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GALA CELEBRATION

HONOURING

RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL

IN APPRECIATION OF
HIS 26 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO
BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION



THURSDAY, THE SIXTH OF JUNE,
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

WATCH FOR INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.



*Share a Memory and Send
Your Message to Rav Baruch*

We are creating a *Book of Memories* for Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl honouring and celebrating his 26 years as senior rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation. We invite you to write a letter to Rav Baruch about good times you have shared with him or a way in which he has touched your life, and write your message letting him know how much he means to you.

You can share a special memory and photos from a *simḥah*, life cycle event or a memorable moment with the Rabbi.

All letters will be compiled into the book for Rav Baruch and his family to cherish.

Please submit to www.bfkmemories.ca.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MARCH 4, 2019.

The Way We Were and Are

Disagreement is disagreeable, but sometimes warranted and desirable.



YEARS AGO, I PUBLISHED AN ESSAY ABOUT CANADIAN JEWRY THAT examined religious behaviour, Holocaust awareness, anti-Semitism, attachment to Israel, Jewish education, culture, interfaith marriage and family life. What made us different from American Jewry?

Like squirrels which change colour, Canadian Jewry was more “black”—religious expressions of Judaism were more traditional than their American counterparts. I suggested that this was a combination of immigration patterns (Mordecai Kaplan quipped that we were one “degeneration” after American Jews) as well as the socio-culture cohesiveness of Canadian life (suggested by Irving Abella).

While Canadian Jewry remains more traditional, changes have occurred. Orthodoxy has become both more stringent and more diverse. Conservative Judaism has lost adherents, but remains strong and has become more inclusive. Reform has grown and become more Hebraic, but is still a minority. Independent, trans-denominational communities of younger adults have developed in urban centres.

Of 375,000 Canadian Jews, a significant number have roots among the 40,000 survivors of the Shoah that immigrated here after World War II. Holocaust consciousness was greater in Canada than in the United States. Over the past 25 years, the March of the Living has become a significant experience for teens and Holocaust Education Week has grown into an important vehicle for public awareness. The apology by Prime Minister Trudeau for Canada’s immigration policy during WWII is a striking example of how the Shoah has become part of Canadian history.

When I arrived in 1993, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, governmental statutes and judicial decisions were part of a process that marginalized historic discrimination. Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra dominated discussion about anti-Semitism, but they were viewed as a residue of a diminishing extremism. Jews were involved in all areas of Canadian life.

Recently, we have seen the recrudescence of anti-Semitism—defacing Jewish buildings and verbal and physical violence against Jews. A new Statistics Canada study shows a dramatic uptick in anti-Semitic acts against Jews. We witness increased anti-Israel activity at universities because of anti-colonial politics. Anti-semitism remains the “longest hatred”.

A generation ago, it was clear that attachment to Israel was stronger in Canada than in the States. Unlike America, there had not been historic opposition to Zionism from the

elite of the Jewish community. That connection has deepened. Canadian Jews are twice as likely to have visited Israel; we organized monthly trips during the Intifada to combat isolation. The work of CIJA and other organizations has resulted in significant political and institutional bridges with Israel. Recent efforts at Israel engagement have recognized the importance of “hugging and wrestling” with a less mythic and more nuanced Israel.

Twenty-five years ago, the variety of day schools and the high rate of enrolment exceeded every community in the United States. New schools were opening. Government support (except in Ontario) made intensive denominational and cultural Jewish education affordable for middle class families. Jewish camping was an important part of the landscape. Congregational Jewish education was strong and diverse.

While UJA Federation and synagogue support for Jewish education remains high, the closure and consolidation of a number of day schools is worrying. Affordability is a factor in decisions about private Jewish education. Afternoon and Sunday programs have reduced classroom hours and synagogue school enrolment has decreased. Jewish camping remains vibrant and informal family education has grown.

There has been an explosion of Jewish cultural offerings. More than cantorial concerts and the Israeli hit parade of 1948, contemporary film, theatre, visual art and Israeli music populate the cultural landscape. Canadian Jewish writers are popular with mainstream readers.

Fewer big cities and less geographic mobility played an important role in keeping families together and encouraging in-marriage. Jewish family traditions were widespread with a much higher participation in Shabbat dinners and Yom Tov gatherings than in America. However, those home rituals were not deeply rooted in a classical pattern of observance.

Over recent decades, as people marry later and have fewer children, synagogue affiliation and attendance has decreased. As Canadian society became more welcoming, inter-faith marriage increased. Conversion to Judaism has remained steady, indicating that Jewish family life is quite attractive. We now see growing interest among single adults and young marrieds in creative expressions of Shabbat and holiday practices; non-Jewish family members are increasingly interested in home rituals.

In February, a major study analyzing the perspectives, attitudes and experiences of Canadian Jews will be released.

I anticipate that trend-lines for the future will be mixed, indicating that we still have many opportunities to influence and direct Jewish life in this country.

What do I see for Beth Tzedec? There are few congregations in the world that offer the breadth and depth of our 'Synaplex' for Shabbat prayer, study and socialization. From the High Holy Days and throughout the year, we are a vibrant *kehillah* where people are engaged in real-time relationships with each other and with significant ideas.

Our Museum remains a "jewel in the crown", a destination for visitors of all ages and religions. Our day programs have remarkably high participation. We welcome and support many Jews-by-Choice each year. Our members continue to take on leadership roles in community organizations, signalling the health and vitality of our Congregation.

We have developed creative initiatives to engage congregants between the ages of 25 to 45. Hosting *UnOrthodox* and Lior Raz of *Fauda*, sponsoring musical programs and groundbreaking public conversations about topical and sensitive issues has created a buzz. We remain committed to engaging younger Jews in the vital activities at the heart of Beth Tzedec.

We maintain a strong connection to Israel. Adult congregants visit or volunteer in Israel. We send young people for various study or summer programs. We regularly bring guests from Israel, welcome *shinshinim* as part of our Israel Engagement initiative and host Tanenbaum Fellows from the Schechter Bet Midrash as rabbinic interns. Our rabbis study in Israel so that our "Torah will come from Zion". Few American congregations have as many *olim* who have immigrated to Israel or lone soldiers who grew up in their community.

Rabbinic teaching, cantorial singing and ritual training in our *kehillah* is of high quality; most of our spiritual team has received advanced education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Despite our large membership, we emphasize the importance of relationships between clergy and congregants, and stress the importance of the spiritual well-being of our members. Wellness will be an area of emphasis and growth in the years ahead.

We have been actively involved in the work of *hesed* and *mishpat*. Out of the Cold, Sukkahville, feeding street people, building with Habitat for Humanity and efforts to encourage affordable housing have become part of Beth Tzedec. Our annual interfaith gathering, supported by our Men's Club, and my efforts with *Path of Abraham*, Jewish-Catholic consultation and Muslim-Jewish relations have been widely recognized. We have welcomed Syrian refugees and are involved in resettling other newcomers to Canada. When Muslims formed 'Rings of Peace' (following the killings in Pittsburgh), they were welcomed into our Synagogue for what was an historic and moving encounter.

One area that I didn't address in the original essay was the state of Jewish belief. Ethnic and cultural identification dominated synagogue life more than relationships with God. While non-theological connections remain significant, I see more people yearning for a spiritual life, asking about belief and using religious language. Our rabbis are shifting the post-Holocaust avoidance of God into a more fulsome encounter with divinity and transcendence.

Allan Levine's new book, *Seeking the Fabled City: The Canadian Jewish Experience*, points to the creative responses of Canadian Jews to new historical circumstances. A few years ago, Jonathan Sarna, the dean of American Jewish historians, spoke at Beth Tzedec and observed that synagogues have been "nimble" to adjust and adapt to new social, cultural and religious realities. Since my initial years at Beth Tzedec, we have been both rooted and responsive. I expect and hope that this will continue to be the case.

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Times of Change

Our goal is to respond to the changing needs of our community.



DEAR FRIENDS:

Over the coming year, your Board will be implementing key elements of our *Strategic Plan*. Our goal is to respond to the changing needs of our community.

New Directions

Our new senior rabbi, Rabbi Steven Wernick, will be guiding our new directions as we build on the legacy of Rabbi Frydman-Kohl. Rabbi Wernick spent years leading the Conservative movement and brings with him a wealth of experience to help our shul respond to the needs of our members.

Rabbinic and Cantorial Searches

Dena Libman and Ted Zittell will co-chair our search for a new associate rabbi, while Ava Kanner and Aaron Wine are leading the search for a cantor to work alongside Cantor Sidney Ezer. Rabbi Wernick brings a huge network of contacts that should help move these searches forward.

Members Step Forward to Help Our Shul

Bernie Gropper will be serving as the chair of the transition team responsible for facilitating Rabbi Wernick's efforts to settle into his new home at Beth Tzedec. Elaine and Joey Steiner are co-chairing the team overseeing a year of tribute events honouring Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, while Paul Rothstein and Harold Wolfe are co-chairing the fundraising campaign for the Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund.

Elsewhere in this *Bulletin*, you will read about how we are planning to honour Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's 26 years of service to our membership and the larger Toronto community. The new Endowment Fund will be used to support a Centre for Spiritual Well-Being, the

first of its kind launched by a synagogue in Toronto. This initiative will support the needs of our membership and provide programs intended to help each of us find spiritual health through Jewish values and practice. Our goal is to raise a fund of \$6 million.

I ask that you consider an amount that is meaningful to you to honour the many ways that Rav Baruch has enhanced our lives and those of your family members and friends. Every gift counts, whether large or small, to establish this new trailblazing program. We hope that we can report that 100 percent of our member families have made a contribution to this fund to honour Rav Baruch.

Todah Rabbah—Thank You!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our thanks to the many members who have made gifts during our High Holy Day appeal. I also want to thank all those who purchased and donated Israel Bonds to the new R'BFK Endowment Fund and to those who have stepped forward to make special gifts to the fund.

We give a special thanks and *yashar kokhahem* to Norman Bacal, David Matlow, Josh Zelikovitz and Rabbi Jen Gorman who were all part of our High Holy Day Appeal efforts this year.

Membership contributions alone do not allow us to meet our annual budget demands. For this reason, your additional contributions and efforts on behalf of our shul are necessary. Together we can maintain and enhance the programs and services that are so beneficial and needed.

I want to wish everyone a good winter and I will be back to you in the spring.

—Dr. Sheldon Rotman, President

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, January 15** and **Wednesday, February 27** at 7:00 PM*

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

Mazal Tov

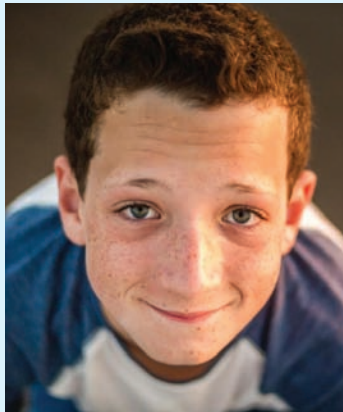
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WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



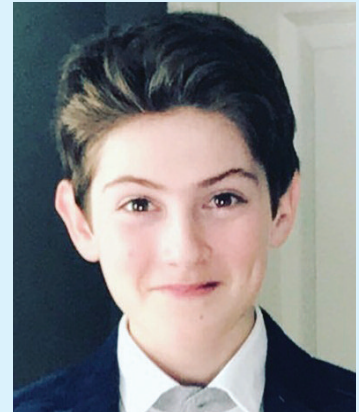
December 9
Jory Moscoe
son of Aaron
& Melanie Moscoe

יצחק צבי בן חנינה ומלכה אידית



February 2
Ryan Jacobs
son of Jeremy Jacobs
& Carrie Lindzon-Jacobs

ראובן בן יהודה הכהן ורחל



(AT MINḤAH)
February 2
Buddy Cooper Arbuck
son of Ross Arbuck
& Deborah Levy

יחזקאל בן נחום וזעלדא



The Beth Tzedec and Phyllis & Ab Flatt Camp Ramah in Canada Incentive Program Family Fund is open to Beth Tzedec members with a child who will be attending Camp Ramah in Canada for the first time. (Only one incentive grant per family.)

For information on summer camp opportunities, contact Daniel Silverman at dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 231, or call the Jewish camp of your choice.

SHORT & SWEET

MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY SERVICE

Supercharge your family's Shabbat experience.
Shabbat mornings, January 12, February 2 and March 2 at 10:30 AM

- 90 minute prayer experience with a 30 minute age appropriate breakout session
- Complimentary dairy lunch provided afterwards
- Camp style tunes



BE A PART OF THIS FAMILY-CENTERED COMMUNITY

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 April through June is February 15.**

Births

Harley Levi, son of LAUREN & MARK GREENBAUM, grandson of SUSAN DICK, ERIC GOODMAN and SHIRLEY & LOUIS GREENBAUM, great-grandson of IDA DICK and HELEN & MORRIS GREENBAUM, born July 26.

Kyla Macie, daughter of MATTHEW & STEFANIE SPENCER, granddaughter of FERN & JOHN SPENCER and ROBYN & SAUL GREENSPAN, great-granddaughter of HERB & THE LATE EVELYNNE LOOMER, born July 26.

Noa Scarlett, daughter of ASHLEY GUTTMAN & ADAM LEVINE, granddaughter of Alex & Patty Guttman and Alan & Ellen Levine, great-granddaughter of Nicholas & Agnes Vadasz and Ruth & Irving Levine, born July 31.

Ian Jonathan, son of DAYNA & JORDAN WALTMAN, grandson of NORMAN & JACKIE KAHN and BARRY & GILDA WALTMAN, great-grandson of RUTH SIMON, born August 31.

Hallie Morgan, daughter of JILLIAN & JUSTIN LIPTON, granddaughter of LISA & NEIL CASSELMAN and LISA & SHAYNE LIPTON, born October 11.

Yechiel Zev, son of MATTHEW & LEAH SIMON, grandson of NORMAN & JACKIE KAHN and CORY & HELEN GRAFSTEIN, great-grandson of RUTH SIMON and RENEE STARR, born October 12.

Goldie Theo, daughter of BENJAMIN & COURTNEY GEIST, granddaughter of MARVIN & THE LATE TERRY GEIST and NEIL & EILEEN DICK (of Montreal), born October 28.

Dalia Elisabeth, daughter of MICHAEL & COURTNEY SHERMAN, born October 28.

Phoenix Pupko, daughter of JACKIE & NOAH RECHTSMAN, granddaughter of ELLIOTT & RINA ROSENBERG and WENDI & DAVID RECHTSMAN, great-granddaughter of SHARON & MICHAEL PUPKO and RENEE RECHTSMAN, born November 13.

Sophia Giselle, daughter of NICOLE SITZER & ADAM CEPLER, granddaughter of MICHAEL & ELLEN SITZER and MAURY & CHERYL CEPLER, great-granddaughter of PAUL SITZER and ANNETTE BOT, born November 15.

Avery Rachel, daughter of MELANIE & KORY ROSS, granddaughter of CHERYL & GARY ROSS, LEE FINKELSTEIN and SHERI FINKELSTEIN, great-granddaughter of MARILYN FINKELSTEIN, born November 17.

Chloe Paige, daughter of JEREMY & LAURA WEISZ, granddaughter of ANNE & RANDY WEISZ and ALLISON & JACK LICHT, great-granddaughter of BERTHA WEISZ, born November 24.

Weddings

Sara Kahn, daughter of NORMAN & JACKIE KAHN, and **Asaf Hanegby**, son of DANNY & TAMI HANEGBY, who were married November 1 (in Israel).

Philip Kuperhause, son of CELINE DUPONT & JAKE KUPERHAUSE, and **Marla Rosenblatt-Worth**, daughter of SHELLEY ROSENBLATT and HARVEY WORTH, who were married November 10.

Congratulations to

Dr. Fred & Jocelynn Engle, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on December 26.

Arieh & Rose Zupnik, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on November 17.

Many Thanks to

The Mehr Family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on September 8 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Mehr**.

Galia & Mark Shapiro, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on September 22 to honour the birth of their granddaughter **Aria Shapiro**.

Gella & Paul Rothstein, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 24 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **J. Barney Goldhar**.

Caroline Bokar & Errol Gordon, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on September 26 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Mara Bokar**.

Ydessa Hendeles, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 27 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Dorothy Hendeles**.

Esterita Rajsky and Rochelle Zabitsky, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 27 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **William David Chananie**.

Dr. John & Jane Trachtenberg, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on October 27 to honour the marriage of their son **Franklin Trachtenberg & Sara Lerner**.

Paul & Gella Rothstein, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 3 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Isaac Rothstein**, and to honour **Paul's** special birthday.

The Betel Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 10 to honour the marriage of **Shawn Betel & Rebecca Bychutsky**, and to honour the birthday of **Adam Betel**.

Bruce & Lianne Leboff, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 10 to honour the 40th anniversary of **Lianne's** Bat Mitzvah.

Jay & Vered Feldman, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 17 to honour the 3rd anniversary of their son **Nathaniel's** Bar Mitzvah, and to honour **Lorne Hanick** on his birthday.

Roslynne & Harry Greenberg and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on November 17 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Belle Korzen**.

Lorne Hanick, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 17 to honour his birthday.

The Simbrow Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 17 to honour the birth of their daughter and granddaughter **Mason Jen Simbrow**.

Bernice Stern and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 17 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Gitel Rotenstein**.

The Ackerman Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 24 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Dr. John Ackerman**.

The Ezer Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 24 to honour **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Susan Friedrich & Harry Enchin, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on November 24 to commemorate the yahrtzeiten of **Lidia Friedrich** and **Jonathan Enchin**.

Howard Simmons & Dr. Joyce Nesker Simmons, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on November 24 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Samuel J. Simmons**.

Jay & Vered Feldman, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 1 to honour the 8th anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Eli Feldman**.

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 1 to honour **Sisterhood Shabbat**.


Aaron & Melanie Moscoe, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 8 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jory Moscoe**.

Mila Zigelman and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 8 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Leon Zigelman**.

Dennis & Florence Beallor, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 8 to honour their 60th anniversary.

Ross Arbuck & Deborah Levy, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on February 2 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Buddy Cooper Arbuck**.

Jeremy Jacobs & Carrie Lindzon-Jacobs, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on February 2 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Ryan Jacobs**.




PURIM CARNIVAL

Wednesday, March 20 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM

Put on your costume and join the fun of the Beth Tzedec Purim Carnival! Kids of all ages will enjoy carnival booths, bouncy castles, a toddlers' play-zone and dance party. The carnival will pause from 5:15 to 5:45 PM for a child-centric, abridged Megillah reading and then resume with more fun and games. (A full Megillah reading begins at 7:30 PM.)

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

ZAP!
POW!
OY!



When bringing your family to the carnival, plan some time to walk through our amazing, family-friendly **Zap! Pow! Oy! Jews and the Comic Book Industry** exhibit. This exhibit presents the Jewish storytellers, artists and publishers who developed and influenced the comic book industry over the past 80 years.

Introducing Rabbi Steven

Our incoming senior rabbi, Rabbi Steven Wernick, shares a few thoughts before his official move to Toronto and Beth Tzedec in February.



JODY AND I ARE REALLY LOOKING forward to our move to Toronto and joining the Beth Tzedec community. Though our daughters Ziva, Hannah and Alana will be out of the house, they too are excited for our family's new home. Thank you for the warm welcome and friendship so many of you have already expressed to us. We really enjoyed our visit during the search process and our most recent visit over Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. We understand, too, that the people we have met thus far are only a fraction of our community. That's why I thought it would be a good idea for me to write to you and introduce myself a bit more to you.

I like coffee. Everything coffee—coffee ice cream, coffee candy, coffee cake and, of course, coffee. That there are more than 40 Café Aromas in Greater Toronto is very exciting to me.

I like Billy Joel. Actually love Billy Joel. I have all his albums and haven't missed a concert since *Innocent Man*.

I like spy thriller novels, science fiction (books and movies), animals (especially our dog Bo), teens (yes, they are my favorite age group), to cycle long distances, which is good because I am also a foodie.

I am also a news junkie and have begun reading the *Globe and Mail* and *Canadian Jewish News*.

And I love to learn, especially Torah (in its broadest sense, meaning all Jewish learning).

In an opinion piece in the *New York Times* (October 13), Jonathan Merritt discusses the decline in God and spiritual talk. He analyzes the factors that have led to it and asks "While many of our most visible leaders claim to be religious, their moral frameworks seem unrecognizable to masses of other believers. How do we speak about God in times like these when God is hard to spot?" So let me begin by inviting you to have spiritual conversations with me. I am eager to meet you and explore together our sacred language of Torah because our Judaism continues to have something profoundly meaningful to say to us in this generation.

Let's share God talk over coffee, for a meal or just to schmooze. And let's do so at Beth Tzedec, at Aroma, at my house, at your house, walking the dog, cycling ... anywhere. We can do so in groups or individually (though that may take us a few years to get to know every one!). The important thing is that we get to know each other and share a living Judaism whose wisdom and practice has the ability to inspire us to live more meaningful lives and improve the world. My focus the first 90 to

120 days will be to meet as many people at Beth Tzedec as possible.

I am looking forward to getting to know you—and Rav Baruch, Randy, the entire staff, Sheldon and the Board—to learn the culture of Beth Tzedec and work on the strategic priorities and goals we have already identified. The benefit of the way we are transitioning is that we have the ability to do so. As we get to know each other, we look forward to recruiting new spiritual leaders who will support our community spiritually, pastorally, musically, with learning and inspire us toward social justice engagement.

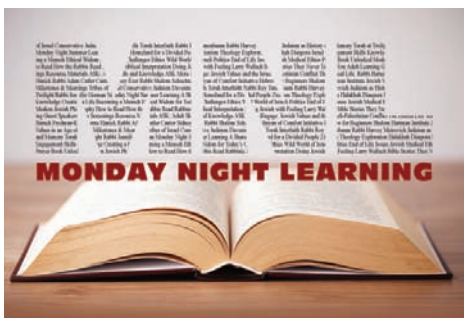
I'll be returning to Toronto at least once more before February. The end of January, a leadership team and I will be participating in USCJ's *Large Congregations Conference* in Washington. Then February 1 will be here before you know it.

In the meantime, you can follow me on my public Facebook page, Rabbi Steven Wernick, or on Twitter @rebsteve.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

L'shalom,

—Rabbi Steven Wernick



TUESDAYS, MARCH 19 & 26 AND APRIL 2 AT 7:30 PM

Pop Culture and Judaism: A Modern Engagement with Rabbi Steve Wernick

Examine the way in which Pop Culture engages with Jewish wisdom to impact our lives in subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) ways. No charge, but RSVPs requested to mlaba@beth-tzedec.org.

BT—Bringing the Gift of Judaism to You

Our goal is to create and deliver member-inspired accessible, meaningful programs and service options for all ages and stages of life.



MANY OF THOSE THINKING ABOUT JOINING BETH TZEDEC often ask me why they should join our shul. Below is a collection of responses I provide to those considering making our Congregation their religious home:

1. Why do I want to affiliate with Beth Tzedec?

The BT community is one of the most active and engaging *kehillot* in the world. Beyond the daily, Shabbat and holiday services, we offer cultural programs, dynamic speakers and educational offerings for people at all ages. Beth Tzedec is a true Jewish centre, a hive of activity that you can experience as part of a group or benefit from as an individual.

2. What does Beth Tzedec have to offer me?

One of our most important objectives is to provide opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. This means access to our spiritual leadership and staff teams; people trained to make the gifts of Judaism—our teachings, culture, values and thoughts—alive and relevant. We are a place where families and individuals can come together. We also offer members a variety of prayer services each with its own appeal and traditions.

3. What are the key areas of focus for the Congregation?

Membership surveys tell us that our focus must be on people and programs. Our goal is to create and deliver member-inspired accessible, meaningful programs and service options for all ages and stages of life. As a destination for Jewish living, Judaism is the perfect catalyst to help enhance your life and improve the lives of others.

4. I want to join Beth Tzedec. How much is it to join?

Our membership contribution schedule is based on a “fair share” principle related to net income (single or family). In special circumstances, our Membership Committee will confidentially review your request and help ensure you have a place at Beth Tzedec. Our doors are open to all who want to find a meaningful Jewish home.

5. How does the BT membership contribution compare to other synagogues inside and outside of Toronto?

Our fair share formula is competitive and lower than many synagogues. Your membership includes High Holy Day tickets for all members in a family (an individual or

parents and children under 18). A member also has preferred rates for room rentals and programs, and access to all spiritual leadership assistance—rabbi, cantor, ritual director.

6. It's a really large building. Is the synagogue being used to capacity?

- We run over 300 Beth Tzedec programs annually for adults, youth, families and elders, young adults, including education programs for children and adults;
- Religious services are held twice daily, including on Shabbat, holidays and the High Holy Days;
- BT is a hub for major community programs such as those run by the Israel Consulate and UJA;
- Approximately 400 RHA staff, students and parents call BT their home.

How many people come to Beth Tzedec?

Event	# of Programs	Approx. attendance
Adult Programming including book and film talks, scholar weekends, <i>hesed</i> projects, music events, classes, museum exhibits and tours	189	11,200
Family & Youth Programming including Congregational School, Little Thinkers, holiday, youth and teen-specific	204	7,140
Life Cycle and Catered Events (Private affairs)	89	10,800
Gym and Hall Rentals (Sports leagues, etc.)	160	4,225
Daily Minyan, Shabbat, Holiday and High Holy Days services (two services each day)	730	47,600
Totals:	1,372	80,965

Including summer activities, year-round programs, religious services, special community events, hall rentals, *smahot* (such as B'nei Mitzvah, weddings and other life cycle events), meetings and other activities, we estimate that as many as 150,000 people come through Beth Tzedec's doors every year.

7. What are the major expense areas for the Congregation?

Our most important function is meeting the ritual, spiritual and educational needs of our members. Staff costs to run the operations, provide programs and services, operate our cemetery and to achieve member objectives are our major expense, followed by the costs to run our building. Membership contributions make up 50 percent of our operating budget. The balance is raised through user fees, rental income from clients, RHA and catering, and fundraising.

8. Is Beth Tzedec a growing congregation?

While nearly every congregation has been experiencing a decline in affiliation rates, our membership base has been relatively stable. We see attrition more in the numbers of members who are passing on than those who are leaving the *kehillah* for other options. We hope the legacy of Rabbi Frydman-Kohl will continue and we will see renewed interest as Rabbi Wernick joins our family.

9. What is the Congregation doing to attract and keep younger members and families?

We operate an impressive Congregational School for children in JK/SK to grade 7, run programs for children from pre-school through high school, support a young adults network that does outreach and runs programs and services connecting Jews to one another spiritually, socially and educationally. We also have an affordable membership schedule for those under age 40.

10. What is so special about BT from other synagogues or congregations?

Being part of BT means being connected to a network of people who all care. As the synagogue of tomorrow, we represent a commitment to social action and social justice that is member driven and embraces the broader community. More than a house of worship, the Beth Tzedec Jewish Centre is a *kehillah* without walls, open and accessible and inviting to all who wish to share and become part of something larger than themselves.

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



BETH TZEDEC'S 11TH ANNUAL
Mother's Day
Chai Tea
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019
DOORS OPEN 2:30 PM — EVENT BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 3:00 PM

Women: \$48; Young women(13 and under): \$30
All proceeds support Out of the Cold

Chef Jordan Wagman
award winning chef – cookbook author – teacher – advocate

Chef Jordan Wagman creates simple, seasonal, restaurant quality food for everyday family meals, snacks and desserts.

Join us for an afternoon of inspiration, culinary presentation and mouthwatering sensations that nourish the mind, body and soul.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Especially for families with young children

Friday, March 29 at 5:00 PM

PROGRAM / SERVICE / DINNER

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 with 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, March 25.**

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



Supported by the Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger

Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings

Friday mornings from 11:00 to 11:45 AM



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

Join us as we welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *hallah*, grape juice and lots of fun.

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



Creating a Third Way: Gendered Hebrew



Conversations about gender issues are not only about offering appropriate bathroom spaces and taking a welcoming stance.

WALKING OUT OF OUR 20S AND 30S

Friday night dinner in late October, focussed on trans activism with guests Abby Stein and Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, I was thinking further about the role that gender plays in Jewish and synagogue life. Conversations about gender issues are not only about offering appropriate bathroom spaces and taking a welcoming stance; they permeate the fabric of our religious life, raising questions and challenges to a religious faith that developed in a gender-binary, heteronormative and male-dominated space, and that continues to be influenced by this history.

We have made many positive changes related to LGBTQ matters at Beth Tzedec, including changing our membership application form to read Member 1 and Member 2, and for our Congregational School enrolment documents to speak about Parent 1 and Parent 2 rather than assuming all children have one father and one mother. We also avoid some of the challenges in this area by being a mixed-seating community, never putting anyone in a position to have to choose which side of a gender-separating *mehitzah* (barrier) they should sit on.

But there is still more work to do. Imagine going up to the Torah for an aliyah, and the *Gabbai* (person calling up the *aliyot*) making an assumption about your gender identity that is not in line with how you identify (for example, using male-affiliated language like *Ya'amod* or *Ben* for

someone who may look masculine but identifies as female). Imagine, as a parent, struggling with switching the traditional Friday night blessing for a child to match the gender with which they identify, rather than their biological sex. These scenarios are not hypothetical; they are real moments that members of our community and their families are facing today.

All of this is made more challenging by the Hebrew language. Unlike English, Hebrew is a gendered language (similar to French), where nouns have gender and verbs and adjectives indicate the gender of the noun to which they are connected. In practical terms, this makes it very difficult for anyone who doesn't want to affiliate with a specific gender to speak and be spoken to (the third person plural, which in English is 'they', a common choice of pronoun for gender non-binary individuals, is gendered in Hebrew as either הן or הם).

How do we operate with a tradition and a language that is gendered? What would we call the occasion of a 13 year old's first aliyah to the Torah if we want to avoid gender-based language? The language of bar and bat mitzvah are gendered. What changes can we make to allow for more inclusivity and to address people in the way they wish to be addressed? What boundaries are there, either within Jewish spiritual life or in the structure of the Hebrew language that might need to be pushed up against or even broken in

order to be not only accommodating, but truly in partnership with the LGBTQ community and with a sensitivity to language?

These are not easy questions to answer and these are not simple issues to tackle. Many in the Jewish world and in the Hebrew-speaking community are working through these ideas. Below are a few articles and resources that are both informative about these issues and describe work in these areas.

On a most basic level, however, we need to continue to see the worth and value of every person who walks through our doors, trying our best not to categorize and label, and instead to be waiting with a smile, a hug or a handshake, making them feel welcome in the Beth Tzedec community.

ARTICLES AND RESOURCES:

<https://www.tabletmag.com/scroll/240492/com-e-to-the-bimah-and-read-from-the-torah-but-first-whats-your-preferred-gender-pronoun>

<https://forward.com/sisterhood/324205/de-gendering-hebrew/>

<http://the-toast.net/2015/03/17/hebrew-living-gendered-language/>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/08/11/what-does-a-gender-neutral-kid-call-themselves-in-a-gendered-language/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.2a409f74532b



Peace of Mind

In October, Beth Tzedec had the privilege to again host a special unit of discharged Israeli elite combat soldiers through the Peace of Mind program. The soldiers spent the days in group sessions, but evenings and Shabbat were times where they interacted with our community, including their host families and at a Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner and Shabbat morning service and kiddush. (In order to protect the identity of the *POM* participants, their faces have been blurred.)



Shabbat with Yossi Klein Halevi

In November, author, journalist and thought-leader Yossi Klein Halevi joined us for a series of Shabbat presentations on “The Future of a Relationship”. His presentation at the Saturday evening Havdalah was an engaging and warm experience.

Chanukkah Menorah Lighting

In December, many members joined us for the lighting of the *hanukkiyah* at morning and evening services.



The Times, They Are a Changin'



We are committed to continuing to treat Judaism and Torah as a tree of life—a source of meaning and inspiration.

WE GREET EACH OTHER ON ROSH HASHANAH WITH THE WORDS *shanah tovah*, have a good year! As we begin 2019, I want us to consider alternate meanings to this common phrase to help us view our lives and our community in a balanced and visionary way.

The most popular song at the seder sung by toddlers and grandparents alike is *Ma Nishtana*, “what’s changed?”, which shares a root word with *shanah*. In other words, when we wish each other *shanah tovah*, we are saying “may this be a year of good changes”. What a beautiful sentiment, that the changes that occur this year should be good ones!

A third usage of the word *shanah* comes from the *Shema* and is included in the instruction to teach the Torah to our children and future generations—*veshinanta l’vanecha*. Here the word means “to repeat” which is why the *Mishna* is our oral tradition that was repeated, passed from one generation to the next, and ultimately written down. The third meaning of *shanah tovah* then is that we are wishing one another “good repetitions”.

What we are left with as we emphatically say *shanah tovah* is the desire for a year ripe with good change and desired repetition or consistency. In other words, “may you have a year in which the things that you love in your life remain the same, and may those things that are challenging or hurtful be transformed for the better”.

In my final year of Pastoral Studies and Spiritual-Based Psychotherapy, I have been exploring ways in which psychotherapeutic modalities affect change and the desired change or outcome. It might be behavioural or cognitive; it might be about noticing and modifying emotional responses, increasing self-awareness or spirituality; or it may be about improving relationships. Sometimes the change we hope for is within our control and we set goals and small measurable desired outcomes along with manageable expectations.

I created a Facebook ad last October for an inexpensive exercise bike. Until January 1, I had two responses. From January 1 through January 15, I had over 30 inquiries. There are moments such as the New Year that instigate within us a sense of immediacy, and so we act to make a change.

But there are also changes that are not planned, and we need to choose how to respond to our new reality. The death of a loved one, survival from an accident, recovery from illness, loss of a job, a new financial opportunity or the birth of a grandchild are examples of life situations that can motivate new directions.

In my work at Beth Tzedec, I have met many wonderful people who come here because it sustains them through the ups and downs of life, and where they feel held and

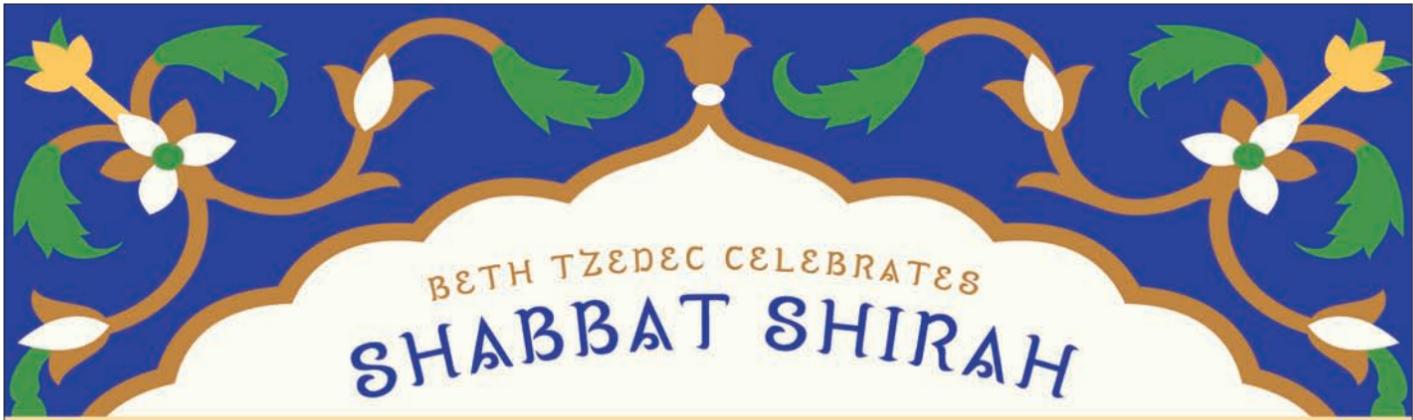
supported. I have also met many young people, including hopeful conversion students who are on a journey of meaning and growth. Others come because unforeseen circumstances have shaken the foundations of their lives or have left them feeling unbalanced as is sometimes the case for those saying kaddish. Some choose to come for Torah studies or to increase their knowledge of Jewish themes as part of a life committed to ongoing learning.

Beth Tzedec also goes through times of change. Some of it is based on spiritual and lay leadership understandings of new opportunities to enhance the lives of our congregants, and sometimes the change reflects creativity and development of new ideas as talented staff and energized members envision exciting initiatives. Some of the changes emerge from new understandings of what it means to be inclusive and responsive to the needs of our community. Change is also inspired by each and every one of you, the members of our holy community, as you share with us what is important to you and your unique needs and visions. Surveys, coffee dates, annual meetings and verbal or written feedback often result in change because ideas matter.

When my daughter Sheelo moved to a new school in the middle of SK, she shared with her new classmates that she felt both happy and sad at the same time. She learned and put into words a valuable lesson about our ability to hold multiple feelings. The end of Rav Baruch’s tenure as senior rabbi is a significant change that will undoubtedly bring up feelings of sadness, gratitude, fear and excitement, among others. We know full well that we can miss Rav Baruch while also embracing the possibilities of having Rabbi Steve Wernick at our helm. Beth Tzedec is a place of celebration, learning and joy as well as mourning and healing for thousands of people. Rabbi Steve with his team, of which I am proud to be part, will continue the tradition of caring for our members’ souls, hearts and minds. We are committed to continuing to treat Judaism and Torah as a tree of life—a source of meaning and inspiration.

Confronting change is part of the human condition. I believe that in 2019, we will have a *shanah tovah*—a good year—in which the changes we experience as a community will honour our traditions and inspire a greater sense of love of God and commitment to Israel, the Jewish people and all of humanity.

May you have a year in which the things that you love in your life remain the same, and may those things that are challenging or hurtful be transformed for the better. I would love it if you would share them with me by emailing me at yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org.



BETH TZEDEC CELEBRATES
SHABBAT SHIRAH

"ECHOES OF SEFARAD"
WITH HAZZAN DR. RAMÓN TASAT

January 18 and 19, 2019

We welcome musical scholar-in-residence Hazzan Ramón Tasat for a Sephardic odyssey for the North American Synagogue including a Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner presentation, Shabbat morning sermon-in-song and Saturday evening Havdalah concert.

Friday Night, January 18 at 4:50 PM

**A Couscous
Kabbalat Shabbat**

Join Hazzanim Ramón Tasat and Sidney Ezer for a unique Kabbalat Shabbat experience featuring the nusah and melodies of the Jews of Morocco. The evening continues with a scrumptious Moroccan-themed Shabbat dinner during which Dr. Tasat will present *Exotic Rhythms: The Music of the Eastern Sephardic Jews*.

Cost for dinner

\$40 adults; \$21 young adults (under 40);
\$18 youth (ages 5-14), \$6 children (ages 1-4).
RSVPs required by Monday, January 14.

**Shabbat, January 19
beginning at 8:45 AM**

**European Encounters: The
Western Sephardic Musical
Tradition**

Assisted by Hazzan Ezer and the Beth Tzedec Shir Hadash Ensemble, Hazzan Tasat leads a special Shabbat morning service and "Devar Muzika" featuring melodies from the western Sephardic heritage accessible for North American congregations.

Lunch 'n' Learn following Services

**Las Kantikas de mi Nona:
Sephardic Life Cycle Melodies**

Hazzan Tasat will present songs learned on grandmother's knee, from lullabies to holiday songs.

