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Walking with God

with Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

October 15, 22 & 29, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 and December 3 & 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

"Walking with God" explores differing ways our people conceived of God from the Bible, Talmud, philosophy, kabbalah and modern Jewish thought. It offers participants text study (using havruta-dyad pairs), guided discussions and short presentations by Ray Baruch. Participants can approach the subject in an abstract way or develop their own theologies.

COST Beth Tzedec members: \$50 (includes materials); Non-members: \$80 (includes materials); Members participating in the 'Friends Campaign' pay only the \$36 materials fee.

Sponsored by the Meredith & Mircea Cohn Education Fund

Learn to Read Hebrew

with Lorne Hanick

Monday evenings beginning October 15 at 7:30 рм

Ritual director Lorne Hanick leads a year-long course in Hebrew reading for beginners and near-beginners who want to learn to read with fluency. Upon completing this course, students will be comfortable reading Hebrew at synagogue services and following the Torah Reading.

COST Beth Tzedec members: \$40 plus \$36 materials; fee; Non-members: \$90 plus \$36 materials fee; Members participating in the 'Friends Campaign' pay only the \$36 materials fee.

For more information or to register, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org

Board of Directors Meetings

Members are welcome to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors. 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: **Tuesday**, **October 9** and **Monday**, **November 19** at 7:00 PM*

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

Facing History and Ourselves

Reflecting on the major issues that have animated me over this quarter-century, at the heart of all my activity at Beth Tzedec has been efforts to deepen an awareness of God, cultivate a commitment to Torah study and encourage an engagement with *mitzvot*.



"PEOPLE MAKE CHOICES, CHOICES MAKE HISTORY." THE educational program "Facing History and Ourselves" reminds all participants that our decisions will become history. The socio-cultural, economic-political alternatives we face today will take us into the future.

During the Days of Awe, we are bidden to reflect on past decisions and to consider what we want to do in the new year. At times of personal milestones—bar and bat mitzvah, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, new jobs, births and yahrzeits—we often reflect on past accomplishments and prospective aspirations. This year, considering the past has special significance for me.

Twenty-six years is a long time to serve a community. As I enter my last year as your Rabbi, I think about the many people—devoted volunteers and dedicated staff, committed congregants and creative colleagues, community leaders and *tzedakah* recipients, incisive students and dynamic teachers, interfaith partners and political figures—with whom I have walked and prayed, studied and supported during these years at Beth Tzedec.

I have celebrated with you more than 1,500 births and *b'nei mitzvah* and almost 1,000 weddings. We have walked through the valley of death—some in ripe age and others in horrible tragedy—more than 1,000 times. I am grateful to you for trusting me at these moments of great personal meaning. I treasure the texture of the relationships that have meant so much to me.

At the heart of my activities at Beth Tzedec has been an effort to deepen awareness of God, cultivate commitment to Torah study and encourage engagement with *mitzvot*. During these years, our *tefillot* have been enhanced by new humashim, siddurim and *maḥzorim* thanks to generous gifts by the Tanenbaum, Weisfeld, Cohen, Goldman and Sheff families (and an anonymous donor).

Shabbat services, daily minyan and kaddish friends, Little Minyan, adult B'not Mitzvah, Jewish Personal Trainers, conversion candidates, Museum guests, Book and Film programs, Hot Topics, Tashlikh in the Ravine, Sukkot dinners, Purim celebrations, midnight Shavuot Torah readings, summer Shabbat on the Lawn, ongoing adult study and many outstanding speakers have all contributed to this vision. I hope that many of you have grown as human beings through Jewish exploration.

We continue to offer a dynamic congregational education program, bolstered by the Wow! Initiative of UJA and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Our Family education, Bar/Bat Mitzvah programs, and Youth activities continue to be important aspects of life at Beth Tzedec. We send campers to many Jewish camps and maintain strong support for Camp Ramah. I wish more would take advantage of what we offer.

In helping our *kehillah* to become welcoming, we have become a more inclusive religious community, creating a halakhically friendly environment for women. Through Itanu inclusion and partnerships with JFC/Social Network and Reena, we have created a space for those who are challenged. In addition to support for Kulanu and Pride parade, we have opened ourselves to the LGBTQ community. We have welcomed Jews-by-Choice on their path into Jewish life and have created space for supportive non-Jewish spouses. We partner with community organizations such as CIJA, UJA, JNF, Hillel and Israel Bonds, as well as with neighbouring synagogues.

I have been an advocate for Israel, defending it and sharing dreams for a more pluralistic social, cultural and religious agenda. Congregants, rabbis and educators from Beth Tzedec have studied with the Shalom Hartman Institute, Pardes and Conservative Yeshiva. More young people become Diller Fellows, study at Ramah High School in Jerusalem, participate in the March of the Living, enrol in gap year programs and universities in Israel. We have reached out to the local Israeli community and have become a destination for official events of the State of Israel. Thanks to the Weisdorf and Greenberg families, we have welcomed a generation of *shinshinim* as Young Emissaries to our Congregation, Robbins Academy and Camp Ramah. Deep relationships have been created.

Building on the extensive interfaith activity nurtured by Rabbis Rosenberg and Friedberg, I have sought to deepen relationships with other faith communities, bringing us together for important community moments, such as the recent Yonge Street tragedy. We have studied and sung with neighbourhood churches. It has been a privilege to design two "Path of Abraham" missions and I am part of a new initiative, "Sharing Perspectives" under the *kippah* of St. George's College, Jerusalem, in March 2019. The Jewish community in the Diaspora must carefully cultivate allies.

My commitment to *hesed* and *mishpat* has led to concern for emergency shelters, affordable housing and food for the hungry. Our work with Out of the Cold (supported by Chai Tea), Kehillah Housing (Sukkahville), Habitat for Humanity (Canada 150 Interfaith Build), Ve'ahavta (street vans) and refugee resettlement (JIAS) are all part of a Jewish vision for the society in which we live. As one of the leading Jewish congregations in Canada, we serve as an exemplar of good civic relations. We have worked on projects with all levels of government. The recent evening with Canadian ambassadors to Israel and the UN was indicative of the regard and cooperation we have developed.

Conservative Judaism welcomes serious academic Torah study; our community is blessed with strong centres for Jewish studies at York University and the University of Toronto. We have welcomed faculty from these programs and from JTS to teach in our congregation. The Halbert, Grafstein and Shier lectures are examples of these partnerships. The Kerzner, Weisfeld and Orenstein lectures make our Congregation a significant intellectual centre for the entire community. Dr. Arnold Ages, who is marking his 50th year of teaching at Beth Tzedec, has said that we are a people's university, bringing important thought leaders to our city.

As a flagship congregation of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, we lead the way to strengthen our approach to Jewish life in Canada and the world. Our membership aligns us with other *kehillot* with whom we share interests and common culture, brings us leadership development and professional opportunities, and offers support to smaller congregations. Through Masorti Olami, we strengthen congregations in Europe, the former Soviet Union and throughout South America.

Our connection to JTS and the Schechter Institute ensures the development of future leaders for Jewish communities around the world. Through the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Fellowships, I have been privileged to participate in the training of young rabbis at these two institutions. Our support for Masorti Israel provides a base for a pluralistic, Zionist and Jewish Israel, offering Israelis the spiritual opportunities that Conservative Judaism affords us.

Over these years, we have consistently made improvements to our physical facilities. Some changes are visible—such as the Kimel Family gym, our Mezzanine Hall, the Herman Banquet Hall, Wolfe Administrative Offices and the L'Chaim Hall—while others are behind the scenes or in the unseen infrastructure. Our dedicated maintenance staff and volunteers make sure that we can remain proud of our building; but we still need to renew our Chapel and Sanctuary, renovate the offices of our spiritual team and upgrade our washrooms, parking lot and entrance area.

Just as individuals we must continually face history and ourselves as a congregation, we are challenged to become better at what we do by deepening the relationships that give our community its texture and significance. As we venture into this year of transition, I'll continue to support our devoted volunteer leaders, great administrative staff and caring spiritual team, building on our existing strengths, addressing our weaknesses and helping to develop our future. I thank you for having accompanied me on this amazing and rewarding journey.

Josette joins me in extending greetings to you for a Shanah Tovah and *Ḥag Sameaḥ*. May this year bring us new challenges and opportunities, many successes and achievements, and the blessings of love and life.

The Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Centre for Rabbinic Leadership

In honour of Rav Baruch's 26 years of service to our community, Beth Tzedec has established this new endowment fund to ensure outstanding spiritual leadership for today while cultivating the thought leaders of tomorrow. To make a contribution to this fund, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

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To Reflect and Honour



FOR THE PAST 26 YEARS, RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL HAS

provided Beth Tzedec with remarkable rabbinic leadership. He has been our beloved spiritual leader, a leading advocate for life long Jewish learning, a thought leader within the Canadian Jewish community and a leader in outreach to other faith communities.

In addition to his leadership within our Congregation, Rav Baruch has been an example of the finest that Judasim has to offer in his dealings with leaders of every denomination and faith community. He has been the face of Beth Tzedec and he is admired by his colleagues, often invited to share the stage at programs, to teach classes or to deliver lectures. Rav Baruch has been a representative on behalf of Toronto's Jewish community at public gatherings, rallies and events that cross political, social and religious lines.

Most importantly, his pastoral care and concern made our a *kehillah* a warm and welcoming place. He knows our families and he became part of our lives. To the members of Beth Tzedec and all those he touched outside our Congregation, he defines what it means to carry the weighty mantle of 'Rabbi'.

Plans are in place to honour Rav Baruch, Josette and their family for their years of service to our Beth Tzedec community. I hope everyone will join us as we celebrate Rav Baruch's approaching retirement in July 2019. Please join us in honouring 26 years of devoted commitment to our community. Help us express our appreciation to someone who made our community a better place.

—G'mar hatima tovah, Dr. Sheldon Rotman



A Women's Evening of Wine and Friendship Honouring Josette Frydman-Kohl – Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Little Minyan Shabbat Service and Lunch - Saturday, May 4, 2019

Gala Dinner - Thursday, June 6, 2019

Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner with Dr. Daniel Gordis – Friday, May 31, 2019

Shabbat Service of Tribute and Thanks with Dr. Daniel Gordis – Saturday, June 1, 2019

Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



August 9 Samuel Joseph Katz son of David Katz & Lisa Diamond Katz ישראל שמואל יוסף בן דב יואל הכהן ולאה



September 22 Jake Steinman son of Mitchell Steinman and Dr. Laura Hans יעקב אליעזר בן מרדכי

ולאה מלכה



Maya Rachel Levine daughter of Dr. Darren & |ennifer Levine

October 8 מאיה רבקה בת גבריאל דוב



October 13 Aaron Franklin Black son of Howard & Marlene Black

אהרן אפרים כן צבי צדוק הלוי



October 13 Abby Jessica Dacks daughter of Jeremy Dacks & Ali Taradash

אביבה יפה בת ישי אליעזר וברכה רבקה



October 18 Logan Shnier son of Jordan Shnier & Gillian Tessis-Shnier

אהרון נתן כן ישראל אברהם וגיטה ליבה



(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) November 3 **Dylan Kolers** son of Eliot & Carolyn Kolers דן לוי כן אלי שלום ודבורה צילה



November 10 Sonya Hausman daughter of |onathan Hausman & Stacy Rosen

שמעונה פסע בת משה וצפורה רחל



November 17 Abby Rosenthal daughter of Howard & Ashleigh Rosenthal איידל בת חיים וחיה



(AT MINHAH) December I Rachel Shira Ezer daughter of lason & Melissa Ezer

רחל שירה בת יעקב ומאשה לאה



October 4
Lauren Wagman
daughter of Neil Wagman
& Cathy Siegel
לאה מאיה בת נתן הלוי וחוה



October 6 (IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) October 6 Ella Worth daughter of |ordan Worth & Liza Cooperman גולדה שפרה בת ישראל וצביה



(AT MINḤAH) October 6 Adam Steve Wilk son of Daniel & Ronit Wilk אדם שמואל כן דניאל הלוי ורונית



October 20 Nathaniel Grammer son of Caroline Grammer

נתנאל כן פנינה



December 8
Sophie Lauren Wilson
daughter of Stuart Wilson
& Patricia Title
מלכה בת־שבע בת אליעזר

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This year, when you

Celebrate • Honour • Commemorate

Choose 'Treasures of Beth Tzedec' Tribute Cards

SHANAH TOVAH TOV

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.

