inflatable.



### Happy Birthday to Lorne and Sidney

Ritual director Lorne Hanick and Cantor Sidney Ezer celebrated their birthday with cupcakes at the morning breakfast.



### Kadima BTUSY Bake-Off

Teens in grades 6 to 12 threw down the baking gloves in an epic challenge making desserts for a local youth shelter. It proved to be a fun, messy and tasty afternoon.



### Newcomers to New Canadians

The Farha family led a hands-on Syrian cooking session, demonstrating how to make some of their family favourites. Afterwards, families enjoyed a traditional Syrian dinner.



# SPIRITUAL SOUNDS LAB SHABBAT

with Deborah Sacks Mintz

**Friday, March 23 to Sunday, March 25**

Deborah Sacks Mintz, Singing Communities Consultant for *Mechon Hadar's* Rising Song Institute, serves as a resource to those seeking to cultivate the grassroots musical and spiritual creativity of the Jewish people.



**Friday, March 23 at 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**

Join us for an uplifting and participatory Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a community Shabbat dinner. Then, Deborah Sacks Mintz leads a session on “**Soulful Tisch: Creating Sacred Space Through Communal Singing**” where we will explore singing as a spiritual practice, utilizing both new tunes and old favourites. Cost for dinner: \$36 adults; \$18 youth (ages 4-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4), by advance reservation **by Monday, March 19.**

**Shabbat, March 24 at 8:45 AM *Shaharit* Service and Lunch 'n' Learn**

Deborah Sacks Mintz leads the Congregation in spirited *davening* and teaching new melodies. A community Shabbat luncheon follows with a text-based exploration of “**Music as a Source of Comfort and Strength, Power and Struggle**”.

**Saturday evening, March 24 at 8:30 PM**

Bid farewell to Shabbat in song at Havdalah and *Melava Malka* with Deborah and community musicians. Keep the *ruah* going with an evening of spiritual music.

**Sunday, March 25 at from 10:00 to 11:30 AM**

**Leading from the Center: Davening Leadership Workshop**

Looking to hone your skills as a *davening* leader? Never led before, but would like to learn? Interested in contributing to empowered *davening* as a member of the *kahal*? Deborah will guide learners in an exploration of technical skills, as well as strategies for effectively building and sustaining community through *davening*. This masterclass is for *daveners* and *shali'ah tzibbur* of all levels, both experienced and novice!



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



## Visit Our New Mezzanine Hall

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

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## Sing-Along with Cantor Sidney

Shabbat mornings,  
February 24 and March 10  
following services



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*.



## BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD'S Torah Fund Tribute Cards

Choose these beautifully illustrated cards when you honour, acknowledge or commemorate the memories of those who are most important in your life.



The Torah Fund tribute cards can be purchased individually at a cost of \$5 each or a selection of 5 cards for \$20\*. To purchase, contact the Lynne Taradash at 416-781-3714 or lynnetaradash@icloud.com.

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood supports Conservative Judaism through its Torah Fund, the designated philanthropy fund of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

\*Tax receipts will be issued for orders of \$20 or more.

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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

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

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Daniel Silverman** and **Rachel Hindel** on the birth of their son **Nadav**.

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

Zina Glassman, honouring **Phyllis** and **Ab Flatt** on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Rosylin and Gerold Goldlist and family, honouring **Phyllis Flatt** on her special birthday.

Michael and Rochelle Kerzner and family, honouring **Harold** and **Carole Wolfe** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Daily Minyan Breakfast

The Abrams Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Abrams**.

Paul Austin and Lawrence Austin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jennie Shoot-Austin**.

John Black and Eve Rubenzahl, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Noah Black**.

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

The Cappe Family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **David Cappe**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diane and Ron Ennis, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edythe Blackstein**.

Brian, Kathy and Bobby Feldman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Charles Feldman**.

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

Ilene Flatt and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **P. Theodore Magram**.

Susan Friedrich and Harry Enchin, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Lidia Friedrich** and **Jonathan Enchin**.

Ena and Moshe Greengarten, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norman Potechin**.

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

The Joseph Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harvey Joseph**.

Vardina Kaiman and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Benjamin Ungar**.

Marsha Kazman, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Moishe Nachman Kazman**, **Rebecca Kazman**, **Tzaller Kazman** and **Chana Kazman**.

Justin Lapedus and Danielle Lapedus, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jake Lapedus**.

Irving Lindzon, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Lindzon**.

Ruthann and Lawrie Lubin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lillian Cutler**, and honouring the memory of **Ernest H. Cutler**.

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

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

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

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

Steven and Ofra Menkes and Ken and Debbie Snider, honouring the marriage of **Ashley Menkes** and **Robert Snider**.

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

Marvin and Barbara Miller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Frank Miller**.

The Minden Family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Dr. Marcia Wiseman**.

Harvey Minuk, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lola Minuk**.

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

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

Connie Putterman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Putterman**.

Ted Rabinovitch and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Gerald Rabinovitch**.

Amy and John Rebello, honouring the birth of their daughter **Hannah**.

Dr. Leslie and Mary Richmond, honouring the marriage of their son **Danny Richmond** to **Sara Schabas**.

Millard Roth, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dolly Roth**.

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

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

Arnold and Barbara Shell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Shell**.

Ari and Sari Silverberg, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Ethan Silverberg**.

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

The Sobel Family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Frances Sobel**, and commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ben Sobel**.

Louise Starkman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Rappaport**, and honouring the memory of **Florence Drukarsh**.

The Teich Family, honouring the marriage of their son **Matthew** to **Allison Libin**.

Ari Weisberg and Judy Shier Weisberg, honouring their move to Israel.

The Wexler-Friedman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Saul Wexler**.

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Moses Kamelgarn**.

Sharon Yale and Blake Teichman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernard Yale**.

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

## Daily Minyan Fund

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

Rose Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lillian Kaplan**.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Verne Chelin**.

Lawrence Wallach, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rubin Wallach**.



## General Fund

Enid and Graham Berg, wishing **Harold Margles** a speedy recovery.

Graham and Enid Berg, honouring **Mary Ellen Herman** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Rose Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cantor Joseph Cooper**.

Faye Firestone, honouring **Professor Arnold and Shoshana Ages** for their dedication to Jewish learning.

Faye Firestone, honouring **Zina Glassman** on her dedication to the Congregation.

Lorne and Geraldine Gold, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Monte Gold**.

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

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

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

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

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging the **Pullan Family** in memory of **B. Morton Pullan**.

Devora Rottem, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bella Abramovitch**.

Leila Sprince, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Harry Caller** and **Anne Caller**.

## Hesed Fund

The Aronoff Family, honouring **Bayla and Leo Chaikof** on their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin, honouring **Dr. Rosalie Steinberg** on her graduation.

Lynn Catzman, acknowledging **Franci Sniderman and family** in memory of **Thomas Schwartz**.

Lynn Catzman and family, acknowledging **Hon. Justice Kathryn Feldman** in memory of **Reta Lila Newman**.

Lynn Catzman and family, acknowledging **Lawrence Wolfman and family** in memory of **Eric Wolfman**.

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

Hon. Justice Kathryn and Dr. Brian Feldman, honouring **Mark Lapedus** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Hon. Justice Kathryn and Dr. Brian Feldman, honouring **Mary Ellen Herman** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Helen Glazer, honouring **Irving Matlow** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Nathan and Carole Greenberg, acknowledging **Della Greenberg and family** in memory of **Dave Greenberg**.

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

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

Florence Kimel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leo W. Rosen**.

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

Harold and Ruth Margles, honouring **Mary Ellen Herman** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

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

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

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

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Ralph and Judy Shiff** on their new condo.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, wishing **Harold Margles** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Irving Matlow** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Phyllis Flatt** on her special birthday.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, wishing **Geoffrey Brockman** a *refuah sheleimah* and *Shanah Tovah*.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, wishing **Harold Margles** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Rose Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Harry Chelin** and **Anne Grimson**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Staiman**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bessie Steinhart**.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Eli Cooperberg and Joanna Mansfield** on the birth of their son.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Gary and Marcie Mansfield** on the birth of their grandson.

Zoltan and Sara Zimmerman, acknowledging **Honey Milstein** in memory of **Irving Milstein**.

Oscar Zimmerman and Anna Day, honouring **Barbara and Ruthie** of **Esses Design**.

## Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

David and Carol Grossman and family, wishing **Gord Halfin** a speedy recovery.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, honouring **Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal** on their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging **Gilda Spitz** and family in memory of **Liza Eshanou**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal and family, honouring **Mark Lapedus** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

## Israel Sydney and Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund

Stephen and Myrna Hanet, honouring **Caryl Schwartz** on her special birthday.

Michael, Rochelle, Seth, Aaron and Shaina Kerzner, honouring **Caryl Schwartz** on her special birthday.

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

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### **Jewish Family Living Fund**

Frank and Roslyn Roth, honouring **Judy Bronfman and family** on the birth of her grandson **Nathan**.

Eric Sobel, honouring **Daniel Silverman** on the birth of his son.

### **Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund**

Ron and Diane Ennis, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Vera Waldman**.

### **Kosher Food Bank**

Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Allen Greene** and **Harry Greenberg**.

Millie Pollock, honouring **Irving Matlow** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Irving Matlow** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Michael Sherman, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Brian Zidel, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Carl J. Zidel**.

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

Enid and Graham Berg, honouring **Dr. Leo and Bayla Chaikof** on their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Eddie Kirschner** in memory of **Tom Kirschner**.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, honouring **Mark Lapedus** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, honouring **Mary Ellen Herman** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Graham and Enid Berg, honouring **Mark Lapedus** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Judy Feld Carr, honouring **Mark Lapedus** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Cheryl and Seymour Epstein, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**, **Rabbi Adam Cutler**, **Cantor Sidney Ezer** and **Lorne Hanick**.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, acknowledging the **Pullan Family** in memory of **B. Morton Pullan**.

Irving and Barbara Green, honouring **Mark Lapedus** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Irving and Barbara Green, honouring **Mary Ellen Herman** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Eileen Hersey, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Gerald Levy**.

Sylvia Singer and family, acknowledging **Eddie and Bonny Kirschner** in memory of **Tom Kirschner**.

### **Music Fund**

Shelly and Fran Kay, honouring **Fauna Lidsky** on her special birthday.

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

Serena, Shawn, Sonni, Nathan and Gabriel Beber, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Howard and Marlene Black, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Arnold and Judi Donsky, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Dr. Mildred Eisenberg, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Harry and Shirley Grossman, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Hon. Jack and Sandi Grossman, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Ethel Taub Guest, acknowledging the **Pollock Family** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Paul and Sharon Haberman, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Harvey and Carole Kerbel, acknowledging **Marjorie Schwartz** in memory of **Thomas Schwartz**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging the family of the late **Allen Abbott**.

Ellis and Vicci Macmull, wishing **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** and family a *Shanah Tovah*.

Betty Plotnick and Marcy Plotnick, honouring **Ruth Gropper** on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Janet and Moishe Pollock, acknowledging the **Pollock Family** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Frank and Milli Richmond, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Edward I. Richmond**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** in memory of **Louis Meirovich**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Hy Balsky** on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring **Jack Urowitz** on his special birthday.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Eddie Kirschner** in memory of **Tom Kirschner**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Patti Rotman** and family in memory of **Norem Litvak**.

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

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Hon. Justice Kathryn Feldman** in memory of **Reta Lila Newman**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, wishing **Marion Feld** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Norman and Diana Shiffman, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Stephen Pollock**.

Elaine and Joseph Steiner, acknowledging **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** in memory of **Louis Meirovich**.

Maureen and Bernie Tanz and family, honouring **Ruth Gropper** on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, acknowledging **Betty Plotnick** in memory of **Katie Zuckernick**.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, acknowledging **Hon. Justice Kathryn Feldman** in memory of **Reta Lila Newman**.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, wishing **Harold Margles** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, wishing **Jeff Brockman** a *refuah sheleimah*.

#### **Prayer Book (HUMASH) Dedications**

Howard Joshua Kirshenbaum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Isaac "Izzy" Kirshenbaum**.

Marlene, Ian, Mitchell and Samantha Rattner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aaron Black**.

#### **Prayer Book (MAHZOR) Dedications**

Brad, Heni, Byron and Dustin Ashley, honouring **Dr. Harold Ashley** on his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Elissa and Justin Beber, honouring **Oscar Zimmerman and Anna Day** on the marriage of their daughter **Michelle**.

Bob and Flory Cohen, honouring **Harvey Kerbel** on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Bob and Flory Cohen, honouring **Mary Ellen Herman** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Allan Goldstein and Michelle Glied-Goldstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Herbert Goldstein**.

Gloria Houser, acknowledging **Honey Milstein and family** in memory of **Irving Milstein**.

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

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

Claire Friedlich Markus and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fannie Steinberg**.

Henia Muller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Meir Amburski**.

Rose Sobel and Glenna, Linda and Hershel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Brucha Chelin**.

Rose Sobel and Glenna, Linda and Hershel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **George Sobel**.

Harvey and Alla Starkman, honouring **Harvey Kerbel** on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

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

Brad, Heni, Byron and Dustin Ashley, honouring **Dr. Harold Ashley** on his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Elissa and Justin Beber, honouring **Oscar Zimmerman and Anna Day** on the marriage of their daughter **Michelle**.

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

Bob and Flory Cohen, honouring **Harvey Kerbel** on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Bob and Flory Cohen, honouring **Mary Ellen Herman** on bring named *Kallat Torah*.

Rachel Forman, Jeffrey Tyberg, Daniel, Samantha, Ethan and Jacqueline Tyberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Edward Forman**.

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

Allan Goldstein and Michelle Glied-Goldstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Herbert Goldstein**.

Dr. Gerald and Sandra Halbert, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Halbert**.

Mary Ellen Herman, acknowledging **Marjorie Schwartz** in memory of **Tom Schwartz**.

Gloria Houser, acknowledging **Honey Milstein and family** in memory of **Irving Milstein**.

Carole and Harvey Kerbel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arthur Lipton**.

Harvey and Carole Kerbel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Izzie Kerbel**.

Howard Joshua Kirshenbaum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Isaac "Izzy" Kirshenbaum**.

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

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

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

Claire Friedlich Markus and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fannie Steinberg**.

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

Henia Muller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Meir Amburski**.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Daniel Silverman, Rachel Hindel and Mira** on the birth of **Nadav**.

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

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

Marlene, Ian, Mitchell and Samantha Rattner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aaron Black**.

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

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

Anna-Lynne Taradash, honouring **David and Goldie Dacks** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Faye Firestone, honouring **Dorion Liebgott** on her excellent work on the exhibits in the Museum.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Elaine and Allan Glassman** on their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Ken and Hope Norwich, honouring **Dorion Liebgott** on her special birthday.

Beverly Stern, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Geri Sitzer**.

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

Karen and Marshall Bleiweis, acknowledging the family of the late **Jack Rabinovitch**.



Karen and Marshall Bleiweis, acknowledging the family of the late **Ovadia Gershon**.

Karen, Marshall, Ryan, Seth and Josh Bleiweis, acknowledging the family of the late **Philip Stein**.

#### **Syrian Refugee Program Fund**

Dr. Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Dr. Richard Stall and Dr. Lisa Berger** on the birth of their granddaughters **Ellie Maya and Simone Gabrielle**.

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

Bella, Zamir and Alexander Latipow, honouring the memory of **Larisa Zhornisky (Shpiegelman)**.

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

Sheila and Howard Einstoss, acknowledging **Steven and Karen Argintaru** and family in memory of **Paul Argintaru**.

Sheila and Howard Einstoss, acknowledging **Adam and Casey Spears** in memory of **Saul Spears**.

Sheila and Howard Einstoss, acknowledging **Eddie and Bonny Kirschner** in memory of **Tom Kirschner**.

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

Cathy Surdin and Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging the **Leibowitz Family** in memory of **Leonard Leibowitz**.

Cathy Surdin and Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, honouring **Katya Deckelbaum** on her Bat Mitzvah.

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

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

#### **Young Professionals Fund**

Jason, Meredith and Mersadiz Mednick, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

Eric, Eli, Norman and Paul Sobel, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

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

Mimi and Lorne Anisman and family, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Elaine and Mark Atlin, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Rose Chelin Sobel and Duke Segel, acknowledging the family of the late **Jack Kruger**.

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

Leo and Donna Fisherman, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Ruth and Murray Freedman, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Rena Fronenberg, Ken and Evette Serota and Eli and Janice Gutstadt, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Harvey and Leah Fruitman, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Donna and Ralph Goldman, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Ruth Goldman and family, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Paula and Tom Grunhut, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Tom and Paula Grunhut, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Adam Linden and Marla Silverman and family, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Fern, Joel and Aubrey Lustig, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Joel, Fern and Aubrey Lustig, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Brian Moran, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Seymour and Florene Moskovitz, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Adrienne and Ben Pacht, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Jack and Joan Kruger**.

Cheryl, Gary, Justin and Alexa Rotman, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Ken and Evette Serota, acknowledging **Stephen Kruger** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Anne and Stan Shabason, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Michael Stein and family, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Jack Kruger**.

Michael Stein and family, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

Helen and Lawrence Waxman, acknowledging the **Kruger Family** in memory of **Joan Kruger**.

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

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

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## Jewish Meditation



Shabbat mornings, January 13, March 3 and April 14 from 10:00 to 11:15 AM

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

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## Condolences

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

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**Adele Cohl**  
**Pearl Dennis**  
**Esther Toby Elite**  
**Helen Fox**  
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**Seymour (Sy) Moskowitz**  
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**Esther Rosenthal**  
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**Mark Steinberg**  
**Ida Stepak**  
**Marvin Martin Warsh**

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## Memorial Plaques

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

**Sally Azar Benyes**  
**Muriel Berger**  
**Allen Drevnig**  
**Dorothy Drevnig**  
**William Drevnig**

**Sydney Gangbar**  
**John Hort**  
**Esther Kenex**  
**Isaac Segel**

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.



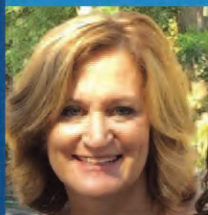
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## Mental Health and Anxiety In Our Children – Coping Skills

January 25 | 7:45 p.m.

**Leanne Matlow** has spent her entire career working with children as a teacher, Special Education Resource teacher and CBT counsellor. Leanne is a Professional Colleague of the Academy of Cognitive Therapy. Her first children's book, *Thinking About Thoughts*, is a recommended reading for parents on KidsMentalHealth.ca.

Home Life



## What Baking Challah Teaches Us About Our Family Life

February 22 | 7:00 p.m. Join us for a challah bake with your family

**Yacov Fruchter** is the Director of Community Building and Spiritual Engagement at Beth Tzedec Congregation. He will lead us in making our challahs and will show us how preparing for Shabbat, baking Challah, and doing so as a family adds spirituality to our homes and Shabbat tables.

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## OF RAV ADAM CUTLER

**Thursday, March 1**  
at 6:00 PM

Rav Adam is in the crosshairs  
at the first annual Beth Tzedec  
Purim Roast and Seudah.  
We say our piece before he  
abandons us in March!

Limited spaces. Reserve online or  
call the Synagogue office by  
**Tuesday, February 20.**

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