**Saturday Evening Concert,
January 19 at 8:00 PM**

Fiesta Sefarad

Enjoy a panoramic evening of Sephardic music from across the Mediterranean Sea featuring **Hazzan Ramón Tasat, Aviva Chernick, Hazzan Sidney Ezer** and the **Beth Tzedec Shir Hadash Ensemble**, together with an exceptional group of local musicians.

Tickets

Members: \$15 advance; \$20 at the door.
Non-members: \$20 advance; \$25 at the door.

Reserve for the dinner or concert online
at www.beth-tzedec.org/login or
416-781-3511.

Carrying On a Tradition

I am just one example of some of the homegrown talent that we have at Beth Tzedec.



I STILL REMEMBER MY BAR MITZVAH AT Beth Tzedec as if it were yesterday. It was the second Shabbat of Hanukkah, December 18, 1982. Those were the days when the shul still allowed three kids at a time on Shabbat morning. Indeed, I shared my day with two other boys. Now, many years later working here as a Cantor, I have discovered nooks and crannies of the building I never knew existed as a kid. Among the archives, I actually found the original *Bulletin* from that year with my picture. Yes, that's me with the green checkered suit and green and white striped tie.

My maternal grandfather Sidney Arbusk^{z"l}, after whom I am named, joined Beth Tzedec in 1956 primarily

because of the Cantor and choir. My mother's family has been members ever since. As a child, I always enjoyed listening to Cantor Kowarsky and the choir. My sister Meera and I would often imitate the tenor and soprano parts, especially for our favourite melody "Hayom" during the High Holy Days. Fast forward to 2004 following the death of my father Gabriel Ezer^{z"l} and a year of saying kaddish, imagine the thrill I had being accepted as a member of the choir. I got my start as the interim ritual director filling in for Lorne Hanick during the summer, and eventually enrolled in Cantorial school with the support of our clergy and Congregation.

After graduation, I was fortunate

to land a position in Toronto—and at my home congregation no less—leading and arranging music for the choir I so admired as a kid. They say it takes a village!

I am just one example of some of the homegrown talent that we have at Beth Tzedec. In the upcoming editions of the *Bulletin*, I hope to introduce you to the members of our newly formed choir, some of whom have strong roots at Beth Tzedec like me. One of them—Kai Zabitsky—is featured on page 19. Enjoy and be proud.



Sidney Ezer's bar mitzvah photo, 1982



Lishma Jewish Learning Project a community of learners in their 20s and 30s who are excited to share their desire for greater Jewish engagement, are willing to ask questions of our tradition and want to explore how it informs our lives today.

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 and February 5 & 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

COURSE 1:

BASE/Chevruta Track
(Partnered, beit midrash style learning)

People of the Book,
People of the Land
with Alyson Cooper

COURSE 2:

Text and Context Track
(In-depth, expertly led text study)

PJ Library / Melton Foundation
of Jewish Living
with Daniel Silverman

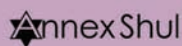
COURSE 3:

Hands-On Track
(Applied Jewish learning)

Tachles! Learning (Beginner)
Conversational Hebrew
with Liori Sagi

These sessions will be held at Beth Tzedec. Pre-registration required. Visit www.lishma.ca for information, fees and registration.

Presented by:



A WOMEN'S EVENING OF Wine and Friendship

Honouring

JOSETTE FRYDMAN-KOHL

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 7:30 PM

The women of Beth Tzedec gather for an evening of celebration, friendship, entertainment, wine tasting and refreshments in honour of Josette Frydman-Kohl. Invite your mothers, daughters, sisters and aunts for this special event.



CELEBRATE

R'Bfk

\$54 per person. Reservations open March 1, 2019.



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.



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

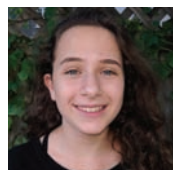
Celebrate the festival of Purim with a unique puppet show. Mordehai & Esther will be waiting for you!

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.

A New Song, A New Beginning

Psalms 96 and 98 read “Sing to the Lord a new song ...”. The Beth Tzedec Shir Hadash Ensemble, like its new name, promises to do just that.

AS WE START ON THIS NEW JOURNEY WITH OUR NEW SHIR HADASH Ensemble, we will introduce choir members in our upcoming *Bulletins* and in the music section of the Beth Tzedec website. We begin with our newest member, Kai.



Introducing Kai Zabitsky—Kai is a fixture in musical programming at Beth Tzedec, from the youth choir and Purim musicals to joining Cantor Sidney on duets during *Selihot* and the High Holy Days. In addition to lending her vocal talents, she

also played guitar with choir director Ezra Burke at this year’s *Selihot* service. Over the last five years, she and her twin brother Zev have also been the voices of the youth in our Remembrance Day Shabbat services and concerts. Her family’s involvement at the shul goes far beyond the music, though.

Kai’s paternal great-grandparents, Kate and Ralph Zabitsky²¹, were the first to join Beth Tzedec in 1978 after moving to Toronto from Montreal. Shortly after their passing, Kai’s grandmother Rochelle Zabitsky and great-aunt Eleanor Dover commissioned the establishment of a portable travelling Torah and accompanying ark in their memory. This travelling Torah continues to serve the Beth Tzedec community, primarily

in shiva homes and other locations outside shul wherever a minyan requires it.

Kai’s maternal grandfather Peter Stern had his Bar Mitzvah at Beth Tzedec, and her parents, Ed and Liza, were married by Rav Baruch in the Hendeles Chapel and since then have remained involved in shul life, attending services, volunteering and ensuring their children participate fully in the community. Liza also serves on the Family and Cantorial Search committees.

Since their time in Junior Congregation and Young Shamashim, Kai and her two brothers Isaiah and Zev have continued to be active volunteers. The three siblings have devoted time to Men’s Club activities such as the World Wide Wrap, Yom Hashoah ‘Yellow Candle’ campaign and reading Torah at Sunnybrook Shabbat.

Kai is an invaluable asset to our choir. In the hope that her story will inspire other Beth Tzedec youth, Cantor Sidney Ezer has officially launched “**C-SID**” (“Choral Singers In Development”), a program for children and teens that provides volunteer hours for school as well as a small stipend in exchange for attending rehearsals and singing with the choir at services and concerts. If your child has an aptitude for music, consider enrolling them in this initiative. For information, contact Cantor Ezer at 416-781-3514 ext. 296 or cantorsid@beth-tzedec.org.

**Calling all young talented singers
ages 8-12 and teens 13 and up for**

Cantor Sidney's:
e-SID

(Choral Singers In Development)

Program

Do you enjoy singing but can only commit for a short time? Earn school volunteer hours and a \$50 stipend singing with Cantor Sidney Ezer and the Beth Tzedec Shir Hadash Ensemble during a few special services and concerts throughout the year. Approximately two rehearsals for one to two hours needed in preparation for each event.

Teens and young adults: Have more time and interest to commit for the whole year? Have strong music skills and want to eventually be a full-time member of the choir? Earn school volunteer hours and \$50 per month. Rehearsals are approximately twice per month, two hours per rehearsal. First opportunity is for Shabbat Shirah, for morning services and an evening concert on January 19.

For information, contact Cantor Sidney Ezer at 416-781-3514 ext. 296 or cantorsid@beth-tzedec.org



Teddy Bear Havdalah for Toddlers and Their Families

Saturday evening, January 12 from 5:30 to 6:45 PM

Let's celebrate Havdalah, marking the close of Shabbat and the start of a new week, at a unique family program with a book reading, pajamas and *hag Tu B'shevat* (the festival of trees). Everyone is encouraged to come in pajamas, especially if they are related to trees, flowers, fruit, ladybugs, bees, nature, etc. A light dinner will be served.

RSVPs requested by **Tuesday, January 8.**



Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service

(especially for families with young children)
Shabbat, January 12, February 2 and March 2
10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Supercharge your family's Shabbat morning experience! Our participatory abridged service is a perfect way for children, parents and grandparents to experience Shabbat together, learn the structure of the service and take leadership roles. It features the highlights of a Shabbat morning service and is led by children, teens and our Director of Spiritual Engagement Yacov Fruchter. It also includes programs by our *shinshinim* and youth staff. Celebrate a group aliyah and blessing for everyone whose birthday is that month. A complimentary lunch follows.

Shabbat is Awesome

Shabbat, February 2
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 while continuing to build our community.

Li'l Minyans

(children up to age 5 with a parent)
Every Shabbat and Yom Tov
9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Looking for an opportunity to spend a fun and educational Shabbat morning. 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)
Shabbat and Yom Tov mornings
10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

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

Shabbat Teen Lounge

(ages 13 to 17)
Shabbat and Yom Tov mornings
10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Teens now have a Shabbat hangout space all their own, complete with comfy seats, snacks, a Soda Stream, games and much more. Shabbat Teen Lounge does not meet when there is a Family Service.

For Children 0 to 5 and their Families

Pre-Shabbat Music Mornings

(babies up to 18 months with an adult)
Friday mornings
11:00 to 11:45 AM

Welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *hallah*, grape juice, book reading and lots of fun. For information or to register, call the Synagogue office.

Sportball @ Beth Tzedec

Sunday mornings
8:45 to 9:30 AM (16 months to 2 year olds)
9:30 to 10:15 AM (16 months to 2 year olds)
10:15 to 11:00 AM (2 to 3 year olds)

Sportball is here! Preschoolers can participate in fun, non-competitive sports activities Sunday mornings. Limited spaces; reserve early. For information or to register, visit sportball.ca.

PJ Library : Tu B'Shevat Tree Celebration

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)
Sunday, January 20
10:00 to 11:15 AM

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun as learn about caring for the environment at a hands-on workshop with Shoshana! Healthy snacks served. Cost: \$10 per toddler. RSVP by Monday, January 14.

Teddy Bear Havdalah

Saturday, February 9

5:30 to 6:45 PM

Come to join us as we say *L'hitra'ot* (good-bye) to Shabbat by celebrating Havdalah with friends and family. Bring your own teddy bear to cuddle as you enjoy songs and stories. Adults and children are encouraged to wear pajamas. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Tuesday, February 5.

PJ Library: A Purim Celebration

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)

Sunday, March 10

10:00 to 11:15 AM

Celebrate and learn about the Purim Festival with a unique and fun puppet show. Mordechai and Esther will be waiting for you. Children and adults are encouraged to wear a costume. Pizza and snacks will be served. Cost: \$5 for Beth Tzedec members; \$10 non-members. RSVPs requested by Monday, February 25.

For Children in SK to Grade 5

The World and Me

(for Grades 1 to 5)

Sunday, January 20

2:00 to 3:30 PM

Jewish roots on Canadian soil! Join us for a program with Shoresh, an organization engaged in environmental action, while connecting to the land and Jewish tradition. Together we will explore many fun and meaningful opportunities to be responsible for our natural world. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Tuesday, January 15.

Beth Tzedec and the Amazing Indoor Playground

(for Grades 1 to 5)

Sunday, February 10

2:00 to 3:30 PM

Join us for a trip to Active Kids Zone for unique crafts—wax hand, bazooka ball and many amusing games. Be ready for non-stop giggling fun! Cost: \$10 for Beth Tzedec members; \$15 non-members (return transportation by bus from Beth Tzedec included). RSVPs required by Monday, February 4.

For Teens in Grades 6 to 12

BT @ Out of the Cold

Tuesday, January 8 & 29, February 12 & 26 and March 19

5:00 to 7:00 PM

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

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

Tu B'Shevat Movie Night

(for Grades 5 to 12)

Saturday, January 12

7:00 to 9:30 PM

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat as we watch the inspiring movie *The Lorax* and make take-home salad starter kits. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Thursday, January 10.

Kadima & BTUSY Scavenger Hunt

(for Grades 6 to 12)

Saturday, February 23

7:30 to 9:30 PM

Explore your senses with a teen Havdalah experience before we take over the shul and hunt for mystery items all throughout the building. No charge, but RSVPs required by Thursday, February 21.

For Families

Purim Carnival and Family Megillah Reading

Wednesday, March 20

4:00 to 6:30 PM

Put on your costume and join the fun! Kids of all ages will enjoy carnival booths, bouncy castles, a toddlers' play-zone and dance party. The carnival will pause from 5:15 to 5:45 PM for a child-centric, abridged Megillah reading, and then resume with more fun and games. (A full Megillah reading begins at 7:30 PM.)

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 29 5:00 PM

Come for a delicious Shabbat dinner and 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 following. Cost: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-5). RSVPs required by Monday, March 25.

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

For information about Teen programs, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org



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

Shabbat, February 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

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TRIBUTE EVENT

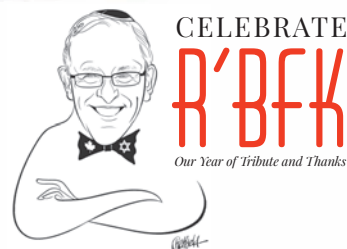
**RABBIS (TRYING TO)
TELL JOKES!**

**Thursday, March 21
at 6:45 PM**

In his final Purim appearance as Beth Tzedec's senior rabbi, Rav Baruch and his rabbinic colleagues will take their chances at making us laugh with and at them at this one-of-a-kind, stand-up comedy night.





Cost: \$30 (includes comedy and light dairy dinner)

Limited spaces. Reserve online at
www.beth-tzedec.org/login or
call 416-781-3511 by **Friday, March 15.**



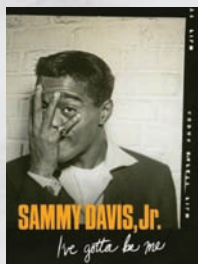
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28 SHEVAT 8:30am World Wide Wrap 8:45am Shoharit 9:30am World Wide Wrap Breakfast with guest Rabbi Steve Wernick 5:20pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	29 SHEVAT 7:30am Shoharit 1:00pm The Humash 5:20pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 6:30pm ITEM 7:30pm Learn to Read Hebrew 7:30pm Understanding and Applying <i>Simritah</i> in the 21 st Century	30 SHEVAT ROSH HODESH ADAR I 7:15am Shoharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 5:20pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:00pm Lishma Jewish Learning Project	1 ADAR I ROSH HODESH ADAR I 7:15am Shoharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 5:20pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	2 ADAR I 7:30am Shoharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah Through the Ages with Dr. Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 5:20pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	26 SHEVAT 7:30am Shoharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 12:30pm Social Network 5:10pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:10pm Candle Lighting	27 SHEVAT SHABBAT MEVARKHIM Mishpatim 8:45am Shoharit with the Choir 10:00am Jewish Meditation 10:30am Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Service 1:00pm Shabbat is Awesome 4:50pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 6:13pm Havdalah
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March 2019 / Adar I 5779						
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Come in out of the cold and enjoy an afternoon of entertaining films and refreshments with friends both old and new.



JANUARY 2
**Sammy Davis Jr.:
I've Got to Be Me**

"I'm Puerto Rican, Jewish, coloured and married to a white woman—when I move into a neighbourhood, I wipe it out," Sammy Davis, Jr. jokes onstage in Sam Pollard's documentary of the legendary singer, dancer, actor and comic you thought you knew. The documentary portrays a complex, unique and very talented man who was involved in controversy his whole life.



JANUARY 9
Wunderkinder

War movies are rarely more harrowing and unsettling than when they focus on hapless, innocent children, and so it proves with the award-winning Wunderkinder. At the centre of this thriller are three gifted children who are trying to survive in the world gone mad.



JANUARY 16
1945

"Jews have arrived." This sentence terrifies the town's people in an unnamed village in Hungary. The story of guilt and consequences of evil are brilliantly portrayed in this gripping film.

Cost: \$5 per screening, supporting the Out of the Cold program.

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Our Shabbat Service Experiences

Kabbalat Shabbat Services every Friday night.

Check our weekly e-newsletter, *The Week Ahead*, our website and monthly calendars for service and candle lighting times.

Sanctuary / Chapel Services 8:45 AM, every Shabbat.

Our musical Sanctuary Service offers a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience with Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Shalom Schacter and Jennifer Gorman, 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. (The Beth Tzedec choir joins us for Shabbat Shirah on January 19, and on February 2 and March 2.) Rabbi Steven Wernick will join us beginning February 2.

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, every Shabbat.

Looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience? The Little Minyan offers a traditional service in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere full of song, spirit and warmth. Participants lead portions of the service, and

Little Minyan tunes are available on request. Contact 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, Shabbat, January 12, February 2 and March 2. Our participatory abridged service is a perfect way for children, parents and grandparents to experience Shabbat morning together, learn the structure of the service and take leadership roles. It features the highlights of a Shabbat morning service and is led by children, teens and our Director of Spiritual Engagement Yacov Fruchter. It also includes programs by our *shinshinim* and youth staff. Celebrate a group aliyah and blessing for everyone whose birthday is that month. A complimentary dairy lunch follows.

For information on **Shabbat Youth programming**, see pages 20 & 21.

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



Talking Torah with Daniel Silverman

9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat morning

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

Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz

10:00 to 11:15 AM on January 26, February 2 and March 2

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



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 7:30 PM

An Entirely New Esther: You Thought You Knew the Story

Seymour (Epi) Epstein provides a fresh commentary on Megillat Esther attempting to uncover the original 4th century BCE meaning and purpose of the story, well before the rabbinic understanding of the text some centuries later.

MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING

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Beth Tzedec warmly welcomes you!

Every member is an integral part of the Beth Tzedec community. We encourage you to take part in the many

Scott Allinson and Melissa Tobenstein
David Bezmozgis and Hannah Young
Chun Chen
Megan Degelman-Smith
Daniel Eugen
Jean and Rodica Eugen
Beverly Fingerhut
Ted and Michele Frankel
Jenna Freedman
Martin and Susan Goldberg
Sheila Goldenberg
Jamie Golombek and Christine Perry
Richard Kanee and Elana Schachter
Julius Koifman and Margaret Maheandrian
Shawn and Ellen Marr
Benjamin Murane and Naomi Kramer
Adam and Mia Rapoport
Asaph and Liraz Rolnitsky
Hascal and Sandra Rosen
David Setton and Rachael Grad
Milton Verskin and Marlee Pinsker Verskin
Neil Wagman and Cathy Siegal
Russell Weiss

New 18 to 20 Year Old Members

Megan Abbott
Adam Allen
Dana Aronowitz

Naomi Azoulay
Ethan Berdowski
Harrison Berman
Matthew Bongard
Danielle Brown
Samantha Charlat
Zachary Cole
Emma Collie
Seth Damiani
Rebecca Feldman
Zoe Flatt
Molly Gangbar
Laura Givens
Leah Good
Michael Griff
Allison Hirschberg-Schon
Jordan Jacobs
Rylee Kalpin
Hailey Kazdan
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SENDING PURIM CHEER TO OUR UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE STUDENTS

We will soon be sending our annual holiday package filled with Purim treats to our university/college student members. Provide a 'snailmail' (mailing) address sent to the Synagogue office at info@beth-tzedec.org or call 416-781-3511. If the address is a dormitory, be sure to give the proper address to receive a package. All requests must be received by **Friday, February 1.**

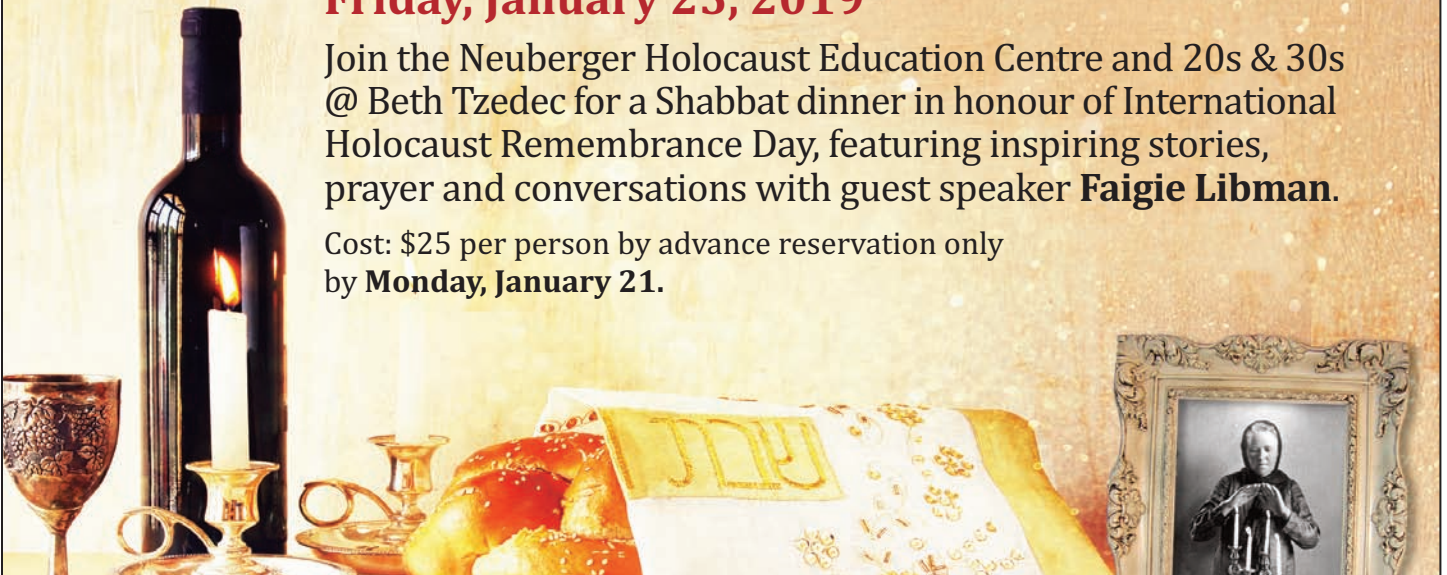
A Shabbat to Remember: Transforming Experiences During the Holocaust

for 20s and 30s

Friday, January 25, 2019

Join the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and 20s & 30s @ Beth Tzedec for a Shabbat dinner in honour of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, featuring inspiring stories, prayer and conversations with guest speaker **Faigie Libman**.

Cost: \$25 per person by advance reservation only by **Monday, January 21**.



The Centre for Spiritual Well-Being

On the leading edge of becoming the synagogue of the future and member-centric, Beth Tzedec is delivering opportunities to enhance our lives through programs intended to help each of us find harmony, balance and spiritual health within the context of Jewish values and practice. The Centre for Spiritual Well-Being will make Jewish life accessible through meditation, healing services, community lectures and learning opportunities, mindfulness experiences, pastoral care, wellness, mental health and support groups, yoga and more. Our programs will be suited to individuals and groups, responding to the needs of the millennials and to the generations that follow.

For more information on how you can support this valuable new initiative, contact Randy E. Spiegel at 416-781-3511 or rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org.



The Beth Tzedec Centre for
Spiritual Well-Being

Supported by the Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment

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Beth Tzedec Congregation

Shaping the Shul of the Future

YOU, OUR MEMBERS, HAVE TOLD US THAT our priority must be to provide support and programs that are engaging and focused on your needs.

Welcome to the start of a new era. Welcome to your Beth Tzedec, the leading edge of developing the synagogue of the future. Member-centric and accessible to the community, we are proud to introduce opportunities that enhance your life and empower you to make the world a better place.

As we move ahead, Beth Tzedec is excited to announce the launch of a major new initiative—the first of its kind at any synagogue in our city—the Centre for Spiritual Well-Being.

Building on the successful model in other communities, our objectives include the development and delivery of programs designed to help you live a more fulfilling life.

Spearheaded by our incoming Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Steve Wernick, this initiative plays a significant role in his vision for the future of our *kehillah*. We will seek to help more of our members address issues faced by all ages in today's stressful, socially demanding and tech-dominated world.

The Beth Tzedec Centre for Spiritual Well-Being is being launched as a tribute to honour Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl's legacy of compassion and care as our spiritual leader for the past 26 years. Rav Baruch has shared and supported our community through celebrations, life cycle events, challenges and tragedies. We are grateful for and recognize that his profound empathy and kindness have personally touched all our lives.

The voices and needs of our members drive the work of our spiritual leadership team. To accomplish your goals, we must have the human resources—well-trained rabbinic and other professionals, with expertise in

pastoral and spiritual care. It is the job of the professionals to reach out, connect and engage with you. The new initiative will be powered by funds contributed to the *Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund*. Our goal is to raise a fund of \$6 million, the income of which will be allocated to achieving the objectives of the Centre for the foreseeable future.

Evidence-based practice has demonstrated that a well-developed spiritual core strengthens a person's psychological equilibrium and resilience. The programs and services of the Centre will draw upon and include traditional and innovative training and treatment modalities. Applying best practices, the new project is intended to:

- Renew and enhance prayer options, celebrations, and ritual practice;
- Open the door to the many individuals and families facing challenges and who would benefit from the support that a spiritual community can provide;
- Address those who may find themselves marginalized, but who are looking for ways to connect and experience a vibrant Jewish life;
- Teach and train Beth Tzedec members to be activists for well-being, empowered to care and be a resource to helping themselves and others;
- Champion a holistic approach to spiritual care and services that can appeal to those not yet connected to our *kehillah*, affording them the opportunity to establish a closer relationship with Beth Tzedec.

This new initiative, in addition to reinvigorating lifecycle celebrations and traditional synagogue

practices, will help us provide needed support to address the many challenges our members face, such as:

- Coping with aging relatives who require care and direction (physical, mental and pastoral);
- Living with a family member or relative dealing with chronic illness;
- Families coping with individuals with special needs;
- Dealing with a family member or friend living with mental illness;
- Parents, grandparents and siblings who are living with addiction;
- Adolescents facing the challenges of growing up in a rapidly changing society;
- Meaningful *hessed* opportunities that engage and train members to connect, help and support each other;
- Addressing the challenges faced by interfaith families and meaningful engagement for their children.

To create and sustain the synagogue of the future takes dedication and active participation by our members, all of you who have a share in the future. How we respond to each other and lift each other in times of joy and times of sadness depends on all of us. The volunteer leadership of our Synagogue together with the team of professionals are partners with all of us in ensuring that this is a caring community and a special gift to be shared by everyone today and tomorrow.

A
CELEBRATE
A'DAFY
TRIBUTE EVENT



IN
CONVERSATION
WITH

JUSTICE ROSALIE SILBERMAN ABELLA AND JUSTICE DORIT BEINISCH



Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 AM

As Rav Baruch concludes 26 years of service, Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada and Justice Dorit Beinisch, retired President of the Israeli Supreme Court, have agreed to participate in a dialogue about the role of judges in the preservation of democracy. They will consider the question of the boundaries of “religious accommodation” in a democracy that seeks to sustain a commitment to human rights. These are subjects of great interest to Canadians as well as to Israelis.

Reservation information coming soon.



Illuminations: An Artist's Perspective on the Haftarah

BY LAYA CRUST

A new exhibit at the Beth Tzedec Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum opening **Wednesday, May 15, 2019.**

Jewish Optimism: Musings of a Millennial Member

Member Danny Richmond shares his thoughts on re-engaging our community as a 'house of justice'.

RATHER THAN RANT ABOUT THE FRUSTRATIONS OF A BEING a millennial member of Beth Tzedec without someone remarking that it's nice to see 'the young folk' in shul, let's rededicate ourselves to an optimistic worldview.

In Michelle Obama's new memoir, *Becoming*, she states, "I continue, too, to keep myself connected to a force that's larger and more potent than any one election, or leader, or news story—and that's optimism. For me, this is a form of faith, an antidote to fear."

But what does Jewish optimism look like? A joke is often told in shul; a Jewish optimist and a Jewish pessimist were sitting around talking. The Jewish pessimist turns to the Jewish optimist and says, "Oy, things can't get any worse for our people." The Jewish optimist turns to the Jewish pessimist, smiles and says: "Sure they can!" While the punchline has its appeal, I respectfully disagree.

Jewish optimism is rooted in our sages who opened their tents, looked beyond the Nile and slavery in search of a better nation, and lit candles in darkened cellars, creating a circular calendar of traditions as if to say there is more for us to glean here... We can improve. Indeed, Jewish optimism can be found in the words of another hero of mine, Anne Frank, as she wrote in her diary, "It's a wonder I haven't abandoned all my ideals, they seem so absurd and impractical. Yet I cling to them because I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are truly good at heart."

In our Congregation, too often I hear and experience the first form of Jewish life epitomized in the joke above; a Judaism framed by BDS, anti-Semitism and the Shoah. This isn't just true of our synagogue but of Jewish life in Toronto as well. One of my 'fun' activities is to open the *CJN* and count the number of articles describing the numerous ways we are under threat (not to mention the cost of Jewish education). I am not proposing that the threat of anti-Semitism is not real or that the lessons and memory of the Shoah should not be honoured. However, I am submitting that our Congregation should be the space that confronts the darkness of the world with a radical light.

Where do we start? Firstly, I believe we should re-engage with our namesake, Beth Tzedec, a house of justice. Justice relies on optimism as much as fire relies on air. Justice can take the form of practicing empathy, putting compassion into action, building bridges with others and confronting systems of oppression.

Let us combat anti-Semitism by building bridges on a regular basis with other faith communities and oppressed communities, as Rabbi Frydman-Kohl has done with other

religious leaders. Let us honour the lessons of the Shoah by protecting the vulnerable as we have with our Syrian refugee sponsorship or Out of the Cold. Let us follow Israel's model of engaging in arguments for heaven's sake while having real intergenerational discussions about the place of Israel in our lives and the tension many young Jews feel about an unconditional support for Israel.

One of my proudest moments of membership was our recent *Social Justice Shabbat* honouring trans activism and inclusion where marginalized voices were promoted to the *bimah* and we intentionally created a welcoming space—a *bayit* of *tzedec*. Much more to do, but a beautiful start.

I note these examples because they are excellent places to start. What would it look like if our *CJN* and shul calendars were filled with pages concerned about justice and driven by optimism? What would our Congregation and Jewish community look like if we put the same level of energy, scholarship, funding and creativity into pursuing universal justice as we do into confronting BDS or Hasbara? If we showed up for the Pride Parade or March for Fair Wages in the same way we do for the Walk with Israel? I dare say, you might see more of 'the young folk' there.

Often when posing this argument of breaking our Jewish bubble and pursuing a Judaism informed by optimism and justice, I've heard the Hillel-inspired response of, if we are not for ourselves, who will be for us? Fortunately, Hillel himself followed with a caveat: but if we are only for ourselves, who are we? Have we found the right balance? I submit that we could do better.

Sometimes in our community there is an unintentional infantilizing of Anne Frank as well as of young people's idealism. We look at Anne's quotation about her belief in humanity and write it off as the musings of a young girl or repeat the trope of, "If you're still a socialist at 40 ...". However, Anne Frank was a young woman who knew very much about the hate outside her window and her optimistic words were, in my belief, a deeply Jewish and profound affirmation of hope and justice.

So too, in the acknowledgment that there is hate and injustice in the world, let us re-engage our community in the optimistic work of repairing it and pursuing justice.

—Danny Richmond,
Beth Tzedec Member

Kids Programs

For Grades 1 to 5



The World and Me: A Tu B'Shevat Activity

Sunday, January 20
from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

"Jewish roots on Canadian soil!" Join us for a special program with Shoresch while connecting to the land and Jewish tradition. Together, we will explore many fun and meaningful opportunities to be responsible for our natural world. No charge, but RSVPs requested by **Tuesday, January 15**.

BT and the Amazing Indoor Playground

Sunday, February 10
from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Join us for a trip to Active Kids' Zone for unique crafts—wax hand, bazooka ball and many amusing games. Be ready for non-stop giggling fun. Cost: \$10 for Beth Tzedec members; \$15 non-members (return transportation by bus included). RSVPs required by **Monday, February 4**.

Chocolate Seder

Sunday, April 14
from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Come to our special chocolate seder for a fun and tasty afternoon while learning about the connection between Jewish history and the seder night. Cost: \$5 for Beth Tzedec members; \$10 non-members. RSVPs requested by **Monday, April 8**.

BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD'S Torah Fund Tribute Cards

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



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

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

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

BETH TZEDEC
בית צדק SISTERHOOD

Weekly Games Afternoons

Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Join us every Thursday for a social activity program of Mahjong, Bridge and Canasta. All games are for beginners and seasoned veterans alike.

Cost: \$2 supporting *hesed* initiatives.



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

Building a Legacy of Torah

AS WE THINK ABOUT OUR FUTURE, should we not wonder what our legacy will be? Will we leave the world in a better place than we found it? Will we give the next generation the tools to handle inevitable change? Will we provide the next generation good values to live by? Will we cultivate truly fine Jewish leaders? Will we build institutions that deepen the authentic Jewish experience of our people? The *Torah Fund Campaign* of Women's League of Conservative Judaism directly targets each of these issues.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) is the umbrella organization of all Conservative Sisterhoods in North America, and Beth Tzedec Sisterhood has been a member since 1922, even before the amalgamation of Goel Tzedec and Beth Hamidrash Hagadol synagogues. Women's Leagues' dedicated *tzedakah* is the *Torah Fund*. Monies raised by its annual campaign provide support to Conservative/Masorti students and the five institutions where they study—Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York; Ziegler School of Jewish Studies in Los Angeles; Schechter Institutes in Jerusalem; Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany.

By giving to *Torah Fund*, we leave a legacy that will allow the seminaries to continue to educate rabbis who offer wisdom and leadership; *hazzanim*

who enhance the beauty of our prayers; educators who transmit the richness of our heritage to our children and grandchildren; professors of Jewish studies at our children's universities; professionals with deep Jewish knowledge who serve the community; and lay leaders who are informed, educated and committed Jews.

When JTS in New York, Ziegler on the West coast and even the Seminario Rabinico in Argentina educate clergy who serve in North America, they can have a profound effect on the direction of their synagogue communities, on local Jewish agencies on whose boards they sit; they can affect battles against local expressions of anti-Semitism or anti-Zionism. More positively, they can have a great impact on day schools, congregational schools, hospitals, nursing homes—indeed every door through which they walk can be an opening to a positive impact in their community.

You may not know that a substantial minority of alumni across our seminaries do not enter the pulpit at all. Some serve as educators in universities, day schools, summer camps or as Hillel directors. In these roles, their impact on thousands of young people's lives is incalculable. What a great use of your legacy to support the person that so many people turn to, when wisdom and strength are needed in a crisis or when wisdom and sound advice are needed in good times.

Another essential skill being taught

in our seminaries is through their Clinical Pastoral Education Program. Rabbis and cantors used to be required to take 40 hours but this has now been increased to 400 hours of CPE, where they learn how to speak with those who are ill or suffering or facing death, and to speak with their loved ones.

What a legacy it would be to have your *Torah Fund* donations support the education of a rabbi or *hazzan* who can provide the spiritual support needed in so many of life's challenges.

The *Torah Fund* mission is to give every person the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Jewish education through active giving in support of our seminaries. Your contribution, at whatever level you choose, makes an impact. Those who contribute at the 'Benefactor level' (\$180 or above) will receive the 5779 *Torah Fund* pin as a gift.

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood is always interested in welcoming Sisterhood members to our monthly meetings and our Board. For more information, leave a message for us with the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.



Torah Pin 5779

**Thank
You!**

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Supports Adult Programming

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood is pleased to continue their ongoing support of adult education and programming initiatives, and at a recent Sisterhood Board meeting, confirmed their contribution of \$2,700 towards the Synagogue's adult programming.

GRADES 5 TO 12 (KADIMA and BTUSY)

SATURDAY NIGHT @ SHUL

Tu B'Shevat Movie Night

Saturday, January 12
from 7:00 to 9:30 PM

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat as we watch the inspiring movie "The Lorax" and make take-home salad starter kits. RSVPs required by **Thursday, January 10.**

Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, February 23
from 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Explore your senses with a teen Havdalah experience before we take over the shul and hunt for mystery items all throughout the building. No charge, but RSVPs requested by **Thursday, February 21.**

BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

Book and Film Club Selections 2018-2019

Wednesday March 27 at 1:30 PM (Lunch at 1:00 PM)

25 per session at the door

(Limited seating available; pre-registration required.)

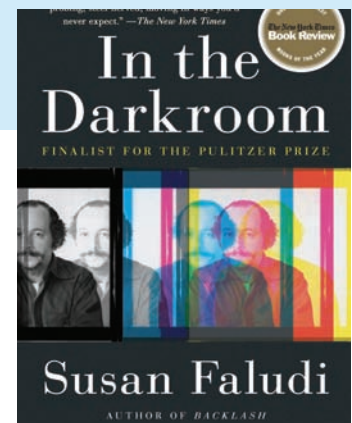
In the Darkroom

Dr. Julia Creet explores Susan Faludi's memoir

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

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY

Four Elms Retirement Residence



To register, please contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org

Out of the Cold Program 2019

Our shelter, which is run jointly with Beth Sholom out of their premises, will run every Tuesday night from January 1 through March 19. We serve dinner to 200 guests and provide sleeping accommodations and breakfast for 60. It is an excellent B'nei Mitzvah project and a wonderful opportunity to participate in *tzedakah* by helping the less fortunate in our community.

Out of the Cold is a completely self-funded initiative and we rely on monetary and product donations from the community at large and from local companies. If you would like to purchase items to donate to our shelter, (such as underwear, thermal underwear, t-shirts, large tins of coffee, art supplies), please leave a message for me at the Synagogue office. Donations will be eligible for a tax receipt for the value of the goods.

We are always in need of gently-used adult clothing—down coats and ski jackets, winter boots, running shoes, sweatpants and sweatshirts, t-shirts and blue jeans—and travel-size toiletries. Donations should be bagged, labeled and dropped off at Beth Sholom weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. You can also support the Out of the Cold program by sending tribute cards from Beth Tzedec with the proceeds dedicated to OOTC.

Out of the Cold Art Show and Sale—Sunday, March 31

Please save Sunday, March 31 for Out of the Cold's annual art exhibit and sale. As in past years, we will showcase the creativity of our guests who work on their paintings each week under the guidance of our talented art instructors. For many of our guests, this event is the highlight of their year. Watch for details soon.

11th Annual Mother's Day Chai Tea—Sunday, May 12

This year's *Mother's Day Chai Tea* will be held on Sunday, May 12 and promises to be an inspiring event in a wonderful, **new** format.

The *Chai Tea* will have a health and wellness, 'mind-body-spirit' vibe with acclaimed chef **Jordan Wagman** sharing his knowledge and expertise by taking us on a journey through his life and Michelin star accomplishment. He will also gift us with a cooking demonstration! The afternoon will feature a lovely menu with healthy options and tea, a game, prizes and music!

The Mother's Day Chai Tea Committee is already hard at work and I have no doubt this will be another fabulous presentation. As co-chair of Out of the Cold, I am grateful that we have been the recipient of the proceeds from this special event since its inception. To date, proceeds total over \$70,000, an incredible contribution to the critical work of the OOTC program.

Thursday Games Afternoons

Games Afternoon is still going strong! Every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, more than 70 adults join us for Mahj and Canasta. We have several people interested in playing Bridge. If you would like to join a game, please contact me through the Synagogue office ahead of time to be sure that there are enough Bridge players on any given Thursday. Feel free to join us for any of the games, regardless of your level of expertise. The cost is just a 'Toonie', which helps to support our various *hesed* programs. Bring your friends. Non-members are always welcome.

Mahjong and Canasta lessons are available during the winter months. For those of you who are snowbirds, you can pre-register for lessons in the Spring. Call the office and leave me a message if you would like more information.

Visiting the Sick and Elderly

Our program of matching volunteers to call or visit those living in seniors' residences or at home is often overlooked but is a most vital lifeline for our elderly or ailing members. The positive impact you can have on someone by taking the time to show that you care is immeasurable. It is a flexible opportunity as you can choose how much time you can offer. If you are interested in volunteering your time for this important initiative, please email Yacov Fruchter at yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org.

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

—Maureen Tanz
Chair, *Hesed* Committee

Call for
Info

Canasta and Mahjong Lessons

Are you interested in learning to play Canasta or Mahj? We are offering a new series of lessons in the winter and spring. For fee information or to register, please contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org

Lake Region Federation News



Bi-Annual Convention July 2019

The big news of the Lake Ontario Regions is bigger than the region. The bi-annual convention of the International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will be in Toronto from July 3 to 7, 2019 at the Toronto Harbour Castle. There will be teaching and learning, *ruah* and

multiple services throughout. The Federation will have its own kosher kitchen in the hotel to accommodate the 500 participants. Highlights will include a tall ship evening cruise to see the fireworks on July 1, a Red Sox game, multiple spouse programs, etc., etc.—you get the idea!

Beth Tzedec's Mens Club will be very involved as will all the synagogues throughout the GTA. Registration opens soon on the FJMC website (www.fjmc-lor.org). Watch for details in Beth Tzedec's weekly eNewsletter.

**SIXTH ANNUAL
BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB
GOLF
CLASSIC**

Thursday, May 23
Lebovic Golf Club
14020 Leslie St., Aurora, Ontario

Chance to win fabulous prizes!
Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 15
Kashrut (dietary laws) observed. Women are welcome!!

\$350 Golfer / \$1,400 Foursome

12:00 PM Registration & Lunch
1:30 PM Shotgun Start
6:30 PM Barbecue Dinner & Awards Reception

Refreshments and snacks available throughout the day.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Call 416-781-3511 to register or learn more

**Scholarship
Reminder**

2019 Men's Club Scholarship Program

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is pleased to sponsor the scholarship program to assist young men and women pursuing programs of higher Jewish education. Applications for 2019 are now available. Submission deadline: **April 12, 2019**. For information or an application, email hershr@rogers.com.

Men's Club Makes a Difference

World Wide Wrap—Super Bowl Sunday, February 3 with Rabbi Steven Wernick

We are pleased to announce Rabbi Steven Wernick, our incoming Senior Rabbi, as guest speaker at this year's World Wide Wrap. WWW is a program of Conservative Men's Clubs in North America to observe the mitzvah of putting on *tefillin*.

Shaharit begins at 8:45 AM. If you require a refresher on donning *tefillin*, Men's Club members and clergy will be available to assist beginning at 8:30 AM. We look forward to welcoming our regular 'Minyanaires', those observing *yahrtzeit*, B'nei Mitzvah students and their parents and all others in our community.

After the service, enjoy an enhanced breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club and a presentation by Rabbi Wernick on **Purim Hide and Seek**.



Supporting Learning Initiatives

Men's Club president Mark Lapedus recently presented Beth Tzedec president Dr. Sheldon Rotman with a cheque for \$2,700 to support ongoing adult education programs and classes.

Your support of our Men's Club provides funds that underwrite many worthwhile projects in our Congregation and the community. If you have not yet registered as a Men's Club supporter, call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

Yom Hashoah Candle Campaign

Adam Rachlin has been named the new coordinator for Beth Tzedec's Yom Hashoah Yellow Candles campaign. The Men's Club delivers more than 2,000 candles to our shul members.



High school students can gain valuable community service hours by volunteering on this project. For information or to volunteer, contact Adam at arachlin@sympatico.ca.

Membership Cards

Membership cards are being mailed to all new members. If you have misplaced, lost or did not receive your card, please contact Larry Rachlin at lrachlin@sympatico.ca.

Photos courtesy of Larry Rachlin

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL WORLD WIDE WRAP

Special Guest: Rabbi Steven Wernick

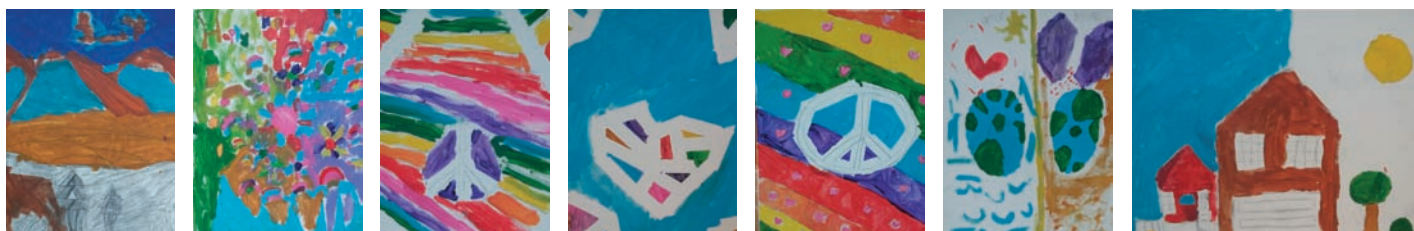
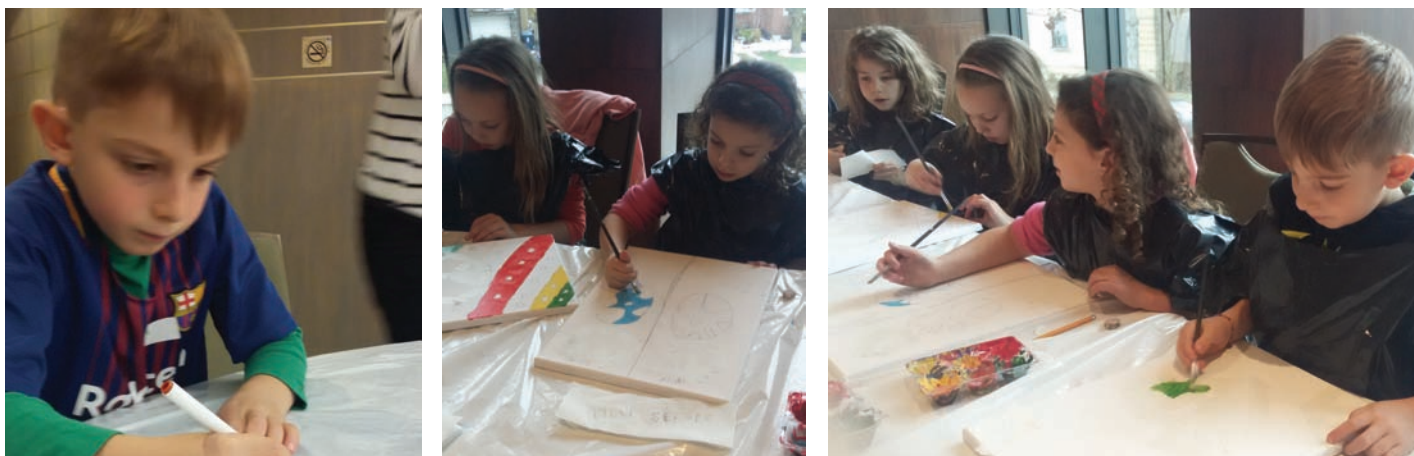


Join with Conservative congregations around the world in the mitzvah of putting on *tefillin*.

Sunday, February 3 (Super Bowl Sunday)

'Wrap' at 8:30 AM; *Shaharit* at 8:45 AM; Breakfast presentation at 10:00 AM

The Men's Club is pleased to welcome Rabbi Steven Wernick, Beth Tzedec's incoming Senior Rabbi, as guest speaker. In what will be one of his very first official appearances as Beth Tzedec's rabbi, he will present *Purim Hide and Seek*. No charge; everyone is welcome. RSVPs requested to 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org by Monday, January 28.



Hesed Project

Kids in grades 1 to 5 have been participating in a series of *Hesed Project* programs, learning about ways they can help the community and the world. They have designed posters illustrating *tzedec* and collected clothing for those in need.



Teddy Bear Havdalah

In November, young families had the chance to join us for the first of three “Teddy Bear Havdalah” programs where participants came dressed in their ‘jammies’ and with teddy bears in tow for a community Havdalah with singing, dinner and fun.



Hanukkah Party

On the seventh night of Hanukkah, after lighting the *hanukkiyah*, families gathered in the Herman Hall for our annual Hanukkah party to join in some fun group karaoke, watch a live fire dancing show and enjoy Hanukkah treats.

Our **Mitzvot Team** (grades 6 to 8) collected contributions to support Save a Child’s Heart, an organization that provides children from developing countries with life-saving cardiac treatment.

PJ Library

Our littlest members have been enjoying a series of programs presented with PJ Library, including a Sukkot-themed morning during the High Holy Days and a program in October in “Abraham’s tent”.

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

Melissa Berg

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

Halle Cohen, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on their anniversary.

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

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Howard and Marlene Black** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Aaron Black**.

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

Rabbi Kara and Kobi Tav, honouring the memory of **Barney Dales**.

Cantor Sidney Ezer Discretionary Fund

An anonymous tribute, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** on the return of the choir.

Brenda Dales, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Errol Gordon and Caroline Bokar, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Daily Minyan Breakfast

Mark and Elaine Atlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gordon Atlin**.

Pamela and Paul Austin and Lorn and Sybil Austin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fannie Cardish**.

Helena and Dr. Jeffrey Axler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mozes Glazer**.

Caroline Bokar and Errol Gordon, honouring their marriage.

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

The Caplan Sisters, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Caplan**.

The Cappe Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Cappe**.

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

Jeremy Cole and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sharon Cole**.

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

The Cummings Family, honouring the birth of their granddaughter and daughter **Arlo Greer Cummings**.

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

Kathryn, Brian and Bobby Feldman, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Reta Newman**.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt, honouring the marriage of their son **Bryan Flatt and Sophie Gottesman**.

The Fox Family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Helen Fox**.

Jane and Jeffrey Gertner, honouring the marriage of **Caroline Bokar and Errol Gordon**.

Fran Giddens and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Giddens**.

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

Sheldon Godfrey and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bert Godfrey**.

Eudice Goldberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Tillie Goldberg**.

Jerold and Lillian Grammer, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sarah and Milton Grammer**.

The Greengarten Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norman Potechin**.

Bernie and Elise Gropper and Gary and Linda Goldberg, honouring the marriage of their children **Alix Gropper and Adam Goldberg**.

Harvey Worth and Arlene Gracjer, honouring the marriage of **Marla Rosenblatt-Worth and Philip Kuperhause**.

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

Ydessa Hendeles, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Zweigel**.

Sheldon and Elaine Hildebrand, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Rae and David Hildebrand**.

Ruth Isaac, honouring the memory of **Fred Isaac**.

Gloria Jacobs and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Dorothy Freedman**.

Harvey and Carole Kerbel, honouring the marriage of their grandson **Corey Shankman and Dalia Haimen**.

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

Alan and Ellen Levine and Alex and Patty Guttman, honouring the birth of their granddaughter **Noa Levine**.

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

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

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

Florence Magram, honouring the marriage of her grandson **Bryan Flatt and Sophie Gottesman**.

Anne Margles, Donna Margles and Alane Berdowski, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Lloyd Margles**.

The Marr Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerald Marr**.

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

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

Henia Muller and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Meir Amburksi**.

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

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

Ian and Marlene Rattner, honouring the marriage of their son **Mitchell Rattner and Samantha Seaton**.

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

Marlene, Ian, Mitchell and Samantha Rattner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ada Starkman**.

The Rose Family and Karen Solomon, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Barrie Rose**.

Shelley Rosenblatt, honouring the marriage of **Marla Rosenblatt-Worth and Philip Kuperhause**.

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

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

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

Eric Sobel, honouring his birthday.

Rose Sobel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **George Sobel**.

Bob Starkman, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of his son **Mark Starkman**.

The Strauss Brothers, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **John Strauss**.

Gail and Stuart Teperman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marvin Mandell**.

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

Cynthia and John Warren, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Harley Malamed**.

Daniel and Ronit Wilk, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Adam Wilk**.

The Yale and Teichman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernard Yale**.

Daily Minyan Fund

Rosalee and Seymour Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Kate Lee Moss**.

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

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

General Fund

An anonymous tribute, honouring the staff of **Beth Tzedec**.

Jeffrey Axler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lionel Axler**.

Enid Berg, honouring **Irving and Wendy Gold** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Max**.

Enid Berg, honouring **Melvin and Sandra Brown** on the B'nei Mitzvah of the twins.

Faye Firestone, honouring **Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Norman and Sharon Bacal** on the birth of their grandson.

Morice and Cynthia Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Reuven Glick**.

Albert and Sabina Green, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Irving Green**.

Mariana Grinblat, honouring **Norman and Sharon Bacal** on the birth of their grandson **Simon Frenkl**.

Eva Kirsh, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerald Gerry Gringorten**.

Mildred Kriezman, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Rose Glazier, Sol Glazier and Max Bernard Kriezman**.

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

Susan and Norman Mogil, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Asher Leranbaum**.

John and Molly Pollock, acknowledging **Brenda Dales and family** in memory of **Barney Dales**.

Col. Meir and Devorah Rottem, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Tova Rotter**.

Arthur Rubinoff, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Annie Rubinoff and Frances Weintrop**.

Dr. Irv and Isabel Siegel, honouring **Henry Wolfond** on his 60th birthday.

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

Hesed Fund

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging the **Sigel Family** in memory of **J. Michael Sigel**.

Judith and Aubrey Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pearl Freedhoff**.

Marsha Joseph, honouring **Bernice Stern** on her birthday.

Noah Karlin and family, honouring **Melvin and Ruth Steinhart** on their 60th anniversary.

Ian and Marlene Rattner, Mitchell and Sam Rattner, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on receiving his LLM in Mediation/Dispute Resolution.

Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth, acknowledging **Carolyn Pascoe** in memory of **Barney Dales**.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Wendy and Irving Gold** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Max**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Liddy Beck and Cathy Beck** in memory of **Mary Beck**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Mark and Judy Libman** in memory of **Joyce Fienberg**.

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

Melvin and Ruth Steinhart, honouring **David Promislow** on his birthday.

Melvin and Ruth Steinhart and family, acknowledging the family of the late **Jean Weiss**.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, acknowledging **Peter and Lesly Weinstein** in memory of **Owen Weinstein**.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

Evelyn Cooper, acknowledging the **Alter Family** in memory of **Simone Alter**.

Evelyn Cooper, acknowledging **Meryl Kravitz and family** in memory of **Marty Kravitz**.

David and Carol Grossman and family, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on his retirement.

Hon. Jack and Sandi Grossman, acknowledging the **Ruskin Family** in memory of **Rita Ruskin**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on his retirement.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal and family, acknowledging **Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Ruskin** in memory of **Rita Ruskin**.

Israel Sydney & Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund

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

Ronald, Johanna, Alissa, Jacob and Julia Schwartz, acknowledging **Caryl Schwartz** in memory of **Myrna Hanet**.

Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

Joseph and Helen Casse, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Flory and Bob Cohen, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Faye Firestone, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

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Stephen Tanny and Sharon Weinstein, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **Jackie and Norman Kahn** on the birth of their new grandson.

Kaddish Fund

Linda Reitapple, honouring the memory of **Esther Reitapple**.

Kosher Food Bank

Frances Ackerman, honouring **Dr. Josh and Estelle Grader**.

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

Donald Carr and Judy Feld Carr, acknowledging **Brenda Dales and family** in memory of **Barney Dales**.

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

Florence Glickman and Bobby Yudin, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on his retirement.

Linda and Gary Goldberg, acknowledging **Eli Cooperberg and family** in memory of **Janet Cooperberg**.

Linda and Gary Goldberg and family, honouring **Lony and Ruth Gropper** on their 60th anniversary.

Gloria Houser, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sarah Pearlstein**.

Ava Kanner-Tobias and Norman Tobias, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Doris Kanner**.

Ava Kanner-Tobias and Norman Tobias, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Kanner**.

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

Newton and Claire Markus, acknowledging **Sandra Walfish** in memory of **Dr. Paul Walfish**.

Newton and Claire Markus, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Dr. Raymond Markus, Lewis Markus and Dr. Joel Markus**.

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

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

The Rose Family and Karen Solomon, honouring **Rabbi Moshe Meirovich**.

Pearl Schwartz, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Thomas Schwartz**.

Joseph Tanenbaum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Tanenbaum**.

Terry and Nadine Walman and family, acknowledging the **Ruskin Family** in memory of **Rita Ruskin**.

Terry and Nadine Walman and family, honouring **Adam Goldberg and Alix Gropper** on their marriage.

Terry and Nadine Walman and family, honouring **Gary and Linda Goldberg** on the birth of their new grandson.

Terry and Nadine Walman and family, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** on the birth of their grandchild.

Teddy and Bari Zittell and family, honouring **Cindy and Michael Opler** on the marriage of their daughter **Bethany**.

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

Little Minyan Fund

Ilene and Stephen Flatt, acknowledging **Peter and Lesly Weinstein** in memory of **Owen Weinstein**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, acknowledging **Jonina Kwinter** in memory of **Abraham (Alec) Greenspan**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Carolyn and Eliot Kolers** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Dylan Kolers**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Ilene and Stephen Flatt** on the marriage of their son **Bryan Flatt and Sophie Gottesman**.

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

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Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the marriage of their daughter **Sara Kahn and Asaf Hanegby**.

Rafael and Niva Heymann, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Nelly Brander, Leon Brander and Bethold Heymann**.

Lorne Hanick Website Development Fund

An anonymous tribute, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Brenda Orser, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mary Orser**.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Steven Kelman** in recognition of Yom Kippur.

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

Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library Fund

David and Shirley Promislow, honouring **Melvin and Ruth Steinhart** on their 60th anniversary.

Men's Club Scholarships

Arthur and Carole Andrews, honouring **Jerold and Lillian Grammer** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Nathaniel Grammer**.

Elaine Marcus and the Axmith family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Stanley Axmith**.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Marion and Tony Alberga, acknowledging **Max Kerzner** in memory of **Ann Zaretsky**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the birth of their grandson **Rory Joseph**.

Sally Gallinger, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Gallinger**.

Paul and Sharon Haberman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Haberman**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging the **Reitapple Family** in memory of **Esther Reitapple**.

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

Honey Milstein, honouring **Michael Mason** on his special birthday.

Sybil Milstone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hilda Penny**.

Gary and Patti Pollock, wishing the **Aronowicz Family** a Shanah Tovah.

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

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Arnold Ages** on his 50 years of scholarship and teaching at Beth Tzedec.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging the **Dales Family** in memory of **Barney Dales**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Peter Miller** in memory of his brother.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, honouring **Caroline Bokar and Errol Gordon** on their marriage.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, honouring **Paul Rothstein** on his 80th birthday.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Jack Ditkofsky** in memory of **Samuel Ditkofsky**.

Pearl Schwartz, honouring **Dr. John and Jane Trachtenberg** on the marriage of their son **Franklin Trachtenberg and Sara Lerner**.

Duke Segel and Rose Sobel, acknowledging **Caryl Schwartz** in memory of **Myrna Hanet**.

Duke Segel and Rose Sobel, honouring **Rochelle Reichert and Henry Wolfond and family** on the completion of the Reichert Torah.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Brenda Dales and family** in memory of **Barney Dales**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Mark Libman** in memory of **Joyce Fienberg**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, honouring **Melvin and Ruth Steinhart** on their special anniversary.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Pavel Shvartsman**.

Bernard and Maureen Tanz, honouring **Ilene and Stephen Flatt** on the marriage of their son **Bryan Flatt and Sophie Gottesman**.

Bernard and Maureen Tanz, honouring **Liddy and Steven Gottesman** on the marriage of their daughter **Sophie Gottesman and Bryan Flatt**.

Maureen and Bernie Tanz and family, honouring **Lony and Ruth Gropper** on their 60th anniversary.

Manley and Barbra Walters, acknowledging **Terry Delovitch** in memory of **Ruth Delovitch Chorán**.

Prayer Book (Mahzor) Dedications

Phyllis Adler and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sydney Louis Smordin**.

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

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

Allan Goldstein and Michelle Glied-Goldstein and family, honouring the memory of **Bill Glied**.

Allan Goldstein and Michelle Glied-Goldstein and family, honouring the memory of **Herb Goldstein**.

Allan Goldstein and Michelle Glied-Goldstein and family, honouring the memory of **Jordan Goldstein**.

Miriam Kerzner and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Greenstone**.

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

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

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

Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications—Daily or Shabbat

Mark and Elaine Atlin and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Gordon Atlin**.

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

The Bluestein Family, honouring the memories of **Jack and Hilda Bluestein**.

The Brockman Family, honouring **Sophie Brockman** on her birthday.

Dr. Melvin and Sandra Brown, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on his 25th anniversary as senior rabbi of Beth Tzedec.

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

Taffy and Bill Cass, Susan Berger and Michael Frilegh and families, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Muriel Berger**.

Terry and Reggie Delovitch, honouring **Morley Goldberg**.

Stanley and Genia Elkind, wishing **Jennie (Jennifer) Lewis Snider** a *refuah sheleimah*.

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

Gloria Houser, honouring **Dr. Melvin and Ruth Steinhart** on their 60th anniversary.

Miriam Kerzner and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Greenstone**.

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

Judy Siblin Librach, Dr. Clifford Librach and Max and Lily Librach, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Herbert E. Siblin**.

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

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

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

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

Pauline Menkes, honouring **Irwin and Gail Prince** on the birth of their grandson **Jasper**.

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

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

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

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

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

Karen and Ralph Rabinowicz, honouring **Jake Lapedus** on his graduation.

Irene Reingold, honouring **Merrill Weisfeld** on her 90th birthday.



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Susan and John Rose, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mary Swadron**.

Stephen Rothstein, honouring the memories of **Sylvia and Isadore Rothstein**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norem Litvak**.

Sylvia Singer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernard Kott**.

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

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

Martha Sud and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lillian Rose**.

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood, acknowledging Faigie Weinstock in memory of **Manya (Miriam) Wise**.

Dorothy Tessis and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Tessis**.

Dr. Harold Weizel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eleanor Weizel**.

Victims of Terror Fund

Lou and Magda Hoffer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Garry Hoffer**.

Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Abraham and Susan Born and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Alex and Patty Guttman and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Andrea and Perry Rush and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Arnie and Barb Rabin and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Betty Palter and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Cathy Surdin and Lawrence Schiff and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Charlie Wagman and Fran Sherkin and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **David and Eva Hoffman and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Elaine and Joel Abrams and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Elaine Spears and Sheldon Goldberg and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Eric and Fraida Lakien and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Gary and Gail Brown and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Howard and Elaine Risen and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Howard and Sheila Einstoss and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing the **Hon. Jack and Sandi Grossman and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Morris and Heather Tushinski and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Oron and Janis Sternhill and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Ralph and Enid Orvitz and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Robbie and Katy Krofchick and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Sharon and Alan Lerman and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, wishing **Steven Spears and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Young Emmisaries Fund

Robert, Alex and Stephanie, Sean Milne, honouring **Jeffrey Milne** on his 60th birthday.

Young Professionals Fund

An anonymous tribute, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

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

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

Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger

Stan and Jessie Goldstein, honouring **Pearl and David Elman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Carly**.

The Peikes Family, honouring the birth of their daughter **Shelby Peikes**.



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Ruth Delovitch Choran	Michael Lepofsky
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Marilyn Herman	Renee Scoler
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Harvey Jacobs	Roslyn Sterling
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"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:

Lou Beverstein	Bertha Savlov
Harold Gladstone	Willam Savlov
Shirley Gladstone	Ann Sugarman
Helen Lefkowitz	Miriam (Manya) Wise
Phyllis Pearl Rosenblatt	

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 the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@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.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund

The Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund has been established to honour the legacy of Rav Baruch. The income from the fund will power the programs and services of our new Centre for Spiritual Well-Being.

An anonymous tribute, honouring **Rabbi Jennifer Gorman** and **Rabbi Moshe Meirovich**.

Debbie and Mark Bank and family, honouring **Cecile Zaifman** on her 60th birthday.

Cindy Buim and Tim Lipton and family, honouring **Alan Wohl** on his 70th birthday.

Flory and Bob Cohen, honouring **Carolyn Kolers** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Jeffrey and Terry Cummings, honouring **Carolyn Kolers** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Jeffrey and Terry Cummings, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Stanley and Genia Elkind, wishing **Lorne Lebow** a *refuah sheleimah* and Shanah Tovah.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, honouring **Oscar Zimmerman** and **Anna Day** on the birth of their grandson.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, acknowledging **Brenda Dales** and family in memory of **Barney Dales**.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring **Carolyn Kolers** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring **Paul Rothstein** on his 80th birthday.

Errol Gordon and Caroline Bokar, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** for officiating at their wedding.

Barbara and Irving Green, honouring **Carolyn Kolers** on being named *Kallat Torah*.

Barbara and Irving Green, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Lony and Ruth Gropper, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Mary Ellen Herman and Phil Markel, honouring **Norman Kahn** on being named *Hattan Bereisheet*.

Mary Ellen Herman and Phil Markel, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their new grandson.

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Susan Laufer and Barry Greenberg,

acknowledging the family of the late **Dr. Saul Rubin**.

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

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging **Brenda Dales** and family in memory of **Barney Dales**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, honouring **Howard and Marlene Black** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Aaron Black**.

Deenna Sigel, honouring **Marty and Judy Friedland** on their special anniversary.

Skip and Lynn Sigel, honouring **Marty and Judy Friedland** on their special anniversary.

Jack, Jill, Daniel and Cynthia Spitz and Carly Hill, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Inge Spitz**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on his final year as Senior Rabbi and wishing him a Shanah Tovah.

Elaine and Joseph Steiner, honouring **Melvin and Ruth Steinhart** on their 60th anniversary.

Dorothy Tessis, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on the occasion of her grandson's Bar Mitzvah.



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CELEBRATE R'BFK

*Our Year of Tribute and
Thanks to Rabbi Baruch
Frydman-Kohl*

Mark your calendars for these key **Celebrate R'BFK** events:

Family Purim Carnival
Wednesday, March 20

Purim Seudah:
Rabbis (Trying To) Tell Jokes!
Thursday, March 21

In Conversation: Justice Rosalie
Silberman Abella and Former
Israeli Supreme Court President
Dorit Beinisch
Sunday, March 24

Little Minyan Shabbat
Service and Lunch
Saturday, May 4

BBQ for 20s and 30s
Thursday, May 23

Shabbat Afternoon
Baseball Game
Saturday, May 25

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

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

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

Gala Dinner
Thursday, June 6