Shabbat with Yossi Klein Haley

Thursday, November 22 to Saturday, November 24

As part of the events celebrating Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl's 26 years of service to our Congregation, we welcome Yossi Klein Halevi, senior fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute, for an extended weekend of celebration and inspiration with a Thursday evening presentation, a Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner and a Shabbat morning presentation.

Yossi Klein Halevi is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Together with Imam Abdullah Antepli of Duke University, he co-directs the Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative. Yossi has been active in Middle East reconciliation work, and serves as chairman of Open House, an Arab Israeli-Jewish Israeli center in the town of Ramle, near Tel Aviv.



FALL SERIES

News & Views from Prominent Scholars and Personalities

Engaging ideas in current Jewish affairs, politics, arts and science with note-worthy community figures.

Cost: \$20 per session

October 3 Lilie Zendel, former manager of StreetARToronto, shares her insights on the "New Face of Street Art" as an effort to reclaim public space and beautify the urban environment.

October 10 Dr. Suanne Kelman, professor emeritus of the School of Journalism at Ryerson University, presents "**Fake News—Real Conversation**", and the unfortunate collision of new technology, cynical, corrupt politics and the consumerist approach to information.

October 17 Nissan Amdur, Israeli Economic Attache, explores Israeli contributions in the fields of science and technology and the far reaching and incredible impacts on human life and living.

October 31 Dr. Eric Miller, director of the University of Toronto's Transportation Research Institute, looks at innovative implementations that will build the transportation systems that the GTA needs in "Transportaion: Today and Tomorrow"

Sponsored in memory of Anne Firestonez"

Milestones and celebrations

We can't share your good news unless you tell us about it. Send an email to thumphries@beth-tzedec.org, or call us at 416-781-3514 ext. 212. **Deadline** for the next *Bulletin* covering January through March is November 15.

Births

Arielle Temmy, daughter of DR. MICHAEL GEIST & CARRIE BREGMAN, granddaughter of MARVIN & THE LATE TERRY GEIST, MICHAEL BREGMAN and BARBARA BREGMAN, greatgranddaughter of YETTA BREGMAN, born April 2.

Sebastian Max, son of ILAN & ASHLEY BAHAR, grandson of GENI & ELI BAHAR and DR. RICKY & DIANA KOCHMAN, great-grandson of SARA BRAFMAN, born May 29.

Parker David, son of CAITLIN & ZACHARY NEWTON, grandson of PETRA & LIONEL NEWTON and ADELE & DAVID IMRIE, born June 17.

Maya, daughter of DANA GOLD & DAVID HODGINS, granddaughter of ILEANA & RALF GOLD and MONIQUE BENDAVID-HODGINS & ROSS HODGINS, born July 1.

James Lyon, son of DAVID & SHANNON AXLER, grandson of DR. JEFF & HELENE AXLER and JOE GOODMAN & MARLIE THOMAS-GOODMAN, born July 7.

Rory Joseph, son of JODI & RYAN TKATCH, grandson of PATTI & SHELDON ROTMAN and JANICE & MURRAY TKATCH, great-grandson of RUTH LITVAK, born July 7.

Evan Simon, son of BAILEY & ROBBIE KAUFMAN, grandson of CATHY & RON KAUFMAN and JULIE & MARK GUTKIN, great-grandson of JACK GUTKIN, born July 9.

Camryn Alegria, daughter of MICHAEL BENADIBA & REGAN TESSIS, granddaughter of ALEGRIA & MOISE BENADIBA and DOROTHY & THE LATE STANLEY TESSIS, born August 11.

Lauren Silver, daughter of ELLEN & HERSHEY SILVER, granddaughter of ANITA & THE LATE SIDNEY SILVER and THE LATE GERALDINE (JERRY & MORRY YALOWSKY, and

Weddings

Samantha Newton, daughter of PETRA & LIONEL NEWTON, and Matthew Bock, who were married July 21 in Ottawa.

Melanie Glazer, daughter of ROBIN & LORNE GLAZER, granddaughter of ANNETTE NEWTON and JULIAN & THE LATE RUTH GLAZER, and Ryan Plener, son of ARLENE & ALLAN PLENER, grandson of SANDRA & THE LATE BERNARD PARL and THE LATE MORTON & SHEILA PLENER, who were married July 29.

Daniel Saks, son of RANDI & TOM SAKS, grandson of RENEE TOPPER, and Rachel Riley, daughter of KIMBERLY & KENNY FLETCHER, who were married August 18 (in California).

Corey Shankman, son of TAMMY KERBEL and MARTY & SILVANA SHANKMAN, grandson of CAROLE & HARVEY KERBEL and THE LATE STANLEY & LORRAINE SHANKMAN, great-grandson of THE LATE EVALYN & ARTHUR LIPTON and THE LATE ANNE & IZZIE KERBEL, and Dalia Haimen of Montreal, daughter of LYNN KOFMAN and TAL HAIMEN, granddaughter of ROSLYN GITTLESON, who were married September 13.

Lauren Silver, daughter of ELLEN & HERSHEY SILVER, granddaughter of ANITA & THE LATE SIDNEY SILVER and THE LATE GERALDINE (JERRY) & MORRY YALOWSKY, and Matthew Gerlock, son of SHEILA & STEVE GERLOCK, grandson of ANNETTE & THE LATE HARVEY GERLOCK and THE LATE CLARE & ISRAEL GOLDMACHER, who will be married October 7.

Howie Katz, son of NEIL & JANET KATZ, grandson of HARRY KATZ, and Sydney Lashko, daughter of PETER LASHKO and CATHARINE LASHKO, granddaughter of CATHERINE BROWN, who will be married November 10.

Congratulations to

Ryan Bleiweis, son of MARSHALL & KAREN BLEIWEIS, grandson of JOHN & THE LATE SHEILA ZELDIN and JIM & THE LATE ROSLYN BLEIWEIS, and Alana Fleischer, daughter of MANDY & RUSSELL FLEISCHER, granddaughter of JOAN KAPLAN and HAIM & SHIRLEY FLEISCHER, on their engagement.

Dr. Mervyn & Frances Deitel, who celebrated their 56th anniversary on June 18.

David Grossman, who received a Provincial Citation: the 2018 Ontario University Athletics "Media Award of Distinction" for his reporting of amateur sport over the past 50 years. (See photo below)

Michael Mason, who celebrated his 90th birthday on September 14.

Many Thanks

Drs. Coleman Rotstein & Wendy Wolfman and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 7 to honour the birth of their granddaughter Shira Elisheva.

Dr. Illan & Naomi Kramer and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 7 to honour the birth of their daughter Eyla Zoe Gaia.

Jeffrey Marantz, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 14 to honour the birth of his twin granddaughters Rose Dalia and Izabella Cyril.



Beth Tzedec member David Grossman is honoured for his career in sports journalism.

Mazal Tov



Beth Tzedec is happy to share the accomplishments of our graduate members.

Jordi Levman, who graduated from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University with a Masters of Social Work degree.

Aviva Levman, who graduated from Western University with an Bachelor of Sciences degree.

Brooke Chloe Schiff, who graduated from Wilfred Laurier University with a Honours Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Communication Studies and a minor in Women in Gender Studies.

Sarah Silverberg, who graduated from the University of Toronto's Medical Degree Program with an MD degree.

Norman & Jackie Kahn and family, who sponsored *Seudah Shlisheet* on July 21 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Jonathan Kahn.

Nathaniel Lipkus & Dr. Amanda Steiman, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 28 to honour the birth of their daughter Matilda Belle.

Ross Hodgins & Monique Bendavid-Hodgins and Ralph & Ileana Gold, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 11 to honour the birth their granddaughter Maya.

Jennifer Lau & Corey Albert, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 11 to honour the birth of their daughter Sadie. Annette Bot and family, who sponsored *Seudah Shlisheet* on August 25 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of William Bot.

Mitchell Steinman & Dr. Laura Hans, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 22 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jake Steinman.

Dr. Darren & Jennifer Levine, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 6 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Maya Rachel Levine.

Neil Wagman & Cathy Siegel, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 6 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Lauren Wagman.

Daniel & Ronit Wilk, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 6 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son Adam Steve Wilk.

Jordan Worth & Liza Cooperman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 6 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ella Worth.

Howard & Marlene Black, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 13 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son Aaron Black.

Jeremy Dacks & Ali Taradash, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 13 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Abby Jessica Dacks.

Caroline Grammer, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 20 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of her son Nathaniel Grammer.

Jordan Shnier & Gillian Tessis-Shnier, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 20 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son Logan Shnier.

Neil & Janet Katz, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 3 to honour the marriage of their son Howard Allan Katz & Sydney Lashko. Eliot & Carolyn Kolers, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 3 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dylan Kolers.

Jonathan Hausman & Stacy Rosen, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 10 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sonya Hausman.

Howard & Ashleigh Rosenthal, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 17 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Abby Rosenthal.

Jason & Melissa Ezer, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on December 1 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rachel Shira Ezer.

Mila Zigelman and family, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on December 8 to commemorate the first yahrtzeit of Leon Zigelman.

Stuart Wilson & Patricia Title, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on December 8 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sophie Lauren Wilson.



The Beth Tzedec Sukkah has been donated in memory of Sam & Minnie Sitzer.

Many of the decorations were provided by the Greenspan Family.

For the Generations

With lifetime experiences to reflect on and grow from, as individuals and as a kehillah, the gifts of Judaism help us and others find meaning in life and help make the world a better place.



I DON'T REALLY THINK OF MYSELF AS 'OLD' (EXCEPT WHEN

I krekz in the morning). I think I work smarter and more hours than ever. I try to think creatively and ask a lot of 'what if' questions. I read professional articles and seek out experienced individuals to mentor me. I try to listen to the thinking of the next generation and try to be connected as much as I can, often via my children who are now in their 20s and 30s. I like techno-gadgets (always have) and sports, though I am now a one-sport (golf) guy due to the constant maintenance required to my physical being. So why am I am having an 'interesting' time, pondering the notion of 3-score years on the planet? I mean, when my parents hit the big 6-OH, they were old.

Today the older generation is young and not just at heart. When I was in Brandeis University's graduate school studying human service management for the elder population, tomorrow's thinkers noted that "the next generation of elders will be healthier and won't want the same things as elders of today. They will want to be more active, take more holidays and will be busier than ever before." That was in the year that Apple launched the Macintosh and IBM's powerful XT computer blasted onto the scene.

Where most could see hazy images of the future, only a select few had the courage and vision to chart a path that would allow today's grandparent to nurture long distance relationships through Zoom, Skype, email, FaceTime and other apps on their tablet, phone, desktop or watch. My own mother, at 91, gets frustrated when her computer is 'too slow'—a machine with the computing power to launch a space shuttle can't keep up to her!

So too the world of Jewish learning has changed. Sefaria, the online, open source, free content, digital library, puts virtually every Jewish text, in Hebrew and in English, on our smart phones. Interested in the parashah? Have a kashrut question or wonder when the Passover will be in 2020? Interested in a podcast or lecture from a Torah scholar or great teacher? With a few key strokes or swipes on your touch screen, the virtual world is as open as your mind.

Living in a hustle-bustle, throw-away world, we search for meaning in our lives beyond screens and apps. With aging comes the acquisition of physical stuff. But we

also accumulate storehouses of ideas, experiences and knowledge to be shared with the next generation. Entering the age of transmission, today's elders have an opportunity to offer themselves as resources to pinpoint where they can give back while satiating their thirst for more knowledge.

It is a fact that the greatest influencers on the next generation of Jews are today's grandparents. With the luxury and blessings of having multiple generations around the same table, sharing a past while creating new experiences together, our children's children can enjoy a new-found love for what their parents and grandparents hold dear. Shabbat dinner, Pesah seder, lighting the Hanukkah candles, a Purim costume and carnival, sharing apples and honey—all experiences from our Jewish life that can be reimagined and reborn in the hearts and minds of children today.

Our Judaism has much to give to the generations. The value systems and teachings can be incorporated into our lives and allow us to grow personally as we change our world. With lifetime experiences to reflect on and grow from, as individuals and as a kehillah, the gifts of Judaism help us and others find meaning in life and help make the world a better place for all.

Following the High Holy Days and prepare for new challenges ahead, we also reflect on the past; who has been born and who has died; who is ill and who regained their health; who has started school and who has graduated? We take stock and count our blessings. We come together as families. A new year allows us to bury old grudges or make amends for past lapses in judgment. We have an opportunity to embrace life, make shalom with those who have hurt us or with those we may have hurt.

Best of all, for those blessed to have their children's children close, there is the opportunity to connect the generations and be the link from your Jewish past to our Iewish future.

May you be inscribed for good health and when you are showered with hugs and kisses from the grands, know how truly blessed you are.

Shanah tovah u'metukah!

Family Simhat Torah Celebration Monday, October 1 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Enjoy holiday crafts, games and a kids' Torah parade (recommended for children up to age 7), followed by a dinner for pre-registered families of all ages beginning at 6:15 PM. The party continues at our synagogue-wide *Hakafot* with singing, dancing, candy food and drinks.

Cost for dinner: \$20 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-13); \$5 children (ages 1-4). Dinner reservations required by **Friday, September 21**



Reserve online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login or call 416-781-3511...

Sportballe beth tzedec

Sunday mornings

Toddlers 16 months to 2 years of age: 9:30 to 10:15 AM Preschoolers 2 to 3 years of age: 10:15 to 11:00 AM

Sportball is at Beth Tzedec. Preschoolers can participate in fun, non-competitive sports activities every Sunday morning. For information or to register, visit https://tinyurl.com/Sportball-At-BT





The Axiom of Kohelet

The biblical book of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), read on the Shabbat of Sukkot, famously reminds us that "there is nothing new beneath the sun".



THE BIBLICAL BOOK OF KOHELET

(Ecclesiastes), read on the Shabbat of Sukkot, famously reminds us that "there is nothing new beneath the sun" (1:9). This axiom holds true in the world of Jewish education, as the successes that we celebrate and the struggles that we face in 2018 are identified in reports and writings from 10, 20 and even 50 years ago.

Here are some Jewish educational and leadership principles that seem to re-emerge with regularity, like the sun rising each day:

- Don't be afraid to lead or follow
- Achievement is limited only by the ability to dream and the ability to project that dream to others
- Creativity is possible, not only within traditional artistic forms but also in social and human relationships
- Making enemies is an affirmation that you stand for something
- People are hungry to get caught up in the uniqueness of being human—relationships, to believe, to count
- The rarest of all qualities is imagination

- When all the mass structures camps, assemblies, schools, etc.—are evaluated, the most important thing we can work on is the one-to-one relationships
- Despite all the differences, the Jewish people are a mystic unity

You may have noticed that most of these bullet points are not uniquely Jewish; rather, they are universal and take a specific form within a Jewish context. You may also feel strongly connected to many of these points, as I do, especially in the 2018 world in which we live, most notably the elements related to human relationships, creativity and imagination.

These particular principles were composed way back in 1971, almost 50 years ago, by Shraga Arian^z", a talented and beloved Jewish educator who spent the majority of his tooshort career in Albany, NY before his tragic death at age 44. He was regarded as an innovator of experiential Jewish education and created many new and mold-breaking programs that brought children out of classrooms and into less formal environments. He influenced a generation of Jewish educational leaders and practitioners, and was a major influence on Rav Baruch, who, as an undergraduate

interested in education, was mentored by Shraga during his year in Chicago.

All of us who have had the privilege of learning from, working with and connecting to Rav Baruch can pinpoint moments in time or larger approaches to issues that deeply align with Shraga Arian's principles. As I think about my work at Beth Tzedec over the last six years, I can cite many moments where these principles have been embedded in my approach, and many more where Rav Baruch has championed them.

As we turn the page to a new Jewish year and look at the work that we all have to do in 5779, we should take comfort in the words of Kohelet and in the knowledge that many things do repeat themselves; it is up to us to improve upon them for the next go-around. In the words of Rabbi Tarfon, "you are not expected to complete the task, but neither are you free to avoid it" (Pirkei Avot 2:21). May this New Year be a year of continuing improvements for all of us as we work towards building new relationships, fostering deeper connections to Jewish living and to each other, and to celebrating Rav Baruch's 26 years of service to our Congregation.

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Friday, October 19 at 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Cost: \$40 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4). Dinner by advance reservation only **by Monday, October 15.**

Shabbat, October 20 beginning at 8:45 AM

The discharged Israeli soldiers from the Peace of Mind program join us for the *Shaḥarit* service, followed by a special Community Kiddush in their honour.

Peace of Mind is a unique program developed by the Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psycho-Trauma. It paves the way back to civilian life for young men and women who have served in high-risk combat units in the Israel Defense Forces. The program identifies units who have undergone severe combat experiences and provides the treatment needed to strengthen their emotional health and resilience allowing them to start their civilian life as healthy and productive citizens. Your support of this worthwhile cause is greatly needed.

To make a tax-deductible donation, contact Felicia Gopin at 416-433-6617.

For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org

20S & 30S SOCIAL JUSTICE SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER:

TRANS ACTIVISM AND INCLUSION

with RABBI ABBY STEIN AND RABBI MIKE MOSKOWITZ

Friday, October 26 at 6:00 PM

Following a congregational Shabbat at the Floor service, 20s & 30s are invited to a delicious dinner and discussion.

Cost for dinner: \$18 per person. RSVP online at www.beth-tzedec.org or call 416-781-3511.



Finding a Rabbi and a Friend

Yehoshua ben Peraḥ'va says, "Make for yourself a rabbi, acquire for yourself a friend and judge every person as meritorious" (Pirkei Avot I:6).



I grew up in Montreal, praying in a small *shtiebel* (known as *The Shtiebel*), an informal, fully volunteer-led Modern Orthodox synagogue that has been around for over 30 years. There was no rabbi, no cantor and the community was happy to never grow beyond 30 active families. The strength of this community was that it felt like one large (though at times dysfunctional) family, and that everyone felt a responsibility to pitch in by leading services, preparing the kiddush or giving the *d'var Torah*. With only my nuclear family living in Montreal, some of the other parents became my adopted aunts, uncles and grandparents, and in that shul, I acquired lifelong friends.

While I appreciated the intimacy of the place, I always felt like I was missing a certain relationship in my life: a rabbi. Despite 18 years of Jewish education from some of Montreal's leading educators and rabbis and time in Yeshiva in Israel, I never really felt that I had found "my rabbi". Having worked in the Annex Shul as a spiritual leader and gaining firsthand experience of what others were turning to me for (frankly, I wasn't always prepared for it), I decided I needed to find a rabbi for myself.

So, what was I looking for in a rabbi?

- A moral guide—someone who lives what he/she preaches and whose words inspire action and activism
- An expert in Torah and Jewish law who knows enough to understand that *halakhah* is about the people within the system
- Kind and caring who is able to be with people in their suffering and offer comfort when needed
- A teacher and a mentor, who I could turn to with my own life challenges, and also support me as I support others

And so, I remember sitting in Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl's study (where I am sure most if not all of you reading this have found yourselves at some point), six months before Rabbi Adam Cutler encouraged me to join the Beth Tzedec team. We didn't know each other personally, but he made time for me as I was confronting questions about my life goals. In our deep and personal conversation, he

listened to my concerns and responded in a way that demonstrated his care for me and offered concrete suggestions. While I didn't know at the time that I would work with and for him, I had a sense that I had found my rabbi and that in many ways, I wanted to be like him.

When I joined Beth Tzedec three years ago, it was because I saw a community where Judaism was alive and that members were actively being inspired by Jewish and communal values to make the world a better place. I also came here because I wanted to be mentored by Rav Baruch and soak up as much of his wisdom, passion and compassion, Torah and love for the Jewish people as I possibly could.

At the heart of this wonderful and huge community is a rabbi who strives every day to care for, teach, nurture, pray with and love each and every member to the best of his ability. Rav Baruch treats each and every one of Beth Tzedec's employees and members of this synagogue as being part of his *shtiebel*—his inner circle of care—while also being a beacon of hope and moral compass for the entire Jewish community of Toronto, a leader of Conservative Judaism throughout the world and an ardent supporter and lover of Israel. I have personally felt his encouragement of my work here, and also held and uplifted as he guided my family and I as we dealt with difficult decisions connected to my mother's death.

Beth Tzedec has been blessed to have a rabbi and a leader like Rav Baruch, and I am keenly aware that Rav Baruch is as loved and successful as he is here because of how special the Beth Tzedec community is. I am fully confident that the next senior rabbi will enjoy a similar place in our hearts and I feel blessed to be part of BT during this time of transition and growth.

Throughout the next year, there will be many opportunities to show our *hakarat hatov*, gratitude, to Rav Baruch, and there will also be many opportunities to learn from our beloved rabbi and teacher. I want to encourage you all to join me in soaking up as much as we can of Rav Baruch's brilliant mind (*lev chacham*) and kind heart (*lev nadiv*) as we pay tribute to the man who has been both a rabbi and dear friend to us all.

My Musical State of the Union Address



Through all the changes, we have remained committed to our rich musical tradition and to continuously providing quality musical programs.

MY PAST TWO YEARS AS HAZZAN AT BETH

Tzedec have definitely been a period of transition in the Congregation. These years have also been a time of extensive personal and professional growth for me, planning musical services and concert programs while developing my skills as a musician. Through all the changes, we have remained committed to our rich musical tradition and to continuously providing quality musical programs.

With the invaluable help of Yacov Fruchter and Daniel Silverman, our Shabbat Shirah programs featured a special weekend tribute to the music of Leonard Cohen in partnership with Ashkenaz Foundation and, more recently, in conjunction with Tarbut Toronto, a celebration of 70 years of Israeli music highlighting the work of Naomi Shemer.

The accomplishment I am most proud of from a personal standpoint is the creation and evolution of our Remembrance Day Shabbat. The original idea came from a Friday night service when chanting "Oseh Shalom" to the "Last Post" and has now blossomed into a special service on Shabbat morning modelled after the national Remembrance Day service held annually in Ottawa, matching the words and meaning of the various prayers with melodies from two World Wars and numerous hymns. Last autumn, this culminated

into a collaborative "Interfaith Remembrance Day Concert" with three local churches and featuring over 150 singers.

When I was in Cantorial school, three of my classmates and I formed a close harmony quartet called the "Wizards of Ashkenaz". We typically perform once a year at synagogues. Last June, the Wizards finally joined me at Beth Tzedec for an *a capella* concert performance well received by the Congregation.

As Beth Tzedec continues to search for a Cantor to work alongside me, I am deeply indebted to Rabbi Moshe Meirovich. Besides sharing his experience and expertise as a hazzan, he has introduced me to new repertoire and ideas. He was instrumental in helping me put together a small youth ensemble for our Friday night service during the "Wizards of Ashkenaz" weekend in June and we have incorporated some new duets into our Shabbat davening. I enjoyed working with Rabbi Meirovich during the High Holy Days leading the Parallel Service.

Finally, during this period, I have managed to assemble a new choir and since Passover of last year—despite limited rehearsal time—we have been leading inspiring monthly Shabbat services as well as the *ḥaggim* featuring my choral arrangements of popular Jewish and Israeli melodies.

Our talented choir members come from diverse backgrounds. Check out their bios attached here.

Cantorial candidates have come and gone; I realize the future is still uncertain. Hazzan Moshe Fishel, Meir Briskman and the Lishmoa El Harina ensemble led beautiful High Holy Day services as they have done for the past two years. After they return to Israel, you can still count on us to bring you high quality musical services and programs. I look forward to seeing you all this year.



Ezra Burke holds a Master's degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Toronto,

where he was a recipient of the Elmer Iseler National Fellowship. A native of London, England, Ezra completed his Bachelor Degree as well as his Postgraduate Certificate in Music and Education at the University of Cambridge, taught music in several schools and established a synagogue community choir. Ezra sings with the Exultate Chamber Singers and most recently was a Choral Fellow at the Zamir North American Jewish Choral Festival.



Jacob Citron, born and raised attending the synagogue, Jacob is thrilled to be able to lend

his voice to the Beth Tzedec choir.



Jenny Cohen, mezzo soprano, completed her B.Mus. and M.Mus. in vocal performance at

McGill University. Her experience spans opera, operetta, oratorio, and art song. Last summer, Jenny was thrilled to participate in a performance of John Beckwith and James Reaney's Night Blooming Cereus, as well as the premiere of Michael Rose's A Northern Lights Dream. For ten seasons, she served as cantorial soloist at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom in Montreal for High Holy Day services.



Asher Farber is a freelance musician, pianist, conductor, collaborator and teacher. He completed

his Masters of Music in Collaborative Piano Performance at the University of Toronto and his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Ottawa. Asher is choir director and conductor of the Miles Nadal JCC Daytime Choir and the Prosserman JCC Shalom Singers. He also is accompanist for the Choralairs, the Miles Nadal JCC Community Choir, and is frequent guest conductor for the Port Perry Sparrows children's choir. Asher regularly collaborates alongside many eclectic artists and bands in many different styles, including opera, chamber music, jazz, musical theater, hip hop, rock, folk, klezmer, cantorial, blues, funk, pop, power metal and even gospel.



Faye Kellerstein, mezzo soprano, returns to the choir after singing for 13 years with Cantors Paul

Kowarsky and Meir Finkelstein. Though a language teacher by profession, she admits that music is her passion, and began studying with private vocal coaches in her 20s and has been performing for over 30 years locally and for other Jewish communities. In 1994, she received a Juno nomination for her Yiddish CD recording "A Feygele Zingt".



Roz Keyes, mezzo soprano, is perhaps a somewhat familiar face at Beth Tzedec, having sung here

for several years in the '90s under Cantor Paul Kowarsky and music director Gordon Kushner. When she's not on the bimah here, Roz divides her time between teaching singing, directing plays, performing in opera, operetta and musicals, and as cantorial soloist at a Durham Region synagogue.



Sabrina Keyes has been training in classical voice and music theatre for over 12 years, and has

recently received two awards for productions across Ontario—a THEA award for Best Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Anne Shirley in Anne of Green Gables and a THEA award for her performance as Anne in The Diary of Anne Frank. Sabrina also performed the First Spirit in Brent Krysa's production of The Magic Flute at the Fountain School of Performing Arts in Halifax. In her spare time, she sings Yiddish folk music and hopes to be given more opportunities to sing Jewish music.



Josh Patlik sings bass and joined the choir in January 2017. By day, he practises law. By night? Don't ask.



Arieh Sacke, tenor, is entering his third year at the University of Toronto where he is pursuing an

undergraduate degree in classical voice performance. His affinity to music was cultivated through his own dual musical heritage—the vastly divergent yet equally alluring liturgical traditions of Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jewry. Arieh is thrilled to be joining the Beth Tzedec choir for his second year.



Sara Schabas, soprano, is a native of Toronto. A recent graduate of Roosevelt University's

Chicago College of Performing Arts and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, she has held fellowships with the Aspen Opera Centre, Toronto Summer Music Festival, Fall Island Vocal Arts Festival and the Castleton Festival, She recently debuted as a soloist with the Dayton Opera, Mississauga Symphony, Dayton Philharmonic, Soundstreams Festival and with Tapestry Opera, with which she received a Dora Award Nomination and Broadway World Toronto Nomination for Best Female Performer in a Featured Role (Musical-Equity).



Shalom Steinberg is a on a spiritual journey. For *parnossah*, he does a variety of education

related activities. Shalom began singing in the prestigious Calgary Boys' Choir as an Alto and, over time, became a Bass. Shalom's Jewish knowledge comes from his eclectic Jewish life while living throughout the world—he was once complimented to have an encyclopedic knowledge of Shabbat *zemirot*.

PAST EVENTS Highlights



















Apple Picking for 20s & 30s

Beth Tzedec's 20s and 30s group got into the Rosh Hashanah spirit at Applewood Winery with lunch and apple picking ... and squash!



Pre-Shabbat Music Class

Beth Tzedec's littlest fingers meet Friday mornings for special Pre-Shabbat Music program swith activities, singing and snacks for toddlers and their parent or caregiver—a joyous meeting with lots of laughter from the little voices.









Kadima and BTUSY Closing Program

Beth Tzedec's *Kadima* and *BTUSY* teens met in the lower parking lot for a fun-filled afternoon of challenge-based activities in the sun.

An Evening with Daniel Silva

In July, Beth Tzedec and Holy Blossom partnered in bringing best-selling author Daniel Silva to Bathurst Street for his only Canadian appearance. In what proved to be Silva's largest crowd ever, over 1,100 people came to hear him speak and to get his latest release signed.







Celebrating 70 Years of Israel and 100 Years of the Music of Leonard Bernstein with Song

As part of our annual High Holy Day music celebrations, the *Lishmoa El Harina Ensemble* and Meir Briskman presented a wonderful evening of song, with special guests Cantors Moshe Fishel and Sidney Ezer also joining them onstage.

Beth Tzedec Welcomes Rabbi Steven Wernick as Our New Senior Rabbi



ON KOL NIDREI, DR. SHELDON ROTMAN ANNOUNCED THAT Rabbi Steven Wernick, the CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), will join our Congregation as our new senior rabbi beginning February 2019.

Rabbi Wernick graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1996, and then earned an MA in Jewish Education before starting his pulpit career as an associate rabbi for seven years in Cherry Hill, NJ. He then served for over seven years as senior rabbi in Merion Station, PA before taking over the helm of USCI in 2009 as its CEO. Under Rabbi Wernick's leadership, the USCI and the Conservative movement have strengthened their network by advocating for Conservative values and deepened relationships with partner organizations in North America, Israel and abroad. Rabbi Steven has held numerous board and executive committee posts and has represented the Conservative movement at political and organizational tables around the world. He has been named to both the Forward 50 and Newsweek 50 most influential rabbis and Jewish leaders.

"This is a tremendous moment in the history of our Congregation and our community," said Rotman. "Rabbi Steve will be an outstanding spiritual leader, following in the footsteps of great rabbis who have preceded him. We know he will join in our mission of bringing the gifts of Judaism to our community. We look forward to hearing him speak, teach and to play a meaningful role in our lives."

"I am excited to be joining a dynamic congregation in

such a vibrant city at this crucial time in Jewish history," said Rabbi Wernick. "Beth Tzedec is a community committed to Jewish learning and practice, broadening its engagement and providing meaning for those looking to enhance their lives. I'm looking forward to working with Beth Tzedec's outstanding spiritual leaders, professional staff and lay leaders to build upon its strengths in the Jewish and secular communities."

Addressing the next phase in developing a new spiritual leadership team, Dr. Rotman stated that Rabbi Wernick's extensive global links will help us move forward with our searches for a new cantorial and rabbinic team consistent with the objectives set out in our strategic plan. "Judaism is a gift that we want to share and pass on," said Rotman. "Rabbi Wernick inherits a legacy of creating a caring kehillah. We know he will carry on that legacy while helping us respond to the changing needs of our membership and Toronto's Jewish community."

Rabbi Wernick will be joining Beth Tzedec for the last days of Sukkot and will celebrate Simhat Torah with us on October 2. When he arrives in February, he will work together for several months before Rav Baruch officially retires in the summer of 2019, after which he will carry the title of Anne and Max Tanenbaum Senior Rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Rabbi Wernick is married to Jody, a registered nurse, and they have three daughters.







Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service

(especially for families with young children) Shabbat, November 3 & December I 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 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.

Li'l Minyans

(children up to age 5 with a parent) 9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Looking for an opportunity to spend a fun and educational Shabbat morning with your children? Drop off your children for our nursery program, then come back at 10:45 AM for a 45-minute interactive service with age-appropriate *davening*, singing, storytelling, healthy snacks and guided play.

Junior Congregation

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

A dynamic drop-off program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, and quality time with our *shinshinim*, Yuval Rotero and Daniel Lazar. Meets every Shabbat and Yom Tov morning, except when there is a Family Service.

Shabbat Teen Lounge

(grades 8 to 12) 10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Calling all teens! You now have a Shabbat hangout space all your own, complete with comfy seats, snacks, a SodaStream, games, and much more.

Shabbat is Awesome

(for families) Shabbat, December I 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Hang around after the Family Service lunch for Shabbat is Awesome! We'll have games, sports and fun together and continue to build community. No charge, but RSVP by Monday, November 26.

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 II:00 AM

Beth Tzedec and Robbins Hebrew Academy jointly offer the "Little Thinkers" program, running on Tuesday through Friday mornings, with art, games and gym time! Sessions take place from September to December and lanuary to lune, and tots and their caregivers are invited to join for one to four times a week. 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
II:00 to II:45 AM

Join us as we welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *ḥallah*, grape juice and lots of fun. For more information on fees or to register, call the Synagogue office.

PJ Library Presents: Abraham's Welcoming Tent

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents) Sunday, October 28 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Hakhnasat Orḥim (welcoming visitors) is one of the most important values in |udaism and has been taught from generation to generation for over 3,000 years. Meet us in Abraham's tent to have fun and learn about hakhnasat orḥim and how to make visitors feel comfortable and honoured. No charge, but RSVP by Wednesday, October 24.

PJ Library Presents: David's Kingdom of Kindness

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents) Sunday, December 16 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Learn about King David and the Kingdom of Judea. Together, we will discover King David's favourite value: kindness. No charge, but RSVP by Wednesday, December 12.

Ve'ahavta is coming to Beth Tzedec

The Hesed Project for Grades 1 to 5



Sundays, October 28, November 18 & December 16 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Kids will learn about Jewish values and social activism through a hands-on workshop. Let's learn together about *mitzvot* and social justice. No charge, but RSVPs required.

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. 239.

For Families

Family Simhat Torah Celebration

Monday, October 2 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Enjoy holiday crafts, games and a kids' Torah parade (recommended for children up to age 7), followed by a dinner for pre-registered families of all ages beginning at 6:15 PM. The party continues at our synagogue-wide *Hakafot* with singing, dancing, candy, food and drinks. Cost for dinner: \$20 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-13); \$5 children (ages 1-4).

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 2 5:00 PM

Come together for a delicious Shabbat dinner and great programming for kids of all ages. Young children's programming begins at 5:15 PM, abridged Shabbat service at 6:00 PM with dinner and older kids programming to follow. Cost for dinner: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages I-4). RSVP by Monday, October 29.

Teddy Bear Havdalah

Saturday, November 17 5:15 to 6:00 PM

Come join us as we say L'hitra'ot (goodbye) to Shabbat by celebrating 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. Adults and children are encouraged to wear pyjamas. No charge, but RSVP by Tuesday, November I3.

Family Ḥanukkah Party

Saturday evening, December 8 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate the end of Shabbat and Ḥanukkah and light lots and lots of candles. Watch for more details.

December 25 Family Movie Afternoon

Tuesday, December 25 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Looking for something to do on December 25? Come to Beth Tzedec's new movie afternoon, where we'll screen three to four different movies for different ages (kids, teens and adults) all at the same time. A free, one-stop afternoon of entertainment. Everyone is welcome! Details and movie titles coming soon.

For information about Youth & Family programs, contact Shirel Barkan-Slater at 416-781-3514 ext. 290 or sbarkan@bethtzedec.org.

For information about *BTUSY* programs, contact |essie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org.

ECRUSY Programs

ECRUSY Fall Convention

(for Grades 9 to 12) October 26 to 28

Spend a weekend at Kehillat Beth Israel in Ottawa filled with fun, friends old and new while we participate in awesome Shabbat services and amazing programs planned by your peers! Pre-registration required.

ECRUSY Kadima Convention

(for Grades 6 to 8) November 9 and 10

Join us for our Kadima only convention at Beth Jacob in Hamilton with Beth Tzedec's B'nai Mitzvah class and regional Kadimaniks. A Shabbat willed with new firends and lots of fun! Pre-registration required.

USY International Convention

(for Grades 9 to 12) December 23 to 27

Join hundreds of Jewish teens from Canada, the U.S. and Europe for five days of non-stop programming including community service opportunities and tons of engaging speakers and events ... all in sunny Orlando, Florida! Pre-registration required.

For information ECRUSY programs, email the ECRUSY offices at ecrusy@uscj.org or call 416-667-1717.



JEWS AND THE COMIC BOOK INDUSTRY

An exhibit presenting the lewish storytellers, cartoonists and publishers who developed and influenced the comic book industry over the past 80 years.

OPENS OCTOBER 23, 2018 AT 7:30 PM

GUEST EXHIBIT CURATORS: STEVEN BERGSON / RON KASMAN

For information or to book a tour of the exhibit, contact Museum Curator Dorion Liebgott at 416-781-3514 ext. 232 or dliebgott@beth-tzedec.org.





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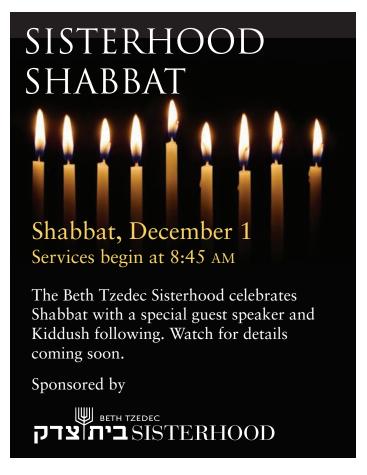
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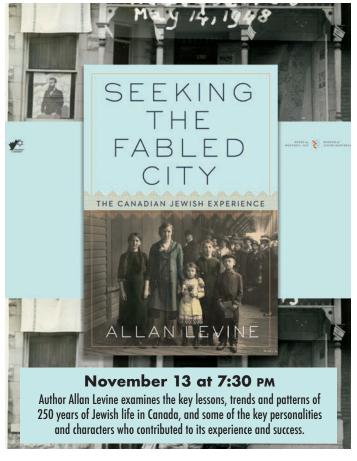
REMEMBRANCE Day concert

Sunday, November 11, at 10:00 AM

In collaboration with Hebrew Day School choirs and local performers, Cantor Sidney Ezer will lead a moving and inspirational ceremony and Concert of Remembrance honouring all those who fought for peace over the past century. At 11:00 AM, marking the 100th anniversary of the end the First World War, Remembrance Day will be observed.







Our Shabbat Service Experiences

Kabbalat Shabbat Services every Friday night. Check our weekly e-newsletter, The Week Ahead, our website and monthly calendars for service and candle lighting times.

Sanctuary / Chapel Services 8:45 AM, every Shabbat. Our musical Sanctuary Service offers a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience with Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Cantor Sidney Ezer and Lorne Hanick. Lift your soul in prayer as you sing along, or close your eyes in meditation and be carried away by our inspirational Shabbat morning service.

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, every Shabbat through December 15. Looking to be more actively involved in the spiritual 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 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.

A Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service 10:30 AM, November 3 and December 1. 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 20 to 21.

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



Talking Torah with Daniel Silverman

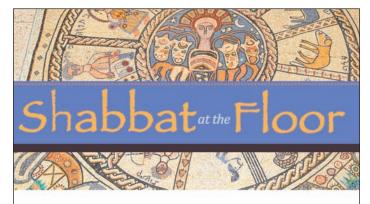
9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat

A new look at the traditional and modern interpretations of the weekly Torah reading with Daniel Silverman.

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10:00 to II:15 AM on October 13, November 3 and December I

For men and women, centred on texts from our tradition, eliciting response and deep listening a doorway to enhanced prayer. For information, see page 50. Sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club



Fridays, October 26 & December 7 at 6:00 PM

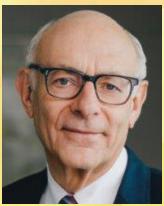
Beth Tzedec's newest service is a monthly Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service on the Beth Alpha Floor (just outside the Museum). Led by Cantor Sidney Ezer, Reb Yacov Fruchter and friends, the focus is on high energy and spirited, participatory singing. For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

RESERVATIONS CLOSED

Beth Tzedec's Annual

Simhat Torah Luncheon





Join us in the stunning Mezzanine Banquet Hall as we honour our Kallat Torah Carolyn Kolers and our Ḥattan Bereisheet Norman Kahn.

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 following Services

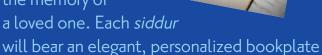
Maḥzor Lev Shalem

Several years ago, Beth Tzedec introduced *Maḥzor Lev Shalem*, a completely updated prayer book for the High Holy Days.

You can inscribe a volume of *Mahzor Lev Shalem* in honour or in memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion. Each *mahzor* will bear a personalized bookplate in acknowledgement.

Inscribe our *Siddurim*!

Inscribe one or more of our siddurim, to mark a celebration, special occasion or achievement, or to honour the memory of



to acknowledge the *mitzvah* of your gift to Beth Tzedec.

For more information or to arrange for an inscription, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or visit www.beth-tzedec.org/login.

Simhat Torah Luncheon

Honouring outstanding dedication and leadership to our Beth Tzedec community.





IT IS OUR GREAT PLEASURE TO HONOUR THIS YEAR'S

Kallat Torah Carolyn Kolers and Hattan Bereisheet Norman Kahn at our Simhat Torah services and luncheon. Carolyn and Norman have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership to our Beth Tzedec community, and join our distinguished list of honourees.

Carolyn Kolers—Kallat Torah

Carolyn's earliest memories of Beth Tzedec involve getting dressed up to come to shul on Shabbat with her grandparents, Frances and Joseph Cepler^z, members of Beth Tzedec since its inception, having joined from Beit Hamidrash Hagadol—the McCaul Street Shul. Carolyn began her own shul involvement as a frequent Torah reader, with the benefit of instruction by the one and only Cantor Morris Soberman^z, and she was later recruited to join various committees, including Ritual, Cantorial Search, 50th Anniversary Concert, Musical Magic Concert series, Legal and Estates and Young Families (where she served as chair).

After joining the Beth Tzedec Board of Governors in 2008, Carolyn became Chair of the Board the following year and, after two years in that role, she served as President of the Congregation for three years, before moving on to the coveted role of Immediate Past President. During that time, Carolyn co-chaired the Executive Director Search, Renovation and Strategic Planning committees, and participated in many other projects and initiatives on behalf of the shul. She also enjoyed performing in four Purim Musicals.

In addition to her volunteer work at shul, Carolyn has been a member of UJA's Israel Engagement Committee for the last three years and chaired its annual Israel Mission in 2017, as well as serving on various other UJA committees.

Carolyn is a lawyer by training and has a Bachelor of Commerce, having attended the University of Toronto to obtain both degrees, and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1996. She is a former partner of the firm of Goodman and Carr LLP where she practised for 11 years before joining Cara Operations Limited as in-house counsel. Carolyn left Cara in 2009 to devote her time to a variety of volunteer initiatives at Beth Tzedec and elsewhere in the community. Carolyn has been married to Eliot Kolers for 23 years, and is the mother of Zachary (15) and Dylan (13) who both attended the Leo Baeck Day School. She is looking

forward to celebrating Dylan's bar mitzvah at Beth Tzedec in the Little Minyan in just a few weeks.

Norman Kahn—Hattan Bereisheet

Born in Montreal and having just completed both his Civil and Common law degrees, Norman moved to Toronto in 1979. Shortly thereafter, he joined Beth Tzedec Congregation and has over the years regularly attended Shabbat and Yom Tov services. He often leads services in the Little Minyan and weekday services both in our shul and at *shiva minyanim* for our congregants.

Norman was elected to the Board of Governors of Beth Tzedec in 2002 and has been an active leader in our *Kehillah* ever since. He served on the Board and Executive for about 15 years in various capacities, culminating in his presidency from 2007 to 2009. Norman has also served on many committees and chaired the Legal and Estates Committee and co-chaired two Rabbinic Search Committees, (including the current committee charged with the task of engaging the successor to our senior rabbi, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl). With limited talent, he reluctantly moved out of his comfort zone to take on several roles in the Purim Shpiel, including his favourite as the magician "the Amazing Dovid Khappen'gelt".

As Norman remains deeply committed to community service, he currently sits on several boards, including the International Board of the United Synagogues for Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and as a layman on the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Norman is blessed to be married to his cherished partner Jackie. Together they have built a home filled with love for family, Judaism, *Klal Yisrael* and the State of Israel which values they have instilled in their children. They have seven children, three in-law children and more than seven beautiful grandchildren. Their children all attended USDS (now RHA) at Beth Tzedec and CHAT High School. Encouraged by their parents, each of their children have participated in extended educational experiences in Israel. Three of their children have made aliyah to Israel where Norman and Jackie frequently visit. The other children and grandchildren reside here in Toronto.

He continues to practice commercial real estate law as a partner at Aird & Berlis LLP.

Hbrary Program Seri

for Toddlers with a Parent, Grandparent or Caregiver Sunday mornings beginning at 10:00 AM

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun, new friends, Jewish programming and creative activities.



October 28

Abraham's Welcoming Tent

Learn about hachnasat orchim (welcoming visitors) and how to make our visitors feel comfortable and honoured.

December 16 David's Kingdom of Kindness

Learn about King David and the Kingdom of Judea while discovering King David's favourite value kindness.

January 20 Tu B'Shevat—A Tree Celebration

Learn about environmental care through Jewish values with a fun, hands-on workshop with Shoresh.

March 10 A Purim Celebration

Celebrate the festival of Purim with a unique puppet show. Mordehai & Esther will be waiting for you!

April 14 Let My People Go!

Join us on an amazing Passover journey to learn about Moses and the people of Israel.

May 5 Yom Haatzmaut "Happy **Birthday Israel**"

Celebrate Israel's birthday with an amazing book that will take us on a unique journey around Israel.

No charge, but RSVPs requested by the Wednesday prior to each session. For information or to RSVP, contact Shirel Barkan-Slater at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or sbarkan@beth-tzedec.org.

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









Scholarly Advice In Jewish Education



HE'S QUITE ARTICULATE, EXTREMELY EDUCATED AND A MENSCH.

That's the easiest way to describe Arnold Ages, a man who has meant and done so much for people. With a thirst for knowledge, you will likely find him reading books and immersed in the world of Jewish studies. He's been doing it for a long time—and has no plans to stop anytime soon.

Always fascinated with a variety of intellectual conversations that have come about while sharing stories, educating individuals and debating issues, Ages is not out to impress others, but to help them learn and understand. While some like to call him Doctor respecting his formal post-graduate education, and others address him as Professor, recognizing his role in the university system, he is fine with just his first name, too. Having an intellectual conversation with the young, and the not so young, Ages always seems to find time for everyone.

For a remarkable half century, Ages has been Beth Tzedec's scholar-in-residence, something unique to Canadian synagogues. Well versed in book reviews, he has done thousands for major publications around the world, and also has an interesting story on how he came to Beth Tzedec.

"While I was on sabbatical from my job as a professor at the University of Waterloo, and I think it may have been around one of the times I came to Toronto to get kosher food, that I was asked by the *Globe and Mail* to review a book," recalled Ages.

"It was written by Stuart Rosenberg, and he was the rabbi of Beth Tzedec at the time. I found the book interesting but, in my published review, I was also quite critical of it, too."

Ironically, it wasn't until a few years later that Ages met Rosenberg for the first time—in Switzerland.

"I was doing research work in Geneva and I believe he was at a World Jewish Congress event," said Ages. "It was actually a fluke, we met in a hotel elevator.

"I remember it well, especially when he was so courageous and complimented me on my review. I was quite surprised. Not long after that, it was in 1969, he invited me to meet with him at Beth Tzedec and, when we got together, what followed was an invitation for me to be the scholar-in-residence."

Born in Canada's capital, a regular as a youngster at the Ottawa Talmud Torah, Ages grew up in a predominantly French area of the city. As a teenager, he was fascinated with sports, and was an all-star high school football player. But any future of taking the game to the next level came to an end due to a leg injury. His mother, he remembers, told him his football days had ended. So, Ages, quite active in other

sports, competed in the Ottawa Jewish Boys Softball League.

"Lots of fun back then, met so many wonderful people," said Ages. "I knew it was a matter of time before I realized that my career was in something other than sports. I also loved books and reading."

In his 20s, Ages envisioned a career as a Professor of Languages. It wasn't until his days of graduate studies at Ohio State University, and specifically spending time in a library, that he saw material enticing him to write about Biblical commentaries—in French. Fascinated by the idea, that may have been the trigger to a superb career devoted to Jewish education, religion and culture.

Having studied at Ottawa's Carleton College, as it was known back then, Ages also attended Laval University in Quebec City, the University of Mexico and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A portfolio filled with knowledge, a thirst for Judaism and education, Ages was a perfect fit for Beth Tzedec—and still is.

Able to grasp and master his field of studies, Ages focused on biblical and Jewish learning in numerous adult education sessions and a weekly Torah study class. His recent series at Beth Tzedec has been on the struggles of German Jews.

"I enjoy, immensely, the opportunity of talking with people about Torah studies and reviewing Jewish books throwing in a bit of my own observations," he said. "What is important is that people have listened and challenged me, in discussions, and on a variety of topics. The learning that goes on, not just for others but for me, is very precious."

Applauded by his peers, admired by many, Ages is fond of what he does. In addition to Beth Tzedec, during the winter months, he has been teaching at Florida Atlantic University in Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton for almost a decade.

Fluent in several languages, including French, Hebrew, Spanish – and a bit of German, he is the author of five books, 80 scholarly publications on various aspects of French literature, and is the recipient of many Canada Council grants as well as the Killam Fellowship, Canada's highest academic award.

"My world focuses on Israel, all aspects of it," said Ages. "Since the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, I believe the greatest gift to the Jewish people is the creation of the State of Israel – and there are people who want to question me on that as well. That's fine, I am always ready for an intellectual conversation."

—David Grossman

A Reichert Remembrance

Gerry Posner shares the touching but tangled saga of Sol and Toby Reichert's Torah scroll journey.



RECENTLY, I WAS PRIVILEGED TO BE AT

services on Shabbat when a new Torah was unveiled. That was a big moment for all those in attendance, but surely for Solomon (Sol) Reichert and his family, it was not just big, it was in fact monumental. The story of this Torah and the creation of it is one that would be hard to imagine.

Sol Reichert is a Holocaust survivor and he and his wife Toby (nee Taradash) also are relatively new Beth Tzedec members, having only moved to Toronto two years ago from Edmonton where Sol settled in 1947. Given that history, it might well be regarded as surprising that this new Torah would end up at Beth Tzedec. And it is more complicated than that!

The story began over five years ago when Sol and Toby were visiting in Israel. There, relatives of Sol suggested he consider having a Torah written, an idea which had been dormant in his mind ever since he was a youngster in

Poland. It was in his grandmother's home in the shtetl in Poland near Lodz that he first witnessed a celebration which his grandmother had been involved with at her own doing, that is, the completion of a Torah. He did not understand the meaning of this event, but when the idea was planted in his mind in Israel, he decided that he wanted to replicate it and honour his deceased family members who perished in the Holocaust.

As it turned out, Sol had cousins on both sides of his family who were *Haredi* and, oddly enough, both sides of the family had scribes who could do the job for him. He asked both cousins representing his father and mother's families to share the job and the money (a not so trivial \$50,000). Hard as it was to believe, each agreed and the job began.

After two years, the job was complete but the Torah was not exactly in Sol's hands. To start off, it was in

Israel. More importantly, there was an issue about the actual destination for this Torah. The scribes refused to accept Sol's plan to have the Torah delivered to a Conservative synagogue. The two years dragged on for several more years as the Reichert family and the scribes remained at an impasse, made all the more difficult owing to the fact that Sol didn't want to alienate his only remaining relatives from the old country.

Just how to resolve this dilemma? It appeared that the mediation skills of Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl might be required. In the end, and it did seem like a long end, the Torah was brought by an Orthodox cousin in New York and ultimately delivered to the Reichert family.

Once the Torah was in the Reichert's possession, a *siyyuim* was held at Rochelle Reichert & Henry Wolfond's home. (Rochelle is the eldest of Sol and Toby's four daughters.) That event, in the presence of about 90 people including all his children, many of his ten grandchildren and two of his great-grandchildren, was for Sol and





the whole Reichert family a celebration of joy. Of course, Sol was mindful of the fact that in this re-enactment of a scene from his childhood, he was paying tribute not only to his grandmother, Sura Leah, but also the memory of his parents and sisters whom he lost. The highlight of the evening was when family members were able to complete the Torah by filling in the last 12 letters with the assistance of the scribe, Rabbi Asher Abitbol.

After all of that, the family wanted to design a mantle for the Torah and commissioned Toronto fabric artist Haya Nativ to create a design that would reflect in art Sol's life. The design is captivating as anyone who has seen it would know. When the Torah was read for the very first time, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl related to the Congregation what was written on the inside of the Torah mantle.

"This Torah mantle depicts Solomon's journey. The story begins on the bottom right hand corner where the treble clef and musical notes represent Sol's early, happy life as a *Hassidic* in Poland prior to the *Shoah*. Three Hebrew letters spell "Gur," Solomon and his family's sect of *Ḥassidism*. The barbed wire symbolizes Auschwitz-Birkenau, the concentration camp where he and his family were taken in 1944. Within the licks of the flames is the Hebrew word "Yizkor" (remember) rising from the Yellow Star which the Germans forced all Iews to wear. The ship in the centre of the mantle represents the S.D. Sturgis, which brought Solomon, the only survivor of his family, from Europe to Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1948. It bears the words "mishoah l'tchiya" (from Holocaust) back to life. The turquoise top of the mantle is joyful, sprinkled with Canadian maple leaves and Alberta roses to represent Solomon's life in Edmonton from the war forward."

This was a long journey for Sol and the Torah. One might wonder how it is that the Torah was presented at the service to Beth Tzedec given the long history of Sol and Toby for over 70 years in Edmonton. Sol had established himself as a business restauranteur for many years as the owner and operator of a deli well known in the Alberta capital as "Teddy's". He later became a land developer which included a golf course. He and Toby were both involved in the Edmonton Jewish community and they were in fact one of the pillars of the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Edmonton. Given that history, it seemed peculiar for Sol to have the initiation of the Torah in Toronto. When this question was posed to Sol, he said that Edmonton was in the past, and he wanted a place for the Torah for his children and grandchildren in the future.

It is quite the story, as is the man. Check out the Torah and better yet, check out Sol Reichert.

—Gerry Posner

DAY TRIPS IN JEWISH HISTORY

With educator and lecturer HANA WERNER



MONDAYS:

1:30 PM Refreshments / 2:00 PM Lecture

10 sessions: \$60 for Beth Tzedec members / \$70 for non-members;

5 sessions: \$45 for Beth Tzedec members / \$55 for non-members;

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Out of the Cold 2019

The 21st season of Out of the Cold will run on Tuesday nights, from January I through March 20, 2019. The program is run jointly with Beth Sholom out of their premises. Last year, we fed 200 guests each week and provided sleeping accommodations and breakfast for 60. We are always looking for new volunteers of any age to join our team. Registration will open on October I5. Watch for details in *The Week Ahead* enewsletter or visit www.beth-tzedec.org in early October for information on registering as a volunteer. Shifts are about two hours and volunteers can sign up for the dinner set-up, dinner service, distribution of warm clothing/art program, overnight shifts and breakfast preparation on Wednesday morning.

This program is an excellent Bar/Bat Mitzvah project and volunteer hours are provided to high school students. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in social action activities by helping those who are less fortunate in our community.

Out of the Cold is a self-funded initiative, relying on donations from members of the Congregation and the community at large. We always need new or gently used adult clothing—specifically down coats and ski jackets, winter/construction/hiking boots, running shoes, sweatpants and sweatshirts, t-shirts, sweaters, jeans and new sleeping bags and blankets. *Please do not donate summer clothing, socks or underwear.* Donations should be bagged, labeled and dropped off at Beth Sholom after November I weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Hotel-size toiletries are very popular as well, and can be dropped off anytime at the Beth Tzedec office.

Tax receipts are available to anyone who is able to donate large quantities of industrial-size garbage bags, large tins of coffee and tea and paper products (plates, cutlery, cups, napkins, paper towels).

If you would like to purchase items to donate to Out of the Cold, consider calling The Bargains Group. They'll not only stretch your dollar to increase your budget, they'll also provide us with additional donations! For example: You buy a case of socks to donate and we receive an additional donation from The Bargains Group! Contact Lesley at 416-785-5655 for more information.

Kits for a Cause, a division of The Bargains Group, is a way for companies to engage in team-building, volunteer activities. As a group, you can pack kits of winter warmth and hygiene items that our homeless guests desperately need. For information, email <code>info@kitsforacause.com</code>.

An important part of our program is the Art Circle, where our guests paint beautiful pieces of art under the guidance of our fabulous art instructors. These pieces are showcased and sold at our annual Art Show and Sale. It is always very well attended and successful. The artists receive a substantial portion of the proceeds of the sale. This year, the show will be held on Sunday, March 3I from I:00 to 4:00 PM at Beth Sholom. Remember to save the date!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl for his devotion and compassion towards the homeless. It was our wonderful Rabbi who proposed the idea of involving our community with the Out of the Cold program over 20 years ago, and he also initiated the partnership with Beth Sholom. Since its inception, he has selflessly volunteered Wednesday mornings at 5:00 AM cooking hearty breakfasts for our overnighters, and even more importantly, making them feel welcome and cared for. He has been a staunch advocate for the rights of the homeless, and recently spoke at a press conference at City Hall demanding more beds during the shelter crisis. Rav Baruch, your presence and inspiration at Out of the Cold will be greatly missed when you retire. Please know that there will always be a skillet waiting for you whenever you are in town!

Thursday Games Afternoons—Mahj, Bridge & Canasta

Our Thursday "Games Afternoon" program, now in its fifth year, has become very successful. Every Thursday afternoon from I:00 to 4:00 PM, 60 people or more of all ages gather to socialize and play Mahjong, Canasta and Bridge. Many new friendships have formed, while others have been renewed. We encourage a voluntary donation of a toonie each week to help fund our many hesed initiatives. If you are interested in playing Bridge, please contact the office so that we can find partners for the game for you.

Mahjong and Canasta lessons are offered during the day at the synagogue. Spots fill up very quickly. If you are interested in registering, leave a message for me with the Synagogue office. Members and non-members are welcome in both the lessons and the afternoon games.

Hesed Fund Occasion Cards

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

Driving the Elderly to Synagogue

Volunteers are needed to drive members to and from Synagogue on an occasional basis. For information, call Rosalie Hartenberg Watson at 416-781-3514 ext. 227.

—Maureen Tanz, Chair, Hesed Committee

The Ralph & Roslyn Halbert Visiting Scholar

PROFESSOR RUTH GAVISON:

The Jewishness of Israel and the New Nation State Law

Shabbat, October 13

Services begin at 8:45 AM

In July, Israel enacted a basic law celebrating Israel as the locus of Jewish self-determination. The government sees it as a great achievement, a needed reaffirmation of the Jewish distinctiveness of Israel. Others, in Israel and abroad, see it as a betrayal of the vision of Israel as Jewish, democratic and committed to human rights.

Prof. Ruth Gavison will speak from the pulpit and then lead a Question & Answer session at the community Kiddush following.

Presented in partnership with Canadian Friends of the Hebrev University, The Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto and UIA/CHA



For more information or to register, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.





Men's Club Makes a Difference

Men's Club Scholarships

The following young people were awarded Men's Club scholarships at the annual award breakfast on June 10. Congratulations to these winners who represent a bright future for the Jewish community:

Lily Chapnik—Lily is enrolled in a combined Law and Master of Social Work degree.

Carrie Bettel—Carrie is working toward a PhD in Israeli literature.

Yael Keslassy—Yael is studying for a degree to work with |ewish children.

Gadalait-Aviella Neuman (Orenstein scholarship in fine arts)—Gdalait-Aviella is enrolled in graduate studies in Israeli dance.

Elisheva Nussbaum—Elisheva is studying towards a degree in Jewish education.

Esther Ochs—Esther is enrolled in a lewish education program.

Rachel Rosenbluth—Rachel (Bluth) is enrolled in a rabbinical studies program in Israel.

Gitty Silber—Esther is enrolled in a teachers training program for Jewish Studies in Israel.

Sunnybrook Shabbat

The first Sunnybrook Shabbat for this year will take place on October I3 in the Sunnybrook Chapel. The abbreviated service begins at I0:00 AM and concludes at I2:00 NOON, with a kiddush following. Free parking is

available for those attending. Come join us for this warm and intimate service. For information, please contact Jerry Grammer at 416-985-8708 or jaygee1937@gmail.com.

The Andrews Join the Honour Roll

Carole and Arthur Andrews have been added to the Men's Club Honour Roll. Together, they have assisted the Men's Club in shul and community projects. *Yasher Koaḥ*!



Deepening Jewish Experience:

The Spiritual Dimension with Rabbi Michael Skobac

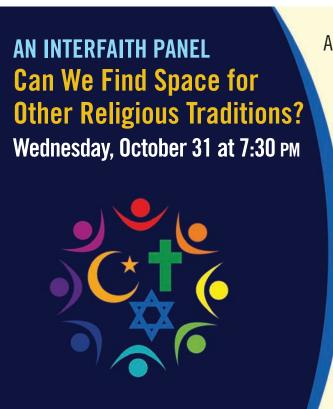
Wednesdays, October 17, 24 & 31 and November 7, 14 & 21 at 7:30 PM

If you want to deepen your understanding of Judaism, are seeking more from your Jewish experience, or are just curious--then this seminar is for you! Six stimulating sessions exploring Jewish wisdom and inspirational teachings, discovering their profound relevance to your life.



No charge, but RSVPs required to Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234 or mlaba@beth-tzedec.org

Rabbi Michael Skobac — one of the world's foremost authorities on missionaries and cults — is the Director of Education and Counselling of Jews for Judaism (Canada). He was educated at Northwestern University and Yeshiva University and has been involved in Jewish education and outreach work since 1975.



As part of activities highlighting the varied interests and initiatives of Rav Baruch over the past quarter-century at Beth Tzedec, this important evening will discuss finding spaces for religious traditions from multi-faith perspectives.

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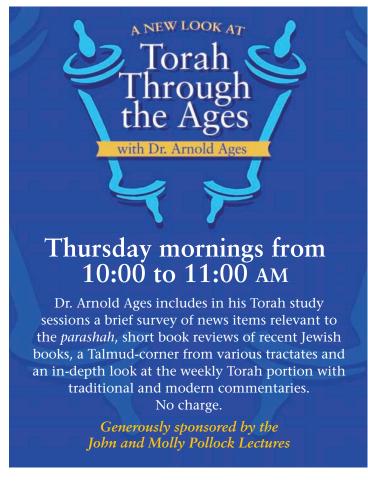
Amir Hussain, Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles

Reid B. Locklin, Associate Professor of Christianity and the Intellectual Tradition at the University of Toronto

Rabbi David Rosen, former Chief Rabbi of Ireland and the International Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee

MODERATOR

Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, co-chair of the Parliament of World's Religions





Lake Region Federation News

Man/Youth of the Year

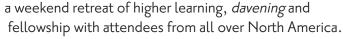
The 'Man of the Year' celebration feted Beth Tzedec's Art Andrews and Isaiah Zabitsky as Man and Youth of the year at a dessert reception on June 6. The keynote speaker was Mordechai Ben-Dat, editor of the Canadian Jewish News for almost two decades, and Jules Kronis, the Lake Ontario Region honouree.

FIMC Regional Retreat

Mark your calendars—Plan to join us November 30 to December 2 for the regional retreat in Picton, Ontario and relax, enjoy and see old friends from the Lake Ontario chapter.

Leadership Development Institute

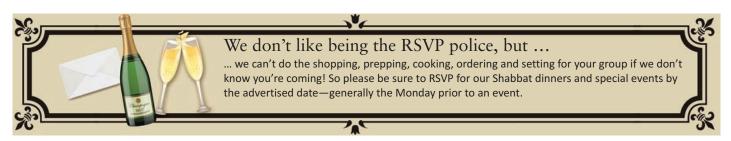
The Leadership Development Institute will be this fall in Baltimore, Maryland,



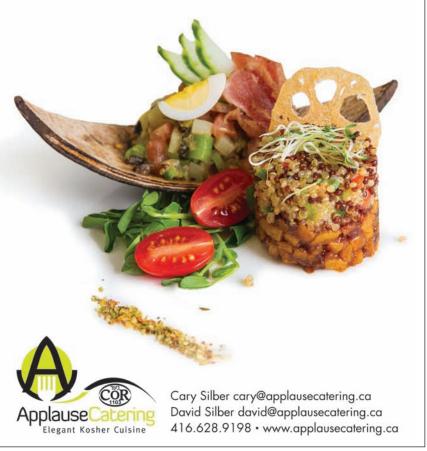
Feeling Lucky?

The FIMC is once again having a Pebble Beach draw. Tickets are \$100 for a chance to win a golf foursome at Pebble Beach, Spyglass and Spanish Bay. Prize includes no blackout dates and accommodations at Spyglass Hill plus \$2,000 (US). To get your tickets, visit www.fjmc.org/content/pebble-beach-2018.

Only 613 tickets available ... good luck!







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Friday, November 2 at 5:00 PM

Come together for a delicious Shabbat dinner and great programming for kids of all ages. Young children's programming begins at 5:15 PM, abridged Shabbat services at 6:00 PM and dinner and older kids programming to follow.

Cost for dinner: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4) Dinner by advance reservation only by Monday, October 29.

Reserve online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login or call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

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





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

Cynthia Glick and family, commemorating the vahrtzeit of Beila Moss.

Halle Cohen, wishing Phyllis Flatt a happy birthday.

Daily Minyan Breakfast

Beverley Abramson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Nathan Katz.

The Alexandroff Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Harry Alexandroff.

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

Mark and Elaine Atlin, marking the conclusion of kaddish for Gordon Atlin. Stephen Bernhut, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Gertrude Bernhut.

The Bialys Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Doris Bialys.

Michael Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Eunice Brown.

Flory Cohen and Howard Coren, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for Nancy Coren.

Hayley Colt and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Maureen Colt.

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

Carl Corman, honouring the memory of Kathy Berman.

The Cummings Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Robert Cummings.

Wendy and Elliott Eisen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of David Eisen.

Marilyn Finkelstein, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of Eva Goldhar and Albert Finkelstein.

Ruth and Fred Fishman, commemorating the vahrtzeit of Adam Avrom Buck.

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Sarah and Philip Gangbar.

The Gertner Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Samuel Gertner.

The Glazer Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Albert Glazer.

Helen Glazer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of Melville Potash and Jennie Potash.

The Gottlieb Family, marking the conclusion of shlsohim for Gerda Gottlieb. Arlene Grajcer and Harvey Worth, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Joseph Grajcer.

Harry, Roslynne, Saul and Bonnie Greenberg and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Abraham Greenberg. Bernie and Elise Gropper and Bernice Stern, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ruth Goldstein.

Andrew and Sharon Himel and Alison Himel, commemorating the vahrtzeit of Malka Green.



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

The Joseph and Lipton Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Tikey Joan Lipton.

Beverly Kupfert, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Eva Kupfert.

Mark and Jan Lapedus and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ann Gross.

Nathan and Glennie Lindenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miriam** Lindenberg.

The Litwin Family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for Louis Litwin.

Russell and Michele Masters, honouring the marriage of their son Eric and Lindsay Hartzman.

Pauline Menkes, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Florence Weintraub.

Debbie, Heather, Robin and Honey Milstein, marking the conclusion of kaddish for Irving Milstein.

