



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 29, 2018

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

Take Notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Beth Tzedec Congregation ("the Congregation") will be held in the Mezzanine Banquet Hall of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Congregation held on May 29, 2017, a copy of which is enclosed;
2. To elect ten members of the Congregation to the Board of Governors for a two-year term; (*all 2018 nominees have been elected by acclamation);
3. To present the Annual Financial Statements of the Congregation for the year ended June 30, 2017;
4. To appoint Auditors and Accountants and to authorize the Board of Governors to fix their remuneration;
5. To confirm the repeal of the existing By-Laws of Beth Tzedec Congregation and the enactment of new By-Laws of Beth Tzedec Congregation passed by its Board of Governors on April 30, 2018.
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

PROXY APPOINTMENTS

A member has the right to appoint a proxy in the manner set forth in the Constitution, to attend the Annual General Meeting and act on his or her behalf to the extent and with such powers as may be conferred by the instrument of proxy. **Please note: The Proxy Form enclosed, approved by the Board, is the only form of proxy that will be considered valid for the purposes of voting at this Annual General Meeting.**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, proxies, to be valid, must be delivered to Beth Tzedec Congregation at 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3 by no later than 7:30 p.m. on May 27, 2018. You are requested to deliver, email or fax proxies as early as possible so that the Congregation's staff has adequate time to process the proxies. Delivery by facsimile transmission or emailed file (such as pdf, TIFF or JPEG) to the Congregation shall be deemed to be equivalent to the delivery of an original executed document. The Congregation's fax number is 416-781-0150. The Congregation's email address is info@beth-tzedec.org. Please read the proxy form and note the qualifications for who can witness the form.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 are now available, upon request, either by email or by contacting the Synagogue office and will also be available at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation.

Please make every effort to attend and participate at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board of Governors

Alan M. Sless, Secretary

Dated at Toronto the 11th day of May, 2018

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

As there were no nominations from the floor, the candidates listed below will be deemed elected by acclamation at the Annual General Meeting:

Gary Elman
Karen Hersh
Alison Himel
Naomi Kramer
Moshe Micha
Debbie Rothstein
Sheldon Rotman
Alan Sless
Don Smith
Cecile Zaifman

The following people will be serving the second year of a two-year term:

Marnie Burke
Bernie Gropper
Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth
Dena Libman
Patti Rotman
Maureen Tanz
Lawrence Wallach
Aaron Wine
Josh Zelikovitz
Oscar Zimmerman

Schedule “A” – Biographies

Gary Elman

Gary currently serves on the Executive of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and has served on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Dental Association, United Synagogue Day School, and CHAT. He has been co-chair for the UJA Dental Division and is presently an active participant at Little Minyan and the Membership Committee of Beth Tzedec. Gary has been on the Board of Directors of Beth Tzedec for several years and is currently Parnos, as well as co-chair of the Adult Education Committee and co-chair of the Ritual Committee.



Alison Himel

A life-long member of Beth Tzedec, and a graduate of USDS. Alison has been very active with UJA/Federation of Toronto, and Jewish Federations North American, holding many positions including Board Member, Chair of Women’s Philanthropy, Foundation Trustee, and member of Israel and Overseas Committee, as well as being an active canvasser for their annual campaign. Alison works full time, has an MBA from Wharton School of Business, and is a Wexner Fellowship graduate. She also loves Beth Tzedec!



Karen Hersh

Karen is the Chief Financial Officer of a privately-held investment company where she is responsible for financial reporting, portfolio management and mergers and acquisitions. She began her professional career in 1988 and spent a number of years at PricewaterhouseCoopers specializing in corporate finance. Karen holds a Bachelor of Commerce and is a Chartered Accountant. She has been an active member of Beth Tzedec since 1997 with her husband, Lawrence Davis, and their two children, one a student at TanenbaumCHAT and one at the University of Western Ontario. Karen currently serves on Beth Tzedec’s Budget and Finance and Audit Committees.



Naomi Kramer

Originally from NY, Naomi attended Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy and spent thirteen summers at Camp Yavneh in NH. After earning her Masters in Chemical Engineering from McGill University, she moved to Toronto in 2008 and began work at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre where she is Aquatics and Prenatal and Baby Wellness Manager. Naomi first became involved in Beth Tzedec while attending premarital classes with her now-husband, Illan, in 2009. When not spending time with her family, she volunteers with La Leche League or Robbins Hebrew Academy. Naomi is excited to contribute to the future of Beth Tzedec!



Moshe Micha

I immigrated from Israel twelve years ago. My wife and I became members of Beth Tzedec in 2011. We have two young children. I practice Criminal Law. I participate actively in the Little Minyan and recently joined the Family Committee. Beth Tzedec should aspire to be a place where its members feel connected to one another and their Jewish community and actively participate in the growth of this community. I will bring a fresh and critical approach to the Board to help navigate Beth Tzedec into a future where it has a relevant role in the lives of its members.

**Debbie Rothstein**

Third generation Beth Tzedec member, Debbie's grandfather, J. Barney Goldhar, was a founding Board member and past Chairman. Her father, Paul Rothstein, is a Past President. She is currently Chair of the Board of Governors. Director of Finance at Wilder and Rose Inc., Debbie is married to Michael Friedman and has two children, Emma, studying at Queen's University and Zachary, studying at Western University. Through expanding programming options, Debbie seeks to secure Beth Tzedec's place as a centerpiece of Jewish life in Toronto.

**Dr. Sheldon Rotman**

A lifelong member of Beth Tzedec. Sheldon graduated dentistry at the University of Toronto in 1980 and practices in Richmond Hill. Having served as President of Shaareh Haim Synagogue, and on the Board of USDS/RHA, he has participated on numerous special events committees like Grand Night of Song, Mitzvah 613, the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the Beth Tzedec Musical Concert Series. Sheldon has been married to Patti for 36 years and enjoys life with their children, Shaun & Michal, Lauren, Jodi & Ryan, and Robin. He has served as President for the last two years.

**Alan Sless**

Alan Sless has been a member of Beth Tzedec since 1997 and a member of the Board of Governors for several years. He is currently chair of the Personnel Committee and sits on the Executive Committee, currently holding the position of Secretary. Alan is also a member of the Constitution Committee which has been created to renew the by-laws of the Congregation and is active in many other areas of the Congregation. Alan is a lawyer practicing in the area of commercial real estate at one of Canada's largest national law firms.

**Don Smith**

Don came from Montreal where he returns regularly to see his beloved grandchildren. His career has been in sales, and sales/general management, and as a business owner. His personal time has been in volunteer work in men's shelters, penitentiaries and rehabs, and golf. A Jew by Choice, Don's conversion was under Rabbi Cutler and he has been a Beth Tzedec member since then, now on the executive of the Men's Club and the FJMC region. He has been in Out of the Cold since joining Beth Tzedec. He is a proud member of Little Minyan.

**Cecile Zaifman**

Cecile is a CPA involved in real estate management and investment. She has 25 years of governance experience on the boards of TanenbaumCHAT, Jewish Family and Child, UJA Federation, Leo Baeck and others. She is the Treasurer of Beth Tzedec and a member of the Executive. She serves on the Catering, Nominations, Audit, Investment and Cemetery Committees of the Shul and Chairs Budget & Finance. She is the proud parent of 3 RHA and TanenbaumCHAT grads. A member of Beth Tzedec for 20 years, Cecile looks forward to working collaboratively on the exciting challenges and opportunities ahead for our Shul.