Adam Minsky and Heidi Brown, honouring Jack's *tefillin* Bar Mitzvah and Hannah's first Shabbat candle lighting. Harvey Minuk, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Randy Minuk.

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

Dr. Theodore and Nancy Rabinovitch, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Gerald Rabinovitch.

Dr. Charles Radzinski and Wendy Koblin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Thomas Radzinski.

Dorothy Ross and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Pearl Mandel.

Millard Roth and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Juanita and Manny** Roth.

Mark, Jacqueline, Justin, Max and Benjamin Rother, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Florence Rother.

The Seigel and Beckerman Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Harold Seigel**.

Judith Shostack and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aron Shostack**. The Sobel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bert Fine**.

The Sobel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Eli Sobel.

Sherri Brenzel, Nancy Soberano and Richard Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Joseph Cooper.

Allan Soberman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Tillie Soberman.

Rochelle Zabitsky and Esterita Rajsky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ida Zelda Chananie.

General Fund

Enid Berg and family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Graham Berg**. Paula Clayman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernard Clayman**.

Murray Collis, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Max Collis.

Theodora Enchin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Sam Sherman.

Phyllis Goldberg, honouring Sheila Rubinoff on the marriage of her granddaughter Katie and Michael. Eileen Hersey, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of Sheila Sarnoff, Stuart Matthew Hersey and Gerald Jerry Levy. Malki Lazar and family, commemorating

the yahrtzeit of Lazer Lazar.

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Lawrence and Karen Leiter, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Lora Engelbaum. Ruth Nichols, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Hilda Nichols.

Charles Resnick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Judith Bell**.

Ruth Ross, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Dora Rockfeld.

Pearl and Barney Seetner, acknowledging Pearl Litwin in memory of Louis Litwin. Rose Sobel, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Harry Chelin and Anne Grimson.

Louise Starkman, acknowledging Flory Cohen in memory of Nancy Coren. Sylvia Steinberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Rozica Glanzstein.

Hillary, Tracey, Zachary, Candace and Courtney Steinhart, honouring Melvin and Ruth Steinhart on their 60th anniversary.

Hesed Fund

Frances Ackerman and family, honouring Donna and Joseph Isaacson on their 50th anniversary.

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

Joshua and Rhonda Charlat, acknowledging John Rose in memory of Barrie Rose.

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

Anna Day and Oscar Zimmerman, acknowledging John Rose in memory of Barrie Rose.

Anna Day and Oscar Zimmerman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Layah Day. Anna Day and Oscar Zimmerman, honouring Leslie and Susan Goldenberg on the birth of their granddaughter.

Robert Farber, honouring Solomon and Toby Reichert and family on the completion of the Reichert Torah.

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

Judith and Aubrey Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Marshall Adam Golden.

Irving and Barbara Green, honouring Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Marlene Laba and Professor Arnold Ages.

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

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Judith and Martin Friedland** on their 60th anniversary.

Mark and Jan Lapedus and family, acknowleding Enid Berg and family in memory of Graham Berg.

Nathan and Glennie Lindenberg, honouring Elaine Krivel, QC on her retirement.

Norman and Susan Mogil, honouring Rabbi Jennifer Gorman.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, honouring Drs. Coleman and Wendy Rotstein on the birth of their granddaughter.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

Evelyn Cooper and Susan Cooper, acknowledging the Rosenthal and Carlin Families in memory of Ira Carlin. Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal,

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging Joyce Miller in memory of Jimmy Miller.

Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring Anne McCleave on her 60th birthday.

Kaddish Fund

The Litwin Family, honouring the memory of Louis Litwin.

Kosher Food Bank

Marion Alberga, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Clarisse Goldberg.

Barbara Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Eve Brown.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Irving Matlow** on his new book release.

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

Lorna Kahn, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of Asher Kahn and Philip and Marie Casher.

Claire and Newton Markus, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Elliot Markus.

Irving Matlow

Irving Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Goldie Matlow.

Little Minyan Fund

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring the Little Minyan.

Lorne Hanick Website Development Fund

Enid Berg and family, honouring Lorne Hanick.

Bob Cohen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Al Cohen.

Brenda Orser, acknowledging Norman and Jackie Kahn in memory of Jonathan Kahn.

Men's Club Scholarships

Enid Berg and family, honouring Mark Lapedus.

Hope and Ken Norwich, honouring Perry and Shirley Cooper on their 50th anniversary.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Pearl Amsterdam, honouring Melvin and Ruth Steinhart on their 60th anniversary.

Bella and Leonard Brody, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Jacobs**.

Joshua and Rhonda Charlat and family, honouring Patti and Sheldon Rotman on the birth of their first grandson.

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

Anna Day and Oscar Zimmerman, honouring Patti and Sheldon Rotman on the birth of their grandson.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring Patti and Sheldon Rotman on the birth of their grandson.

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

Paul and Sharon Haberman, acknowledging the Pollock Family in memory of Dr. Moishe Pollock.

Sharon Haberman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Harry Winer.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging Roslyn and Marty Wagman in memory of Ben Goldmintz.

Shirley Krem, honouring Bernard Staiman on his special birthday.

Shirley Krem, honouring Lou Parnes on his birthday.

Anne and Mitch Max, honouring **Min Drevnig** on her birthday.

Hon. Justice Petra and Lionel Newton, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on his retirement.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Faye Tobenstein.

Brooky and Hartley Robins, honouring Manley Walters on his 85th birthday.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring Patti and Sheldon Rotman on the birth of their grandson.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging Rosalie Antman in memory of Anne Laist.

Lorraine Simpson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Lillian Simpson.

Paul and Mary Spring, honouring Gerald Sheff on receiving an honorary doctorate from McGill.

Ruth Steinhart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Allan Martin Siegel.
Murray and Janice Tkatch, honouring Sheldon and Patti Rotman.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the birth of their grandson.

Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum Fund

Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring Paul and Gella Rothstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Rowan.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring Sydney and Karen Goldenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Eli.

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

Sheila Zeldin Memorial Fund

Dr. John Zeldin and family, acknowledging Pearl Litwin in memory of Louis Litwin. Dr. John Zeldin and family, acknowledging Sandra Zeldin in memory of David Zilli.

Victims of Terror Fund

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, honouring Patti and Sheldon Rotman on the birth of their grandson.

Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Cathy Surdin and Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging Elliot Goldstein in memory of Judge Benjamin Goldstein.
Cathy Surdin and Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, honouring Bonny Kirschner on her 65th birthday.

Young Emissaries Program Fund

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

Deena and Michael Sigel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Morris Kaufman.

Skip and Lynn Sigel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Morris Kaufman.

Skip and Lynn Sigel and family and Deenna and Michael Sigel and family, honouring Adam and Miriam Joseph and family on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Maya.

Greetings from Sisterhood

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

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



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Book and Film Club Selections 2018-2019

Mondays at 1:30 PM (Lunch at 1:00 PM)

All six sessions: \$100 for members of Beth Tzedec Congregation,

\$120 for non-members; \$25 per session at the door

(Limited seating available; pre-registration required.)





OCTOBER 24

The Ruined House

Dr. Ruby Newman analyses Ruby Namdar's Sapir Prize-winning novel

Ruby Namdar embraces the themes of the American Jewish literary canon as it captures the privilege and pedantry of New York intellectual life in the opening years of the 21st century.

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NOVEMBER 7

Forest Dark

Cynthia Good discusses Nicole Krauss' book

Bursting with life and humour, this book is a profound, mesmerizing novel of metamorphosis and self-realization—of looking beyond all that is visible towards the infinite.

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In memory of

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A NEW TRADITION IS BORN! DECEMBER 25 FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON

from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Looking for something to do on December 25? Come to Beth Tzedec's movie afternoon, where we will screen several different movies for different ages (kids, teens and adults) all at the same time. A free, one-stop afternoon of entertainment!

No charge. Watch for movie titles coming soon.







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

Hang around after the Family Service lunch for Shabbat is Awesome! We'll enjoy games, sports and fun together and continue to build community.

No charge, but pre-registration recommended to the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



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Jewish Meditation



Shabbat, October 13, November 3, December 1, January 12, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4 from 10:00 to 11:15 AM

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

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

For more information, please contact Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234 or mlaba@beth-tzedec.org

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Condolences

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

Janet CooperbergBarrie RoseZolman EnchinRita RuskinCantor Morris GoldlustJ. Michael Sigel

Jack Kimel Patricia Elizabeth Silberman
Louis Litwin Mark Steinberg

Philip Pinkus Dr. Paul Walfish
Dr. Moishe Pollock Toby Waltman
Brian Rayner Owen Weinstein
Esther Reitapple Beatrice Yack

"May the God of mercy sustain and strengthen them in their sorrow."

Memorial Plaques

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

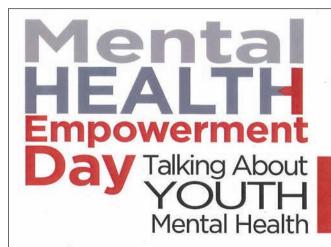
Carey Howard Krem Helen Risen
Susan Layton William Savlov
Lloyd Margles Bertha Savlov

If you wish to honour the memory of a dear one, a fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a memorial plaque and lamp. Each memorial plaque, bearing the name and yahrtzeit date, is mounted on a bronze tablet in the Sanctuary. The lamp is lit on the Shabbat of the week of the yahrtzeit, on the day of the yahrtzeit, and on the four festivals during the year when Yizkor is recited. To order a memorial plaque, contact Maya Vasserman at 416-781-3514 ext. 216 or mvasserman@beth-tzedec.org.

Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

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

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



Keynote Speaker: Torrey Creed, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Beck Psychopathology Research Centre

Dr. Creed's specialties include children, adolescents and their families

Date: Sunday, October 28, 2018

TWO Great Opportunities:

Time: Professional Platform: CBT for Youth: \$40

12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Parents' Platform: Helpful hints for Anxiety & ADHD: \$20

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Beth Tzedec Congregation | 1700 Bathurst St.









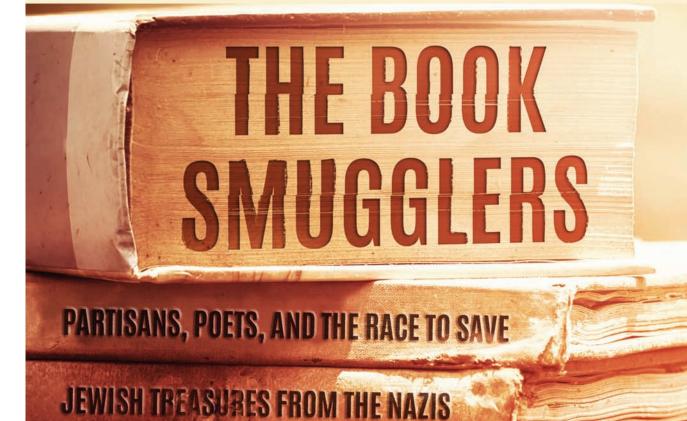
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DAVID E. FISHMAN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 7:30 PM

The story of The Book Smugglers began 25 years ago when Dr. David Fishman was invited to consult on items discovered in a former church in Vilnius. It has been hailed as "first rate scholarship that pulses with the beat of a most human heart" and "illuminates the little-known saga of the courageous efforts to save the precious libraries, manuscripts, and archives of the Jews of Eastern Europe."

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Dr. David E. Fishman—A native New Yorker, Dr. Fishman has taught at Brandeis and Bar-Ilan Universities and Russian State University in Moscow. He is the author of numerous books and articles on the history and culture of East European Jewry.

The Itta & Eliezer Zeisler Memorial Lectures