Schedule “B”
Committee Chairpersons 2017/2018

COMMITTEE

Adult Education
Archives, Museum and Tours
Audit
Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Budget and Finance
Catering
Cemetery
Communications
Concert/Music
Education
Festivals
Fundraising
Hesed
House and Security
Investment
Israel Engagement
Legal and Estates
Library
Membership
Personnel
Ritual and Religious Services
Ushering
Young Families
Youth Engagement

CHAIRPERSONS

Gary Elman
Gella Rothstein and Emily Snow
Lorne Shillinger
Sub-Committee of Families
Cecile Zaifman
Patti Rotman
Arthur Andrews and Ken Shapiro
Paul Brown
TBD
Mary Johnston Abbott
Patti Rotman
Norman Bacal and Sheldon Rotman
Maureen Tanz
Ellis Macmull and Lawrie Lubin
Ron Faust
Marnie Burke
Blake Teichman and Alan Sless
Leah Mauer
Ilene Flatt
Alan Sless
Gary Elman and Larry Wallach
Barry Phillips
Sheri Storm
Sub-Committee of Families

Schedule “C”
Attendance at Board Meetings

	June 19, 2017	July 11, 2017	August 15, 2017	September 14, 2017	October 24, 2017	November 21, 2017	December 12, 2017	January 18, 2018	February 27, 2018	March 27, 2018	April 30, 2018	Total
Burke, Marnie	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1		8
Elman, Gary	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	10
Flatt, Ilene	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	9
Gangbar, Leonard	1			1		1	1		1			5
Gropper, Bernie	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Hersh, Karen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Kachuck Rosenbluth, Ellen			1	1	1	1		1			1	6
Kanner-Tobias, Ava		1		1	1	1			1	1	1	7
Kolers, Carolyn						1	1	1	1		1	5
Libman, Dena	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	10
Matlow, David	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Rothstein, Debbie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Rotman, Patti	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Rotman, Sheldon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Sless, Alan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Tanz, Maureen	1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Teichman, Blake	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Wallach, Lawrence	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Wine, Aaron	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Zaifman, Cecile	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Zelikovitz, Josh	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Zimmerman, Oscar	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	10

Beth Tzedec Congregation

PROXY FORM

complete and return to Beth Tzedec Congregation

The undersigned member of Beth Tzedec Congregation ("the Congregation") hereby appoints

(print name of proxyholder:) _____

as proxy of the undersigned, to attend, vote and act for and on behalf of the undersigned member in good standing of *Beth Tzedec Congregation* at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation, to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and at all adjournments thereof. The proxy may use his/her discretion to vote on any issue that may take place in the course of the meeting, or at any and all adjournments thereof.

Dated the (print date:) _____ day of May, 2018.

Signature of Member giving Proxy _____

Printed name of Member giving Proxy _____

Address of Member giving Proxy _____

The Constitution of Beth Tzedec Congregation ("the Congregation") states:

"Every member in good standing entitled to vote at a General Meeting may appoint any other member of the Congregation as a proxy holder. A proxy shall be in writing, executed by the member in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board and shall be witnessed by any person who is a member of the Congregation, but excluding any persons employed by the Congregation and all candidates in the election, their spouses, children, siblings and parents. To be valid, a proxy must be delivered to the Congregation no later than 48 hours prior to the General Meeting. This delivery by facsimile transmission or e-mailed file (such as a pdf, TIFF or JPEG) to the Congregation shall be deemed to be equivalent to the delivery of an original executed document."

The election referred to in this provision is the election to the Congregation's Board of Governors.

The witness signing below represents that s/he is eligible to witness this proxy within these terms.

Signature of Witness (member of Beth Tzedec Congregation) _____

Printed name of Witness _____

NOTE: Proxies must be delivered, e-mailed or faxed to the Congregation no later than May 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Since May 27, 2018 falls on Sunday, you are requested to deliver, email or fax proxies as early as possible so that the Congregation's staff has adequate time to process the proxies.

Section 11 of Article V of the Constitution states: *"A ballot for any election of members of the Board of Governors shall be void unless it is marked for candidates which in the aggregate represent no less than 50% and no more than 100% of the number of positions to the Board of Governors which are to be filled by that election."*

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR RESTRICTIONS, if any: