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CELEBRATE R'BFK

Exciting events to honour and pay tribute to our Rabbi and spiritual leader who has devoted the past 26 years of his life to Beth Tzedec Congregation.

A Tribute Little Minyan Shabbat Service & Lunch

Shabbat, May 4 beginning at 9:30 AM

Cost: \$18 per person. RSVP by May 1 to Marlene at mlaba@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 234.

BBQ for 20s and 30s

Thursday, May 23

Cost: TBC. RSVP to Marlene at mlaba@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 234.

Shabbat Afternoon Baseball

Shabbat, May 25 at 3:00 PM

No charge. RSVP to Daniel at dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 231.

The baseball game for kids will be held at the baseball diamond in Glen Cedar Park behind Cedarvale School

A Women's Evening of Wine & Friendship honouring Josette Frydman-Kohl

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 PM

Cost: \$54 for Beth Tzedec members; \$65 non-members. RSVP by May 15 to Avital at 416-781-3511.

Tribute Shabbat honouring Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl "The State of World Jewry" with guest scholar Dr. Daniel Gordis

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, May 31 beginning at 6:00 PM

"Diaspora Jewish Life: Challenges and Future" Cost for dinner: \$65 for Beth Tzedec members; \$75 non-members; \$25 children (13 and under). Limited dinner seating. RSVP by May 17 to Avital at 416-781-3511.

Shabbat Service of Tribute and Thanks followed by an Enhanced Community Kiddush

Shabbat, June 1 beginning at 8:45 AM

"Israel: Challenges of the Present and Possibilities for the Future" No charge but RSVPs by May 27 to 416-781-3511 appreciated.

Gala Celebration

Thursday, June 6 beginning at 6:00 PM

Cost: \$400 per person. Tax receipts will be issued for maximum allowable. Limited seating. RSVP by May 24 to Klara at kromm@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 220. (RSVPs for non-members open April 22.)

**Help Beth Tzedec continue the legacy of Rav Baruch by contributing to the Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund.
For information or to make a contribution, contact Klara at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.**

Will This Night Be Different?



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

AT YOUR SEDER, WHAT CHANGES? WHAT REMAINS THE same? We find it valuable to mix things up, to change *haggadot*, offer new explanations or readings, even to change the menu, but the core of the seder remains stable and many of our fun activities are repeated even though the kids are now adults.

For some families, when they ask, “*Mah nishtanah?*” there is *haroset*: sweet additions to those seated around the table; for other families, we feel the *maror* of someone special missing. Pesah might also bring a *maror-haroset* mix: sadness and *simhah*.

In the Torah, God tells us to tell our children. The drama of Exodus is not just a narrative of the past. It is a recurring narrative in our lives: “to tell your children and your children’s children”. An intergenerational experience, with feast, study and song, it is intended to be ritually reenacted each year in an intergenerational context.

Every family has stories. My grandchildren love to hear stories of when their parents were children. They love seeing photos or videos about their own childhood. The seder is a time to retell the stories of our historic and extended Jewish family, of how we became entrapped in Egypt, went from slavery to freedom and transitioned into the expansive Wilderness. Some families have their own stories of Holocaust and redemption, immigration and resettlement. “We tell ourselves stories in order to live,” observed Joan Didion.

At seder, we also retell a saga of courage and change. The Children of Israel and the Egyptians were both fearful of the future. Through Moshe, God pushes those in authority and those without autonomy to consider new possibilities. Moshe doesn’t want to accept the responsibility and Pharaoh is caught inside a narrative of arrogance. His heart was *kaved* (heavy), *kasheh* (hard) and *hazak* (strong). The people of Israel lacked imagination, limited by *kotzer ru’ah*, shortness of spirit. Even after leaving Egypt, they kvetch and complain, nostalgic and fearful, stuck in their self-saga of slavery.

Mona Fishbane, whose reflections inspire my own, comments, “Each year, when I read these texts, I resonate with this fear of the new, the resistance to change in both Pharaoh and the Israelites. As a psychologist, I am in the business of change. But I see in my clients—and in myself

—a deep ambivalence about change. We want to grow and learn, yet we cling to our old, familiar ways.” Fishbane notes the difference between the fixed mindset of Popeye’s “I yam what I yam” and the growth mindset represented by the Name of God, “I shall be what I shall be (*ehyeh asher ehyeh*)” which suggests future change.

But Pesah is not only about “move fast and break things”. Much remains the same from year to year: the housecleaning and removal of *hametz*, the core ritual of the seder, the familiar foods. The familiar is comforting and stabilizing. Knowing which kitchen drawer contains cutlery or where the milk is in the refrigerator enables us to function. Children and adults require habituation (for example, attendance at shul).

In 1949, Canadian neuroscientist Donald Hebb famously stated, “neurons that fire together wire together.” Human habits and neuronal circuits become associated and strengthen each other. Everything we do changes our brains; the more we do something, the greater the likelihood is that we will continue to do it. We are what we do. Our Sages teach “one mitzvah leads to another”. We also have the capacity to change. Neuroplasticity, described by Norman Doidge as “the brain that changes itself”—encouraged by exercise, attention and fresh learning—can continue throughout life.

A slave mentality changes slowly, so the people of Israel will require many years to acquire the freedom and responsibility to enter the Land of Promise. Mitzrayim, the Hebrew word for Egypt, is not only a geographic location. It alludes to our spiritual straits, “*min hameytzar*—from the constricted, constraining place I called to you”. It is a mitzvah to tell of the *Exodus* “all the days of our life” because the liberation from Mitzrayim—the narrow place of our soul—is sustained, even a daily struggle. Paradoxically, to inculcate change, we must develop the “habits of the heart” that foster such development. Maimonides emphasized the importance of training ourselves to be less impatient, angry, or anxious, so as to become more patient, forgiving and calm.

Canada and Israel, the United States and Britain, are in the midst of significant change. We pray for good outcomes that nurture and encourage dignity and democracy, the rule of law and love of the stranger. These

were some of the recent discussion topics when Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada was in conversation with former Chief Justice Dorit Beinisch of the Supreme Court of Israel.

Conservative Judaism famously seeks to balance between “tradition and change”, what to conserve from the past and how to change for the future. Our Congregation is in the midst of a generational change of leadership, as I move on to mediation and peacebuilding and Rabbi Steven Wernick becomes the new senior rabbi. He and you will have to find the proper balance between what has been Beth Tzedec and what it will become. The seder table is a good time to think about these large issues.

Pesach is also a time to reflect on our own Egypt (Mitzrayim), the *meitzarim*, narrow places, that close us off to others. What possibilities exist to enable us to cross our personal Red Sea and to wander in the Wilderness on the way to a Land of Promise. A former guest teacher of ours, Aviva Gottlieb Zornberg, calls her study of Numbers, Bewilderments. The people are betwixt and between, incorporating the trauma of slavery, the miracles of *Exodus*, and the revelation at Sinai while attempting to find a new voice to navigate the Wilderness.

God may have understood how hard it is to construct a new narrative. Our habitual and regular reminders—*mezuzah*, *tzitzit*, *tefillin*, as well as Shabbat and Pesach—encourage us to relearn the lessons of the Exodus. Shabbat kiddush and the repetitive ritual drama of the Seder structure our spiritual life toward the possibility of personal promise. Balancing retention of the past and openness to the new is a task of faith, politics and psychology that we face in our personal and public lives.

I hope and pray that each of us will have the courage to be open-hearted rather than hard-hearted, supportive of those going through their Exodus changes, willing to go beyond the restraints of our own narrow straits and prepared for the bewilderments and blessings of the unexpected. This is an enduring and ongoing effort, repeated throughout our lives, renewed each year, and celebrated in freedom during our seder.

This year, when you Celebrate • Honour • Commemorate Choose ‘Treasures of Beth Tzedec’ Tribute Cards



Our ‘Treasures of Beth Tzedec’ series, by local photographer Darren Levant, beautifully captures signature architectural details, noteworthy art and precious artifacts—timeless treasures of our Congregation. The Tribute cards featuring general, lifestyle and holiday themes, with space to add your own personal message, are available as a set of 6, or as individual cards sent from the Synagogue office.

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

All ‘Tribute card’ contributions are fully tax receiptable. For information or to purchase, contact Avital Narvey at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

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A Modern Conservative Path



What does it look like to be a Conservative Synagogue in this modern world?

AS I APPROACH THE END OF MY TERM AS PRESIDENT, I'D LIKE to pose the following question, "What does it look like to be a Conservative Synagogue in this modern world?"

Last month, I had the pleasure of travelling to Washington, DC to visit Adas Israel Congregation along with some Beth Tzedec board members, clergy and staff. As we turned on to Quebec St. (an appropriate name for Canadian visitors) I stared at a five story wall that was constructed in the early '50s. As with our own congregation, this was a time when Conservative Jews of the diaspora built architectural masterpieces to make the statement, "We are here to stay".

Today's world comes with great challenges for us. I speak of intermarriage, assimilation, declining synagogue affiliation and young people with a different set of expectations of Judaism and their engagement with it. The latest Pew study indicates soaring intermarriage rates at almost 60 percent. But from crisis comes opportunities.

As I walked through the doors of Adas Israel, I saw this challenge being dealt with head on. If I had to use one word to depict their plan of attack, it is "engagement". Adas Israel has chosen to be an inclusive, welcoming community for all who wish to benefit from the gifts Judaism has to offer. They are addressing issues of spiritual well-being, relevant and meaningful prayer and Torah learning, education for all ages and stages, life cycle events, support systems and paths to conversion. And they are finding success—the synagogue is full on a daily basis, especially Shabbat, with people of all ages. They come to learn, to pray, to gather, to be together. Adas is engaging their community in new and exciting ways. And that has led to significant growth in membership and giving—annual, endowment and capital. It was exciting to see

because this is the same approach and dialogue we are now having at Beth Tzedec.

One thing that caught my eye was the transformation of their main sanctuary from one with a rabbi and cantor two stories above the floor to a warm environment with easy access to the *bimah*. When I asked their executive director if the founding families were disappointed with the changes, the response was no. Indeed, one of their founding families contributed \$5 million to make the changes happen.

We too are in the process of transformation and change built on the legacy of Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl. Rabbi Steven Wernick, has joined us and will become our next senior rabbi effective August 1. We are taking the first steps to create the Beth Tzedec Centre for Spiritual Well-Being to provide support systems for members and non-members of all ages. And we continue our search for an associate rabbi and second cantor who will work alongside Rabbi Wernick.

Throughout my terms as shul Board chair and president, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl was the person who provided me the benefit of his wisdom, vision and insights. His was a face with a smile and words of thoughtful instruction. I could have not served as president nor could our congregation have progressed without his leadership and support.

The Tribute Committee has developing a wide range of programs so that everyone can find a comfortable and affordable way to celebrate Rav Baruch's contribution to our shul. Please join us.

In times of challenge come opportunities. The year ahead is a time of new beginnings. The Board of Directors and I invite you to make Beth Tzedec a place of Jewish engagement for you, your family and your friends.

Hag Sameah Pesah.

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: **Tuesdays, April 9 and May 21** at 7:30 PM*

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

Annual Meeting

All members are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting on **Thursday, May 30** at 7:30 PM.

KADIMA and BTUSY

TEEN PROGRAMS

Grades 5 to 12



CHOCOLATE SEDER

Sunday, April 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

It's almost Pesach time! Come and enjoy your favourite chocolate snacks before the seders begin. No charge, but RSVPs requested by **Tuesday, April 9.**



SHAVUOT ICE CREAM PARTY

Monday, June 10 at 11:15 AM

I scream, you scream we all scream for ICE CREAM!! Hang out with all your BTUSY and Kadima friends as we close off the year with a Shavout ice cream party and games afternoon! No charge, but RSVPs requested by **Tuesday, June 4.**



BTUSY CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Sunday, June 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Looking for a way to get more involved in BTUSY? Join our chapter executive and help us plan programs for the upcoming year. For more information about becoming a part of the BTUSY Board, contact Jessie Greenspan.



For information or to RSVP for our Kadima and BTUSY programs, contact Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or jgreenspan@beth-tzedec.org.



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

Mazal Tov to *our* B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR
BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



April 11

Jacob Greenspan
son of Jason &
Sarah Greenspan

אברם משה בן יצחק ראובן
ושרה אילנה



May 5

Julia Pearl Schwartz
daughter of Ronny Schwartz &
Johanna Lewinski-Schwartz

דליה פנינה בת גרשון וחנה



May 16

Ruby Faith Rittenberg
daughter of Brian &
Lindsay Rittenberg

רחל תקוה בת ברוך ולאה



May 30

Eli Kerbel
son of Zachary Kerbel &
Rebecca Herman

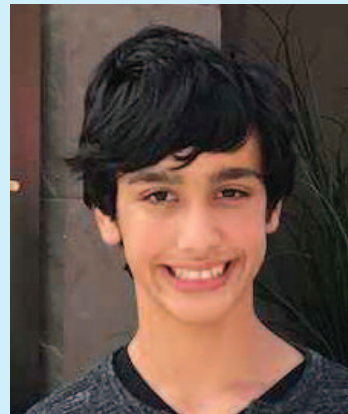
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June 6

Mielle Kadosh Redinger,
daughter of Mark Redinger &
Ravit Kadosh

מיאל בת משה הלוי ורבבית



June 15

Josh Stein
son of Richard &
Cindy Stein

יהושע בן יצחק הכהן ושרה

The Passover Project

Inspired and Engaging Ideas for an Original Seder



Sunday, April 7 beginning at 1:00 PM

1:00 PM

The History and Mystery of the Haggadah

The meaning of the Hebrew word *Haggadah* is narration or telling. Join **Rouhama Danto** as she tells the story of the *haggadah* illustrated by slides.

Decorate your Own Matzah Cover

Join **Dorion Liebgott**, curator of the Beth Tzedec Museum, for a special hands-on activity to make your own matzah cover. All ages welcome.

Pre-Passover Inspired Seder Table Displays

Part the sea, have snacks and play with your *seder* table! Explore different ways to make your *seder* table engaging for kids of all ages (even the adult sized kids), with **Jessie Greenspan**.

The 4, I mean 3, I mean 1 question?!

Journey through the development of the 4 Questions

Gather material for interesting discussions at your *seder*, with **Rabbi Steve Wernick**, focussed on the 4 questions.

2:00 PM

4 Questions About the Seder

What was the original *seder* order? Does the Pesach meal need a particular *seder*? Should the order of the *seder* be changed? What *seder* would you want for your *seder*? Explore these 4 questions and more with **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**

It's NOT the "Same Old Song"

Cantor Sidney Ezer and members of the Beth Tzedec Shir Hadash Ensemble present diverse Ashkenazi and Sephardic *seder* melodies from across the globe to bring to your table. You will have the opportunity to learn and sing along.

Haroset Test Kitchen

Everyone has a family recipe for *haroset*, but we all need more! Join **Jessie Greenspan** and learn a new recipe, and then make use of our *haroset* test kitchen to experiment with ingredients (nut free) to develop new recipes for your *seder* table.

No charge; Everyone is welcome.

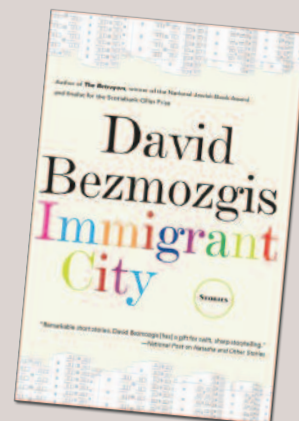
3:00 PM

On the Theme of Exodus: David Bezmozgis Launches Immigrant City: Stories

Join us for an afternoon with **David Bezmozgis**, award-winning writer and filmmaker born in Riga, Latvia and raised in Toronto. David's own experience as a Jewish immigrant in Toronto influences his writing, as you will hear in his most recent collection of stories. As a one-time client of JIAS Toronto and as a member of Beth Tzedec Congregation, it is a natural fit for him partner with these organizations to launch *Immigrant City: Stories*. Reading, book selling and signing, treats and coffee all included!

Register at [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or call 416-781-3511.

Presented in partnership with JIAS Toronto and Beth Tzedec Congregation



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 July through September is May 24.**

Births

Noah Avigdor Benjamin, son of COREY & KATELYN ROMBERG, grandson of SARI & THE LATE EVAN ROMBERG and CARRIE & ISRAEL RAMOS, great-grandson of RENEE TOPPER, born November 13.

Cory Cooper, son of MICHELLE & AARON GOLDWASSER, grandson of CAREN & THE LATE GERRY RUBY and MARGARET & ABIE GOLDWASSER, born November 26.

Lola Rose, daughter of MAX & REBECCA RISEN, granddaughter of STAN & PEGGY RISEN and DAVID & MARILYN KOGON, born January 28.

Weddings

Dr. Jordan Seetner, son of DR. AVRON & AIDA SEETNER, and **Dr. Ashley Katchky**, daughter of DRS. ALLAN & CINDY KATCHKY, who were married March 24.

Ryan Bleiweis, son of MARSHALL & KAREN BLEIWEIS, grandson of JOHN & THE LATE SHEILA ZELDIN and JIM & THE LATE ROSLYN BLEIWEIS, and **Alana Fleischer**, daughter of MANDY & RUSSELL FLEISCHER, granddaughter of JOAN KAPLAN and HAIM & SHIRLEY FLEISCHER, who will be married April 14.

Congratulations to

Samuel & Renata Galperin, who celebrated their 65th anniversary on January 3.

Helen Glazer, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 8.

Ari Grossman, who has been appointed Chef de Mission of Canada's team for the International University Sports Federation 30th Summer Universiade in Napoli, Italy.

Esther Hussman, who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 12.

Tilly Oslender, who celebrated her 112th birthday on March 24.

Lindsay Snow, daughter of DR. HOWARD & EMILY SNOW, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at University of Toronto and was certified as a Registered Nurse from the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Mandy Usprech, daughter of TRISH & THE LATE BARRY USPRECH, and **Zack Silverberg**, son of ROBIN & STEVEN SILVERBERG, grandson of HONEY & THE LATE IRVING MILSTEIN, on their engagement.

Many Thanks to

Edwin & Janet Durbin and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on December 29 to honour the 40th anniversary of Edwin & Janet Durbin.

Gail & Rolly Salem, Shelley Rosenblatt and family and Harvey Worth & Arlene Grajcer, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on January 19 to honour the marriage of Lisa Rosenblatt-Worth & Daniel Salem.

Harry Enchin & Susan Friedrich, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 26 to commemorate the *yahrtzeiten* of **Norman Enchin** and **Freda Enchin**.

The Gordon Family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 26 to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of **Robert Gordon**.

The Sitzer and Cepler Families, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on January 26 to honour the birth of their daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter **Sophia Giselle Cepler**.

Dr. Melvin & Ruth Steinhart, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 26 to commemorate the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sam Siegel** and **Harry Steinhart**.

Alice & Charles Roy, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 23 to honour the birth of their daughter **Bianca Rose Roy**.

The Glazer Family, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 6 to honour the 100th birthday of **Helen Glazer**.



Jason & Sarah Greenspan, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 13 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jacob Greenspan**.

Ronny Schwartz & Johanna Lewinski-Schwartz, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 4 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Julia Pearl Schwartz**.

Brian & Lindsay Rittenberg, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 18 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Ruby Faith Rittenberg**.

Zachary Kerbel & Rebecca Herman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 1 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Eli Kerbel**.

Mark Redinger & Ravit Kadosh, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 8 to honour the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Mielle Kadosh Redinger**.

Richard & Cindy Stein, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 15 to honour the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Josh Stein**.

Happy Birthday
**Helen
Glazer!**

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.

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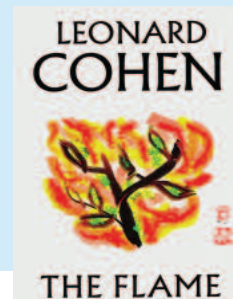
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Book and Film Club Selections 2018-2019

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

\$25 per session at the door



APRIL 10, 1:00 PM

The Flame

Toby Saltzman discusses
Leonard Cohen's final book

A stunning collection of Leonard Cohen's last poems, selected and ordered by the author in the final months of his life. Featuring lyrics, prose pieces and illustrations, the book also contains an extensive selection from his notebooks, offering an unprecedented intimate look inside the life and mind of a singular artist and thinker.

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Four Elms Retirement Residence

MAY 1, 10:30 AM

Call Me by Your Name

Dr. Gillian Helfield critiques Luca
Guadagnino's film

A look at the complications of forbidden love through the story of a precocious Jewish teenager's sexual awakening in the 1980s.

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How Great is this Place?

This is your communal home. Together we shape the future of our Beth Tzedec.



EACH DAY AS WE BEGIN OUR MORNING prayers, we recite the *Ma Tovu*. We enter the synagogue and, like an athlete preparing for their routine, we open our hearts and our *siddurim* and declare, from *Bamidbar* 25:4, Baalam's blessing—"How great are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!" We are here, we are happy and we are raring to go! The *Ma Tovu* reflects moments of awe and wonder at God and our places of prayer.

Awe and wonder surrounds us every day. Beth Tzedec is made up of sacred and *simhah* spaces that are filled with awesome features and intimacy. Awe in the Sanctuary, intimate in the Chapel. Yet in each, there is space for the individual and the Creator to connect. Baalam, who uttered the words "*Ma Tovu*", was a non-Jew. He was struck by our sacred and special places, and he was completely aware that he was standing in a holy, precious and honoured place.

So why is it that sometimes the synagogue is a place for expressing negative thoughts? Ours is a space for inspiring positive thought, motivation, words of comfort and consolation. A place where people bond in acts of social justice and spiritual uplifting. Standing in a room with our Torah scrolls, we are in the presence of the Creator of the universe, open to positive spiritual thoughts with a chance to reflect on a better world and being the best we can be.

I spend more time in synagogue than anywhere else and I strive to be positive and to do great things for the Jewish people. Sometimes, negative talk can be, well, depressing. Sometimes it seems that all the positives

that go on are overshadowed by one negative. It is baffling how people rally around a negative and pull each other down, as if there is a reward for punishment. When I played football, we tackled the opponent, put him down and then we 'piled on'. To see this happen off the field is painful and has a huge impact on others.

Negative thought is not restricted to discourse in the synagogue, but it is damaging. I read recently an article written back in 2015 by Nancy Ellis, *Overcoming Negative Thinking—The #1 Cause of Chronic Depression*.

"Chronic negative thinking", she writes, "that goes on day-after-day creates stress that can damage the body and mind." Bob Leventhal, one of our consultants from USCJ, warns staff and leaders to be accountable and introspective but to suppress the urge to be an auditor or a litigator. It is critical to ask 'what if' questions and recognize weaknesses while seeking to improve. But we must step back from the vortex that can so easily spiral us negatively downwards and hurt both people and our cause.

"Negative thinking," writes Ellis, "is a survival strategy that causes us to look for what is wrong ... but it is a very bad strategy because our thoughts actually create reality. So instead of preventing bad things from happening, we are telling the quantum mind to materialize them."

It says in *Pirkei Avot* 4:2, "mitzvah *goreret* mitzvah"—one good deed leads to another. And I love to say, *hatzlakha goreret hatzlakha*—one success leads us to another. The verse continues, *averah goreret averah*, one negative leads to another. We must resist the temptation to look away

from the positive to the negative. As Ellis says, "Negative thinking makes everything harder and requires that we give more effort to the things we want."

In this time of great transformation and great appreciation for the blessings of friends and family and the food on our tables, let's keep our focus only on the positive. Let's look for the good in one another and especially in ourselves. Let's resist the urge to evaluate destructively and opt to be constructive instead. Let's avoid the ease to 'pile on'.

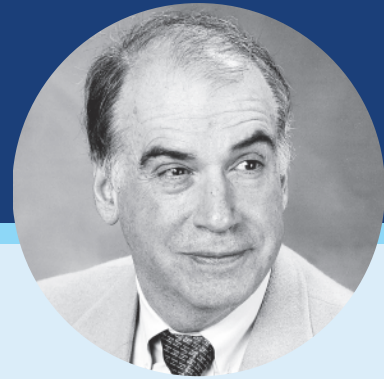
A house of righteousness demands that we be honest but not abusive to ourselves. As we strive for excellence in our programs and in our relationships invariably sometimes things go awry. But these are our programs, this is our house and this is our family. To build it and make it strong takes positive thought and positive action, and it begins with appreciatively expressing ourselves about ourselves and about each other.

As we head into spring and into the time of renewal, let's open our hearts like flowers stretching forward, reaching upwards for enlightenment and seeking out the positive in every situation. Let's open ourselves to reflecting first on our successes, to lead us to future success and revel in our achievements.

Ma tovu ohalekha yaacov—how great is this place, your place, wonderful and awesome—and never a place of fear. This is your communal home, its doors open. Together we shape the future of our Beth Tzedec. And the best is yet to come.

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Breakfast at 9:30 AM; Lecture at 10:30 AM

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A complimentary breakfast with Prof. Berk is offered to members of Men's Club and Sisterhood beginning at 9:30 AM. Those who are not members of Men's Club or Sisterhood can also join the breakfast: cost: \$12. Limited seating; pre-registration required by April 8.

For information or reservations, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or reserve online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login.

The 3 Questions: Why Is This Rabbi Different?



Beth Tzedec member Lori Nemoy and Reb Steve share their introductory exchanges.

Dear Reb Steve,

I'm looking forward to getting to know you as you settle into your new role. I've been a member since birth and have had all my simchas and sorrows here. I have vivid early memories being in services, my parents standing me on the backs of pews to hear the shofar, and braiding the fringes of my father's *tallit*. With these memories, this enormous synagogue has always felt like home to me.

When I moved back to Toronto after university, I re-entered the Beth Tzedec community as an adult through the Syrian Refugee sponsorship group. Almost four years later, I find myself chairing the 20s and 30s Committee, helping to shape a Beth Tzedec that my peers and I want to continue to be part of.

My 20s and 30s peers are a mix of lifetime members and those who have joined as adults. It is enriching to hear perspectives on why they've come to Beth Tzedec or why they've stayed, what's important for them to feel represented in the shul and what they value spiritually.

I'm excited to continue to grow this community with you. What drew you to Beth Tzedec?

Warmly,
Lori Nemoy

Dear Lori,

People like you are what drew me to Beth Tzedec! I wanted to engage people with powerful childhood memories and a vision for what they want for the synagogue today.

Beth Tzedec has done a lot of work over the past several years to identify a new vision, mission and strategic priorities. Those priorities are inclusivity, engagement, community building, meaningful and relevant Jewish experiences, transparency and more. All the things your peers and you are seeking in a dynamic Jewish community.

In my previous role as CEO of USCJ, the network of Conservative congregations across North America, I have been blessed to learn from those who are doing this work very well and to spearhead an initiative in which USCJ could be an incubator for it too.

Beth Tzedec recognized the need for such engagement when it brought Yacov Fruchter to its spiritual leadership team. And I am excited by the opportunity to join that team and to recruit an associate rabbi and another *hazzan* to join us. I look forward to partnering with you and others to build upon that excellent foundation and create a Jewish community where Jewish wisdom and practice lead to life fulfilment.

L'shalom,
Reb Steve

Dear Reb Steve,

If I may speak for peers, we share a common appreciation for Conservative Judaism's grounding in liturgy, tradition and ritual. But what we crave for the fulfilment of our community is spiritual accessibility: transliterated and translated texts for non-Hebrew readers, converted or interfaith members and partners; space and visibility for members from under-represented groups; applying Jewish values of justice and *tikun olam* to causes outside of the Jewish community, as well as within it. What do you hope for? What are you most excited about?

Dear Lori,

Your dreams are my dreams! I too crave a Judaism that is authentic and dynamic. I believe it is incumbent upon the Jewish people to shape Judaism in every generation by grappling with traditional values and ideas within a contemporary context. Conservative Judaism is rooted in the wisdom gained at the intersection of tradition and progress. This balance allows us to lead truly fulfilled lives; and in an ever-evolving world, provides a message of compassion, enlightenment and holiness to communities everywhere. The kabbalists called this *shelaymut*. Today we would call it Jewish mindfulness.

I am most excited about the possibilities that we at Beth Tzedec possess to create that kind of Jewish community here in Toronto and to be a catalyst for it elsewhere.

Dear Reb Steve,

We grapple with, like you say, authentically intertwining our Jewish identities within our contemporary context of a diverse, global world. How can we learn to embody our Jewish values outside of the synagogue and not just when we walk in through its doors? How can you support us in navigating this path?

Dear Lori,

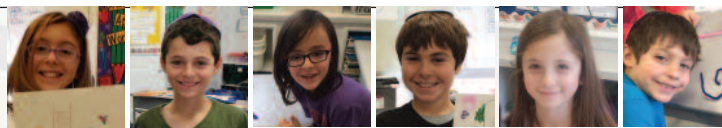
We learn by doing. A synagogue is a building, but a community is made up of the interactions between people.

That's why I prefer the Hebrew when referring to a Jewish community. The word *kehillah* means community. And it's shorthand for *kehillah kedoshah*—sacred community. I am 1,000 percent supportive of personally modeling these values and partnering with you and our entire Beth Tzedec *kehillah* in navigating a meaningful Jewish life within our walls, and more importantly throughout our lives!

Lori Nemoy works in research at St. Michael's Hospital.



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Friday, May 10 at 4:00 PM

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Cost for dinner: \$36 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4) Dinner by advance reservation only by **Monday, May 6.**

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



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Sharing Gratitude

Our ancient tradition is well aware of how differing circumstances can affect a person's ability to place gratitude at the forefront of their worldview.



ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT CHILDREN LEARN WHEN beginning their Jewish education is the blessings over food. It makes a lot of sense: young children need to snack, so food is always around, and the blessings themselves are short and systematic. It is an easy and meaningful way to introduce the six word *Brakhah* formula of *Barukh Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melekh Ha'Olam*, six words that form the bedrock of almost all other blessings.

Yet, while we teach these blessings as critical Jewish vocabulary and work with our students to help them understand what is a fruit or a vegetable, what is a sweet snack and not, each for the purpose of making the correct blessing, there often is not enough focus on the emotions we are supposed to be expressing by reciting these words. Take the *HaMotzi* blessing, for example. We all know the ten words, *Barukh Atah Adonai Eloyahnu Melekh Ha'Olam, HaMotzi Lekhem Min Ha'Aretz*. We know the first six as the *Brakhah* formula, and we likely also know that *Lekhem* means bread and *Aretz* means land or Earth. We understand that bread is made from wheat, which grows in the earth. Yet the point of a *Brakhah* is not to point out the origin source of a food; it is to express our thanks to God for creating or providing the food.

We need to focus on the verb in each blessing. We are praising God who has created (*Boreh*) fruit from trees or vegetables from the ground or the fruit of the vine. We are expressing gratitude to God who is the one who brings forth (*HaMotzi*) bread from the earth. We are acknowledging that God has sanctified us through God's commands and *mitzvot* (*Asher Kidshanu B'Mitzvotav V'Tzivanu*) to light Shabbat candles, wash our hands, wave a lulav, light Hanukkah candles and eat matzah. Saying a blessing is how we express our gratitude to God for God's creative acts. It also grounds, and even humbles, us to the fact that we are not fully in control of our world, and that a variety of inputs and actions are necessary for us to live our lives as we do.

Our ancient tradition is well aware of how differing circumstances can affect a person's ability to place

gratitude at the forefront of their worldview. The Torah reminds us, through Moses' words, "When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery ... Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth'." (*Deuteronomy* 8:11-17).

The observation that someone with less is likely more grateful for what they have than someone who has more is at the same time logical and illogical. Of course, someone with simple possessions will be grateful because, if not for what they have, they will have nothing. But we might think that someone with more would be even more grateful, yet the Torah warns us that these are the circumstances where we can become complacent and allow our increased level of comfort to block ourselves from being thankful for all that we may have.

The Passover holiday, with its focus on emerging from slavery to freedom with God's help and by eating the 'poor man's bread' of matzah, never mind going without *hametz* for a week, helps us return to a place where gratitude can re-emerge; gratitude for our freedom, for God's love and devotion to the Jewish people, to having food to eat even if it's matzah and to being together as family, friends and community to celebrate together. Lastly, Passover allows us the opportunity to offer blessings so many times over the nights of seder: on four cups of wine, on a green vegetable, upon washing our hands, on matzah, on *maror*, on our meal and in proclaiming our appreciation to God for having freed us from bondage.

As we celebrate Passover and celebrate the legacy of Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's 26 years at Beth Tzedec, I hope that we all take many moments to offer gratitude and thanks, and to be mindful of the blessings we have and can give for ourselves and our community.

Hag Kasher V'Sameah.

The Rav Roy Tanenbaum Israel Scholarship Program

Beth Tzedec is pleased to announce a new scholarship fund for students enrolled in degree programs in accredited colleges or university in Israel. Preference will be given to Beth Tzedec members. For information, contact Randy E. Spiegel, Executive Director, at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org.



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May 8 Dr. Leo Adler, a lawyer specializing in Canadian and international law, examines national security issues in Canada in “O Canada, Who Stands on Guard for Thee?”

May 15 Elana Rabinovitch, executive director of the Scotiabank Giller Prize, shares “From Ghetto to Giller”, the story of how her late father Jack Rabinovitch went from a book seller on the street to creating Canada’s largest literacy award.

May 22 Dr. Avner Levin, interim dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson, gives a timely presentation on “The Protection of the Self in an Era of Smart Cities and Smart Devices”.

May 29 David Cravit, vice president of ZoomerLive, ZoomerU and ZoomerMedia Ltd., looks at how Baby Boomers are literally revolutionizing ideas of aging in “The Reinvention of Aging: How the Baby Boomers are Changing Everything”.

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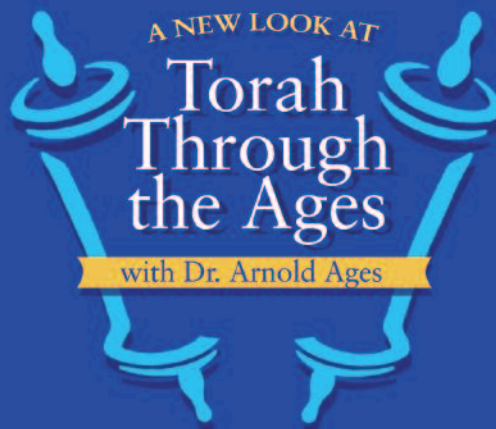
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I Want to Know Your Name

There is much work to do in our city to help people feel loved, and there is also much to do in our synagogue to help people feel loved and known, and not anonymous.



IN PARASHAT TETZAVEH, WE LEARN THAT the *Kohen Gadol* (High Priest) wore a stone on each of his shoulders on which the names of the Tribes of Israel were engraved. I find this detail to be incredibly powerful. When the greatest spiritual leader of the time would enter the holy of holies to represent and pray for the people, he literally felt the weight of the task and the burden of the entire people on his shoulders.

My older sister recently gave birth to her second child, and following my lead, for the second time since my mother's death a year and a half ago, a baby boy was named for her. My mother was named Sylvia and her Jewish name was Zissel, which means sweet. We named our son Sela Matan, "the giving rock", in memory of her generosity and strength, and my sister named her son Ziv, "the bright or shining face", aptly memorializing my mother's sweet and radiant smile. I pray that both these boys will carry their savta's spirit with courage, sweetness and pride.

In February, Rav Jen, Rav Shalom, Reb Steve and I participated in a vigil in memory of people who died this winter while living on the streets. While there was a political component to the day which included a visit to the mayor's office, it was primarily an opportunity to mourn the deaths and to be in community with members of the street community and to try to join their circle of care. Personally, seeing the faces of those who lost friends and hearing their words as they shared moments of suffering and despair was an important reminder of what's at stake. As part of the memorial, the names of those who died the previous two months were read, including Crystal, a woman who died while being trapped in a clothing donation box five minutes from my home.

The most striking element of the vigil for me was that while reading the names, John Doe was called out on several occasions. These were people who were never identified, dying anonymously. They were someone's baby, a colleague of mine, a decommented, and yet, as they took their last breaths, they were alone. One speaker, a man who identified as part of the homeless community, said with eyes full of tears that his biggest fear is that he, too, will die anonymously.

There is much work to do in our city to help people feel loved, and there is also much to do in our synagogue to help people feel loved and known, and not anonymous. For three and a half years, I have poured my love and energy into this community, celebrating, mourning, praying and living together with thousands of you. I feel a sense of responsibility towards you and care about you, and I also appreciate the love and care that I have received within our holy community of Beth Tzedec. The *Kohen* felt the burden of the people on his shoulders, and I too, along with the rest of the spiritual leadership, take on our work knowingly and with a sense of purpose and pride.

One weakness of mine though, among others, is that while I remember stories and faces, I struggle with remembering names. I don't have the benefit of having your names marked on my shoulder pads (though it would be great if everyone wore name tags!) as the High Priest did. The thing is, I believe names are incredibly important. I believe in the dictum brought down by *Cheers*: "You want to be where everybody knows your name". I want this to be a community where we all have deep and lasting relationships, so I need to know your name. And so, I need your help. Please, please, please, introduce yourself by name over and

over again to me. I will also ask directly, even if I feel or you feel, that I should already know it. Please know that in this case, it's not you, it's absolutely me, and so I apologize if any feelings are hurt in my name learning process. You matter to me, and so does your name, and I look forward to having a deeper and more authentic relationship with you.

Each of Us Has a Name—Zelda

Each of us has a name
given by God
and given by our parents

Each of us has a name
given by our stature and our smile
and given by what we wear

Each of us has a name
given by the mountains
and given by our walls

Each of us has a name
given by the stars
and given by our neighbors

Each of us has a name
given by our sins
and given by our longing

Each of us has a name
given by our enemies
and given by our love

Each of us has a name
given by our celebrations
and given by our work

Each of us has a name
given by the seasons
and given by our blindness

Each of us has a name
given by the sea
and given by
our death.

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Shabbat Shirah

On January 19, despite a winter storm and record cold temperatures, Beth Tzedec treated guests to a warm celebration of Sephardic music with *Hazzan* Dr. Ramón Tasat, Aviva Chernick, *Hazzan* Sidney Ezer, the Beth Tzedec ShirHadash Ensemble and a trio of musicians.



Live from Jerusalem

Though he has been away in Israel for the past several weeks, Rav Baruch found the opportunity to connect with Dr. Daniel Gordis and our *shinshinim*, Yuval and Daniel. Dr. Gordis will speak at Beth Tzedec at the Tribute Shabbat honouring Rav Baruch on May 31 and June 1. (See p. 36 for details)



Meet Your Neighbour Shabbat

Beth Tzedec participated in the recent “Meet Your Neighbour” Shabbat project, an interfaith initiative encouraging families to welcome others to their Friday night Shabbat dinner. Rabbis Jennifer and Sean Gorman hosted their neighbours along with the Toronto Star’s food writer and photographer Karon Liu.



L'khavod, Moshe

Moshe Chriqui^{z"l} and I always shared a special bond. It inspired me to expand my knowledge of the different Jewish musical traditions and it inspired the special weekend of Sephardic music which I hope to continue to share at Beth Tzedec.



EVERY YEAR AS WE APPROACH THE SHABBAT SHIRAH WEEKEND, I often find myself glued to the weather reports. Although it is the cantor's musical bread and butter, Shabbat Shirah undeniably comes at a challenging time on the calendar. Of course, the first significant snowfall of the winter had to occur exactly that Shabbat. Yet amidst the accumulating snow and frigid temperatures outside, things really heated up inside as Beth Tzedec was rocking to the exotic rhythms of "Fiesta Sefarad". We welcomed our musical scholar-in-residence *Hazzan* Dr. Ramón Tasat for an inspiring Kabbalat Shabbat service Friday evening featuring the *nusah* and melodies of the Moroccan Jews and a dinner presentation on the music of the Eastern Sephardic Jews.

The festivities continued Shabbat morning focusing on melodies from the western Sephardic heritage and a lunch 'n' learn session on Sephardic life cycle melodies. The weekend culminated in a Saturday evening concert of Sephardic music from across the Mediterranean Sea, featuring *Hazzan* Tasat, Aviva Chernick, myself and the Beth Tzedec Shir H'adash Ensemble along with a trio of exceptional local musicians.

Not only was Shabbat Shirah filled with beautiful and diverse music, guests were also treated to an authentic Moroccan-themed dinner Friday night courtesy of F + B Catering as well as an enhanced Sephardic and Middle Eastern Kiddush Shabbat morning, thanks to our in-house dairy caterer and my fellow Iraqi, Nash Namrood. Kudos to Patti Rotman who liaised with F+B, and also to our Florence Bendelac for her suggestions of Moroccan recipes implemented—including the Dafina which I believe has now been added to Nash's repertoire of Kiddush options. (Some of you may not know that Florence is of Moroccan Jewish heritage.)

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Director of Community Building and Spiritual Engagement Yacov Fruchter who has literally been my right hand in organizing our musical programming for Shabbat Shirah over the past three years.

This weekend of Sephardic music was dedicated in memory of Moshe Chriqui^{z"l}, whom many of you know and remember fondly. Originally from Casablanca, Morocco, Moshe was a long time member of Beth Tzedec Congregation and attended services every day. He was a stalwart member of the daily morning minyan serving alongside Eric Sobel as Gabbai on Mondays and Thursdays. Whether on Shabbat or for holidays or a

regular weekday service, Moshe always came dressed elegantly and respectfully in a suit and tie, illustrating the adage "*Da lifnei mi atah omed*"—know before whom you stand. Moshe Chriqui always considered others before himself. He was the epitome of humility. He was a gentleman. "*L'khavod*" is what he would always say when asking people to go ahead of him.

As many of you know, I have an Iraqi Jewish background on my father's side. When my late father passed away, I took it upon myself to learn to chant Torah in the Iraqi tradition. However, I was first introduced to the Torah reader at Sha'ar Shalom Congregation who had a Moroccan background. I will never forget the day I first chanted Torah with the Moroccan cantillation, when Moshe came up to me after services saying: "I want to give you a kiss. You took me back 40 years to my youth in Casablanca" From that time onward, we always shared a special bond." It inspired me to expand my knowledge of the different Jewish musical traditions and that is what inspired the special weekend of Sephardic music, which I hope to continue to share at Beth Tzedec. The joy I saw in Moshe whenever I introduced a Sephardic melody at services or chanted Torah or Haftarah in the Moroccan or Iraqi tradition, I thought of my own father who never got to hear me chant this beautiful repertoire but whom I'm sure is also looking down with pride.

The theme of this current bulletin is "gratitude". One of the highlights of the Shabbat Shirah weekend was the Beth Tzedec Shir H'adash Ensemble which now has over 14 talented members. This is due in large part to one of our sopranos, Sara Schabas. I could not help but think back to June 2016 when I received an email from Sara who had relocated back to Toronto after living in Chicago while finishing her Master's in Voice Performance. She put me in touch with a few professional Jewish singers. It began as a small ensemble of four or five. It is thanks to Sara that the choir was rekindled at Beth Tzedec and mainly because of her it has grown to the numbers it is today. I am grateful to her talent and professionalism in shaping it. Sara has been invited to study and work in Vienna beginning in March. While it is a major loss for the choir, I wish Sara and her husband Danny Richmond well in their new life endeavour. Sara, you are always welcome to sing with us whenever you visit Toronto. In gratitude for her role at Beth Tzedec, she is our featured choral singer this edition. (See pg 29.)



Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service

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Shabbat, April 6, May 11 and June 8
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.

Li'l Minyans

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

Looking for an opportunity to spend a fun and educational Shabbat morning with your children? Drop off your children for our nursery program, and come back at 10:45 AM for a 45-minute interactive service with age-appropriate *davening*, singing, story-telling, 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 *shinshinim*, Daniel Lazar and Yuval Roter. Junior Congregation doesn't 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

PJ Library: Let My People Go!

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)
Sunday, April 14
10:00 to 11:15 AM

Join us on an amazing Passover journey to learn about Moses and the people of Israel. Children will create their own Passover decoration and learn the true meaning of *hametz* and matzah. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Tuesday, April 9.

PJ Library: Yom Ha'atzmaut!

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)
Sunday, May 5
10:00 to 11:15 AM

Let's celebrate Israel's birthday with an amazing book that will take us on a unique journey around Israel and create decorations to take home. Israeli snacks will be served. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Tuesday, April 30.

PJ Library: The Shavuot Festival

(for toddlers with parents or grandparents)
Sunday, June 2
10:00 to 11:15 AM

Explore one of the most colourful and important festivals in the Hebrew calendar: Shavuot, the holiday of receiving the Torah or the Harvest festival. Entertaining books will take us to Mount Sinai and the wheat fields of Israel. We'll also make Shavuot crafts. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Tuesday, May 28.



Comic Book Workshop

Escaping the winter blues and cold, youth members joined veteran *Batman* editor Jordan Gorfinkel in a workshop learning to create Passover comic books.

For Children in SK to Grade 5

Chocolate Seder

(for Grades 1 to 5)
Sunday, April 14
2:00 to 3:30 PM

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

Shavuot Sleepover & Scavenger Hunt

(for Grades 1 to 5)
Saturday evening, June 8
8:00 PM to 9:00 AM Sunday

The Shavuot learning night is one of the most special and meaningful times for the Jewish nation. Join us for a sleepover to learn about Judaism in the most entertaining way possible—a scavenger hunt! Explore and use your best sleuthing skills to find the hidden Torah. Healthy snacks, ice cream and breakfast will be served. Cost: \$10 for Beth Tzedec members; \$15 for non-members. A signed parental consent form is required for each participant. RSVPs required by Monday, June 3.

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



For Teens in Grades 6 to 12

Kadima/BTUSY Chocolate Seder

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

It's almost Pesah time! Come and enjoy your favourite chocolate snacks before the seders begin. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Monday, April 8.

Ice Cream Party & Closing Event

(for Grades 6 to 12)
Monday, June 10 11:15 AM

I scream, you scream we all scream for ICE CREAM!! Hang out with all your BTUSY and Kadima friends as we close off the year with a Shavout ice cream party and games afternoon. No charge.

For Teens in Grades 9 to 12 (BTUSY)

BTUSY Elections

Sunday, June 23
2:00 to 4:00 PM

Looking for a way to get more involved in BTUSY? Join our chapter executive and help us plan programs for the upcoming year.

For Families and Parents

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, June 14 5:00 PM

We close our year together with a delicious Shabbat dinner and great programming for kids of all ages while we also honour and thank our outgoing *shinshinim*, Yuval and Daniel. Cost for dinner: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4). RSVP by Tuesday, June 11.

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

High School Student Volunteers

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

ISRAEL IS REAL

For Grades 1 to 5 and Grades 6 to 8 (Kadima) and Grades 9 to 12 (BTUSY)

Sunday, May 5 beginning at 2:00 PM

Never been to Israel? No problem! We're bringing Israel to Beth Tzedec. Experience the smells, sounds and tastes of Israel as soon as you get off the plane. Israeli snacks will be served.

For more information, contact Shirel Barkan at 416-781-3514 ext. 290 or Jessie Greenspan at 416-781-3514 ext. 246. RSVPs required by **Thursday, May 2.**

LITTLE MINYAN SHABBAT SERVICE and LUNCH

Honouring Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

Saturday, May 4, 2019

The Little Minyan honours Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl for his 26 years of dedication to Beth Tzedec and the Jewish community at special service and luncheon.

Cost: \$18 per person. RSVPs required to Marlene Laba at mlaba@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 234 by May 1.



Doing the Jew in You

Beginning Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 PM

Not been 'doing Jewish' your whole life? New to Judaism or been around a while?

If you're interested in exploring your new life in an old civilization—from slang to *hallah*, the Jewish community's eccentricities, fads and fancies, and everything in between, this group is for you. Join our monthly discussion group to share dilemmas and frustrations and build your insight into being part of the tribe. Our first discussion will be on "Pesah and Do I Really Need to Kasher That?" For information or to RSVP, contact Rabbi Jennifer Gorman at 416-781-3514 ext. 221 or jgorman@beth-tzedec.org

Part of the "Keeping the Faith Initiative" for people who have converted within the last five years.



Remembrance and Advocacy for the Homeless Ceremony

The Homeless Memorial was started 20 years ago by the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee and activists to honour the lives of the homeless who were dying on Toronto's streets. On a stormy February 12, Yacov Fruchter and Rabbis Steven Wernick and Shalom Schachter joined Beth Tzedec members and our partners in the Out of the Cold program at a ceremony of remembrance and advocacy for the homeless. *Shelter & Housing Justice Network photo courtesy of photographer Paul Salvatori.*



Putting on Tefillin

Rabbis Steve Wernick and Jennifer Gorman join Genevieve Cohen in the mitzvah of putting on *tefillin* at this year's World Wide Wrap.

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, Steven Wernick, Jennifer Gorman and Shalom Schachter, 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 Shir Hadash Ensemble joins services on April 6, 20 & 27, May 4 and June 1.

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, *Shabbat mornings through June 22*. Looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience? The Little Minyan offers a traditional service in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere

full of song, spirit and warmth. Participants lead portions of the service, and Little Minyan tunes are available on request. Contact Cantor Sidney Ezer or Lorne Hanick to arrange to learn to lead parts of the service. Torah readers, *daveners* and those wishing to deliver a *D'var Torah* are always welcome.

A Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Service 10:30 AM,

April 6, May 11 and June 8. Our participatory abridged service is a perfect way for children, parents and grandparents to experience Shabbat morning together, learn the structure of the service and take leadership roles. It features the highlights of a Shabbat morning service and is led by children, teens and our Director of Spiritual Engagement Yacov Fruchter. It also includes programs by our *shinshinim* and youth staff. Celebrate a group aliyah and blessing for everyone whose birthday is that month. A complimentary dairy lunch follows.

For more information on Youth Shabbat programs, see pages 20 and 21.

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



Talking Torah with Daniel Silverman

9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat

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

Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz

10:00 to 11:15 AM on April 6, May 4 and June 15

For men and women, centred on texts from our tradition, eliciting response and deep listening—a doorway to enhanced prayer. For more information, see page 54.

Annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Saturday evening, June 8

Participate in a variety of engaging evening study sessions beginning with a light supper and cheesecake for dessert. Watch for details coming soon.



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

Come along on a culinary journey with
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 culinary inspiration and mouthwatering sensations that nourish the mind, body and soul ... along with raffles for amazing prizes and fun activities for the kids.

Women: **\$48** / Young Women (13 and under): **\$30** Reserve online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login or call 416-781-3511 by **Monday, May 6.**


Honour the women in your life by placing an ad in the Women of Honour booklet.
Contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.
All submissions must be received by **Monday, May 6.**





All proceeds support Beth Tzedec's Out of the Cold program.

Presented with the support of the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club

Special thanks to the Pollock and Gold families for their sponsorship in memory of Ricky Pollock^{z"l}



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April 2019 / Adar II 5779	1 25 ADAR II 7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The Humash 6:30pm ITEM: Jewish Teen Experience Midtown 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:15pm Learn to Read Hebrew 7:30pm ... and the Pursuit of Happiness Class	2 26 ADAR II 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Pop Culture and Judaism: A Modern Engagement	3 27 ADAR II 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	4 28 ADAR II 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah Through the Ages 11:30am Mommy & Me 1:00pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Israeli Pre-Election Program with the Shinshinim	5 29 ADAR II 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm Candle Lighting	6 I NISAN ROSH HODESH NISAN  Tazria 8:45am Shaharit/Choir 9:30am LM/Talking Torah 10:00am Jewish Meditation 10:30am Short & Sweet Family Service 7:15pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 8:33pm Havdalah
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21 16 NISAN PESAH DAY 2 Hallel Omer Day 1 8:45am Festival Shaharit 9:30am L!’l Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:50pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 8:51pm Yom Tov concludes	22 17 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH 1st Intermediate Day Omer Day 2 7:15am Shaharit 1:00pm The Humash 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:15pm Learn to Read Hebrew 7:30pm ... and the Pursuit of Happiness Class	23 18 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH 2nd Intermediate Day Omer Day 3 7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	24 19 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH 3rd Intermediate Day Omer Day 4 7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	25 20 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH 4th Intermediate Day Omer Day 5 7:15am Shaharit 1:00pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Festival Ma’ariv 7:00pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle before festival candles	26 21 NISAN PESAH DAY 7 Hallel Omer Day 6 8:45am Festival Shaharit 9:30am L!’l Minyans 10:30am Junior Congregation 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:55pm Candle Lighting from existing flame	27 22 NISAN PESAH DAY 8 Hallel / Yizkor Omer Day 7 8:45am Festival Shaharit/Choir 9:30am Talking Torah 9:30am L!’l Minyans 7:10pm Song of Songs 7:40pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 8:58pm Yom Tov concludes
28 23 NISAN Omer Day 8 8:45am Shaharit 8:45am Sportball 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	29 24 NISAN Omer Day 9 7:30am Shaharit 1:00pm The Humash 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Shulamit 6:30pm ITEM 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:15pm Learn to Read Hebrew 7:30pm ... and the Pursuit of Happiness Class	30 25 NISAN Omer Day 10 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv				

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30 NISAN 5 ROSH HODESH IVAR Omer Day 15 8:30am Shaharit 8:45am Sportball 10:00am P1 Library: Happy Birthday Israel! 2:00pm Israel is Real 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	1 IVAR 6 ROSH HODESH IVAR Omer Day 16 7:15am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Hagar, Sarah and Abraham 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Illuminations: The Art of Haftarah Exhibit	2 IVAR 7 Omer Day 17 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	3 IVAR 8 YOM HAZIKARON Omer Day 18 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 1:00pm Notable Speakers: Dr. Leo Adler 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	4 IVAR 9 YOM HA’ATZMAUT Omer Day 19 7:15am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah Through the Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	5 IVAR 10 Omer Day 20 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 4:00pm Early Years Shabbat 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11pm Candle Lighting	6 IVAR 11  Kedoshim Omer Day 21 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Talking Torah 9:30am Li’l Miryans 10:30am Short & Sweet Multi-Generation Service 7:55pmMinhah/SS/Ma’ariv 9:15pm Havdalah
7 IVAR 12 Omer Day 22 8:45am Shaharit 3:00pm Mother’s Day Chai Tea Program with guest Chef Jordan Wagman 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	8 IVAR 13 Omer Day 23 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Rebecca & Isaac 6:30pm ITEM 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:15pm Learn to Read Hebrew 7:30pm ... and the Pursuit of Happiness Class	9 IVAR 14 Omer Day 24 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	10 IVAR 15 Omer Day 25 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 1:00pm Notable Speakers: Eliana Rabinovich 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	11 IVAR 16 Omer Day 26 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah Through the Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Time & Tradition with Rabbi Harvey Melrowich	12 IVAR 17 Omer Day 27 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:19pm Candle Lighting	13 IVAR 18  Emor Omer Day 28 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Talking Torah 9:30am Li’l Miryans 10:00am Sunnybrook Shabbat 10:30am If Cong/Teen Lounge 8:05pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 9:22pm Havdalah
14 IVAR 19 Omer Day 29 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	15 IVAR 20 VICTORIA DAY Omer Day 30 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	16 IVAR 21 Omer Day 31 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	17 IVAR 22 Omer Day 32 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 1:00pm Notable Speakers: Dr. Avner Levin 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	18 IVAR 23 LAG BA’OMER Omer Day 33 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah Through the Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:00pm BBO for 20s & 30s Honouring R BFK	19 IVAR 24 Omer Day 34 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music 6:00pm Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dinner Program 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:26pm Candle Lighting	20 IVAR 25  Behar Omer Day 35 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am Li’l Miryans 10:30am If Cong/Teen Lounge 3:00pm Shabbat Baseball Honouring R BFK 8:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 9:29pm Havdalah
21 IVAR 26 Omer Day 36 8:45am Shaharit 8:45am Sportball 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	22 IVAR 27 Omer Day 37 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Vashti & Esther 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:15pm Learn to Read Hebrew	23 IVAR 28 Omer Day 38 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv A Women’s Evening of Wine & Friendship Honouring Josette Frydman-Kohl	24 IVAR 29 Omer Day 39 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 1:00pm Notable Speakers: David Cravitt 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv	25 IVAR 30 Omer Day 40 7:30am Shaharit 9:30am Little Thinkers 10:00am Torah Through the Ages 1:00pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv 7:30pm Annual Meeting of the Congregation	26 IVAR 31 Omer Day 41 7:30am Shaharit 6:00pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner Honouring Rabbi Frydman-Kohl with Dr. Daniel Gordis 8:33pm Candle Lighting	27 IVAR 1  SHABBAT MEVARKHIM Omer Day 42 8:45am Shaharit/Gordis 9:30am LM/Talking Torah 8:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma’ariv 9:29pm Havdalah

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<div>28 Iyar</div> <div>YOM YERUSHALAYIM</div> <div>Omer Day 43</div> <div>8:45am Shaharit</div> <div>8:45am Sportball</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</div>	<div>29 Iyar</div> <div>Omer Day 44</div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Tamar & Judah</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</div> <div>7:30pm Breaking the Stigma</div>	<div>1 Sivan</div> <div>ROSH HODESH SIVAN</div> <div>Omer Day 45</div> <div>7:15am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</div>	<div>2 Sivan</div> <div>Omer Day 46</div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</div>	<div>3 Sivan</div> <div>Omer Day 47</div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>6:00pm Gala Celebration Honoring R’ BFK</div> <div>7:00pm Minhah–Ma’ariv</div>	<div>4 Sivan</div> <div>Omer Day 48</div> <div>7:30am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am Little Thinkers</div> <div>11:00am Pre-Shabbat Music</div> <div>6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>8:38pm Candle Lighting</div> <div>Light a 24-hr candle before Shabbat candles</div>	<div>5 Sivan</div> <div>EREV SHAUVOT</div> <div>Bemidbar</div> <div>8:45am Shaharit</div> <div>9:30am LM/Talking Torah</div> <div>8:00pm Shavut Sleepover</div> <div>8:30pm Minhah / Seudah</div> <div>8:30pm Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</div> <div>9:50pm Ma’ariv</div> <div>9:51pm Havdalah</div>
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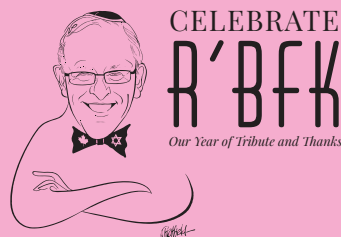
Honouring

JOSETTE FRYDMAN-KOHL

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 7:30 PM

Join us @ Beth Tzedec as we gather for an evening of celebration, friendship, music, hors d'oeuvres & wine tasting honouring Josette Frydman-Kohl. Invite your mothers, daughters, sisters and friends for this special event.

\$54 for Beth Tzedec members; \$65 non-members.
Space is limited. RSVP to 416-781-3511
by May 15, 2019.



Greetings from Sisterhood

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood wishes everyone a healthy and happy Pesah.

We look forward to welcoming our fellow Sisterhood members at upcoming events, including our annual Sisterhood/Men's Club members breakfast with Prof. Stephen Berk on Sunday, April 14 and Mother's Day Chai Tea event on May 12.

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

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Honouring Our Founding Soprano

As Sara Schabas relocates to Vienna, we acknowledge and thank her for her primary role in creating our new choral legacy.



FAREWELL SARA SCHABAS—

A native of Toronto, Sara Schabas began the 2018-2019 season as District Winner at the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and winner of the Career Blueprint Award from the International Resource Centre for the Performing Arts.

Sara has held fellowships with numerous music festivals throughout North America, and has performed as a soloist with organizations including the Dayton Philharmonic, Mississauga Symphony, Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra and Tapestry Opera, with which she received a Dora Award Nomination and Broadway World Toronto Nomination for Best Female Performer in a Featured Role (Musical-Equity).

Just last season, she produced and starred in the Canadian premieres of Jake Heggie's *Another Sunrise/Farewell*, *Auschwitz* in our own Herman Hall,

performing as part of a solo recital commemorating music of the Holocaust at the Canadian Opera Company for Yom Hashoah.

This season will see Sara debuting at the Melk Abbey Baroque Festival in Austria with Michael Schade and conductor Daniel Harding, starring in the world premiere of *Singing Only Softly* in Toronto, based on the diary of Anne Frank, and performing at the Israel Vocal Arts Institute in Tel Aviv.

Sara obtained her Master's in Voice Performance at the Chicago College of Performing Arts, studying with Judith Haddon. She also holds degrees from the University of Toronto and Roosevelt University, and currently studies with Austrian-Canadian Kammersänger Michael Schade and New York City-based teacher Neil Semer.

When she's not singing, Sara enjoys baking, writing, reading, painting, biking, kombucha-brewing and traveling. You can follow Sara at www.saraschabas.com.

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

Cantor Sidney's:
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(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.

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



countdown to *Pesah*

Thursday, April 18 / 13 Nisan

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

Friday, April 19 / 14 Nisan

Erev Pesah

No matzah may be eaten on erev Pesah

Fast of the Firstborn/*siyyum*

(completion of study) followed by
breakfast. Dr. Seymour (Epi) Epstein
will teach.

- 7:30am *Shaharit*
9:00-11:00am **Bring your *hametz* to Beth
Tzedec for burning**
By 11:00am Burn/dispose of all *hametz*
6:00pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*

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

- 7:47pm Candle lighting;
Begin first seder

Saturday, April 20 / 15 Nisan

1st Day of Pesah

- 9:30am Pesah *Yom Tov* services
with *Hallel* and prayer for
Tal/Dew; *Kohanim* bring
blessing
12:30pm Kiddush Lunch and Learn
1:15pm Early *Minhah*
7:50pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
After 8:50pm Candle lighting from
an existing flame
After nightfall Begin second seder
Count omer 1

Sunday, April 21 / 16 Nisan

2nd Day of Pesah

- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services
with *Hallel*
7:50pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
8:51pm *Yom Tov* concludes
Count omer 2

Monday, April 22 / 17 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
Count omer 3

Tuesday, April 23 / 18 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
Count omer 4

Wednesday, April 24 / 19 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
Count omer 5

Thursday, April 25 / 20 Nisan

Hol Hamoed Pesah/Erev Yom Tov

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
7:00pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*

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

- 7:54pm Candle lighting
Count omer 6

Friday, April 26 / 21 Nisan

7th Day of Pesah

- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services
with *Hallel*
6:30pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
Before
7:55pm Candle lighting from an
existing flame

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

Saturday, April 27 / 22 Nisan

8th Day of Pesah

- 8:45am Pesah *Yom Tov* services
with *Hallel* and *Yizkor*
7:10pm Song of Songs
(*Shir HaShirim*)
7:40pm *Minhah-Seudah-Ma'ariv*
8:58pm Pesah concludes

Wait until 9:20pm to consume *hametz*
sold with Beth Tzedec as the agent.
Count omer 8



Your Guide to Pesah Observance

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

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

Background

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

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

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

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

Practical

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



Erev Pesah—*hametz* burning
Friday, April 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

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

Beth Tzedec parking lot, rain or shine.

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

Pesah Guide continued

Prohibited Foods

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

Permitted Foods

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

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

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

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

5. Consult our rabbis regarding infant formula, lactose-free milk, soy/rice milk or tofu.

Non-Food Items

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

Medicine

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

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

Pet Food

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

Kashering of Utensils

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

Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) **cannot** be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be kashered. Speak with one of our rabbis.

Glassware

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

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

All metal utensils

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

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

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

Plastics such as tablecloths, cutlery, spatulas and storage containers **cannot** be made kosher for Passover. Some heavy-duty plastics may be kashered. Consult one of our rabbis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sale of *hametz*

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

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

You have to do the cleaning, burning and nullification yourselves, but we can assist you in the sale of your *hametz*. **Rabbis Frydman-Kohl, Wernick, Schachter and Gorman as well as Rev. Hanick and Cantor Ezer will be available after morning services and at various times during the day in the week prior to Passover to enable anyone who wishes to sell their *hametz* to delegate to them that authority.** If your *hametz* is in a different time zone from Toronto, please speak with one of our rabbis.

If you are unable to personally sell your *hametz*, please fax or send this form to the Synagogue office no later than **6:00 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2019.**

I, _____
(acting on behalf of and with the authorization of my entire family)
transfer authority to sell all *hametz*, mixtures and objects containing *hametz*, to Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto, Ontario. As my agent, he should arrange for this sale prior to 11:00 AM on Friday, April 19, 2019. I have placed my *hametz* and mixtures and objects containing *hametz* in specially designated storage areas within my home, which is at:

ADDRESS

2ND ADDRESS

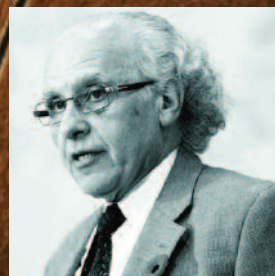
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DATE

Time & Tradition

IN THE ETZ HAYIM TORAH COMMENTARY

with Rabbi Harvey Meirovich



Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE: International Northeast Region Conference



Sunday-Monday, June 2 and 3, 2019
Toronto, Ontario

Host Sisterhood: Beth David Synagogue, Toronto, Ontario
Women's League Consultant: Renee Ravich
Conference Chair: Ruth Shapiro
Region President: Joan Lowenstein



Breaking the Stigma

Opening a Community
Conversation

Monday, June 3 at 7:30 PM

Presentation will address dementia
and other issues related to aging.

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.

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Amazing, Funny, Fabulous ...

Rolsyn Oslender shares the amazing, funny, fabulous story of her mother, Tilly Oslender, who celebrated her 112th birthday on March 24.

THIS AMAZING, FUNNY, FABULOUS supercentarian, Tilly Oslender, was born on March 24, 1907 in Gaysin, a town in central Ukraine. Her father was a bookkeeper, her mother died when Tilly was only two years old, likely from complications during pregnancies. Tilly's father remarried, and she had four siblings, three sisters, one brother and two step-sisters.

When she was just 22 years old, Tilly's maternal sister Celia brought her over to Canada and away from the Russian Revolution. Tilly wanted to bring the rest of her family to Canada but they all wanted to come together. So, Tilly worked very hard as a finisher of coats and suits in a garment factory on Spadina, earning \$3 per week to save funds to do this. When she had enough saved, the government closed the immigration and she lost all that money. And, of course, the rest of the family remained in Ukraine and Russia.

After 50 years, Tilly, her sister Celia and her daughter Roslyn did go back to visit family, enjoying an amazing reunion. Thereafter, her brother and his wife made the journey to Toronto.

The story goes that when Tilly first started looking for a job, she told potential employers that she had no experience. When this did not work, she decided to say she did have experience and she got a position as a finisher. Not actually knowing how to do the tasks, she watched a worker next to her and copied what she did. That other finisher had to cut away material to make the garment shorter. Tilly proceeded to cut her garment shorter, too, but it did not need to be

cut. Knowing she was going to be in big trouble, she ran away and never looked back!

Tilly eventually became one of the best finishers 'on the Avenue' even sitting on the Executive settling prices to be paid to the finishers. A beautiful woman, she also modelled their products occasionally.

Tilly's husband, Jack, was born in Odessa, Ukraine, and immigrated to Canada in his 20s. He was a sweet, funny, intelligent man who was very musical and worked as a house painter.

Jack and Tilly's story goes back to 'the Avenue'. Tilly was walking down Spadina with a few girlfriends and he was walking right behind them with a few of his friends. Jack tapped Tilly on the shoulder ... and the rest was history!

Roslyn, daughter of Tilly and Jack, related: "My mom and dad always had something to talk about. I used to marvel at this. They literally never stopped talking."

Jack developed emphysema, probably a result of smoking and paint fumes. Tilly nursed him at home day and night. Jack died in his mid-80s. They were happily married for over 55 years.

Tilly was an extremely good Bridge player until cataracts stopped her from playing her favourite game. She and Councillor Kaye Gardner (then a librarian) formed the Forest Hill Library Friendship Club, boasting 80 Bridge players, at the Forest Hill Library. She and Kaye literally knocked on many doors and made numerous phone calls to get the club started. Tilly was president of this

very successful and popular club for 25 years. More recently, Tilly played Bridge at Beth Tzedec's weekly Thursday Games Afternoons as long as she possibly could, and loved it.

Tilly is an avid reader and still is interested in everything—fashion, politics, anything and everything going on in the world. She even enjoyed watching wrestling matches with Jack! Her favourite game shows are *Wheel of Fortune* and *Jeopardy*. She also loves to come to synagogue.

A wonderful attitude, Tilly always wants to know what's coming up, what can she attend, what is there to look forward to. Even today, she is very aware of her grooming and her weight (she thinks she's getting fat). Very sociable, she loves to tell jokes, and they are funny and cute.

When people ask Tilly about her secret to longevity, she says her doctor asks her that, too. Her reply: "You're the doctor; you tell me."

Tilly lives at home in her own apartment with loving help from her devoted daughter Roslyn and her personal support workers. She has wonderful nieces and nephews who love her very much. "In fact, everyone loves my mom," said Roslyn.

On their birthdays, Tilly and Roslyn always (or as much as possible) come to Beth Tzedec to thank God.





Tribute Shabbat *honouring* **RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL**

Part of our year of tribute celebrating Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl's
26 years of dedication to Beth Tzedec...

FRIDAY, MAY 31 AND SHABBAT, JUNE 1

The State of World Jewry with Dr. Daniel Gordis

FRIDAY, MAY 31 BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Diaspora Jewish Life: Challenges and Future

Cost for dinner: \$65 Beth Tzedec members;
\$75 non-members; \$25 children (ages 13 and under).
Limited dinner seating. RSVP by **Friday, May 17.**

SHABBAT, JUNE 1 SERVICES BEGIN AT 8:45 AM

Pulpit Presentation and Community Kiddush

Israel: Challenges of the Present and Possibilities for the Future

Limited seating for the community kiddush.
RSVP by **Monday, May 27.**

For information or reservations, call 416-781-3511 or reserve online at www.beth-tzedec.org/login.



Dr. Daniel Gordis is Senior Vice President and Koret Distinguished Fellow at Shalem College. He is a regular columnist for both the *Jerusalem Post* and *Bloomberg View*, and the author of more than ten books including *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*, which received the 2016 National Jewish Book Award as "Book of the Year." Dr. Gordis and his wife live in Jerusalem.

Yos Barukh, Tanenbaum Fellow

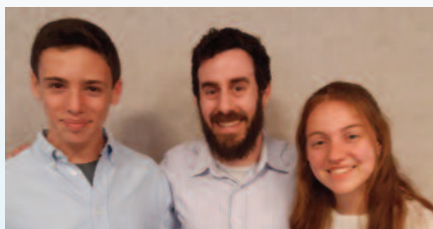
INTRODUCING YOSEF BARUKH, THE ANNE & MAX TANENBAUM Fellow for 5779, who will be here from May 5 to 19.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Tanenbaum Fellow program. The Fellows receive a significant financial award and the opportunity for a two-week internship at Beth Tzedec followed by a two-week experience at Camp Ramah Canada. Fellows alternate between rabbinical students with a Canadian connection who study at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Israeli students from the Beit Midrash of the Schechter Institute. While at Beth Tzedec, the Fellow shadows our rabbis, experiencing daily activities in synagogue and community, participates in life-cycle events, learns about the life of a large congregation and teaches Torah in a variety of settings.

Yosef, who is known as Yos, is a graduate of the University of Haifa (computer science) where he also received an MA degree in philosophy. A former tank commander and staff sergeant, Yos was in a combat unit during Operation Protective Shield (2002) and the second Lebanon war (2006). He has an MBA degree from the Technion with a focus on entrepreneurship and innovation.

Yos has been a software developer and instructor in programming languages, and is the founder of the Carmel Software Cooperative. While a student at the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary, he served in the Masorti congregation in Holon and in Magen Avraham Congregation of Omer. He volunteers as a personnel manager and professional mentor, coaching people in management of teams, individuals and processes, as well as democratic and inspirational leadership. Yos was a part of a small team that led the Social Justice movement in northern Israel, with an emphasis on Jewish-Arab collaboration.

Married to Naama, Yosef is a published poet, and is currently learning Greek Romaniot prayers to preserve his heritage.



Next Year's *Shinshinim*

Beth Tzedec has been very fortunate in the past to have outstanding *shinshinim*, and next year we anticipate the same. Our 2019-2020 *shinshinim* are Gal Goren and Alona Laufer. We look forward to welcoming them both in August.



We are looking for host families for our new *shinshinim*, Gal Goren and Alona Laufer. Our two enthusiastic young Israelis can't wait to get to know the Beth Tzedec family and spend time with you and your children. Can you make a five-month commitment to welcome Gal and Alona into your home? To learn more about the opportunity to be a host family, please contact **Michael Friedman** at michael.friedman@rogers.com.

Join those in our community who have had the privilege of making this special live connection to Israel, a once in a lifetime gift for your entire family.

We thank Alan Greenberg and family for their generosity in supporting our continued participation in the Israeli Young Emissaries/Shinshinim program.



Out of the Cold Thanks the Mother's Day Chai Event:

Out of the Cold has been the grateful recipient of the proceeds from the Mother's Day Chai Tea and Fashion Show for the past ten years. To date, we have received \$85,000. A very special thank you to the Chai Tea Committee for their continued support. Mark Sunday, May 12 on your calendar for this year's event with renowned chef **Jordan Wagman**. (For full details on this year's Chai Tea event, see p. 24.)



Chair of Elijah

Circumcision Bench, Berlin, 1766



Three Dimensional New Year Card

Created in Germany,
Published in the United States, Circa 1900



LAYA CRUST

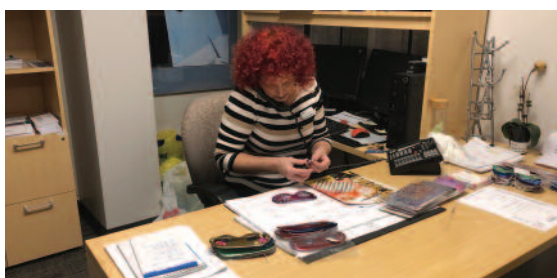
ILLUMINATIONS: The Art of Haftarah

Using photographs, medieval manuscripts, floor mosaics and contemporary art, artist Laya Crust weaves a visual relationship between ancient messages and the present through miniature paintings that explore Bible readings and create universal connections.

Opens Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM

At the opening, Laya Crust will give an illustrated presentation of the exhibit. Light refreshments will be served. No charge, but RSVPs requested to 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

To book a guided group tour, contact Dorion Liebgott at 416-781-3514 ext. 232 or museum@beth-tzedec.org.



Purim Treat Packages

In our annual tradition, Beth Tzedec's post-secondary students who forwarded their addresses to us were mailed Purim treats packages. Each package included hamantaschen, assorted candies, noise makers and a Purim mask. Our thanks to membership coordinator Klara Romm for her artistic talents in hand-decorating some of the masks, and to Membership Committee chair Ilene Flatt for coordinating the project.

New Approaches to Jewish Things



Dorion Liebgott shares learning and insight from a museum symposium in North Carolina.

IN MID-NOVEMBER, I HAD THE opportunity to attend the *Wandering Objects: Collecting and Interpreting Jewish Things* symposium. It took place in North Carolina and was jointly organized by the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh and the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill.

Jewish objects are not only in museums but are found in homes and synagogues, souvenir shops, warehouses, auction houses, art studios and factories, flea markets and yard sales. In the words of Barbara Kirsenblatt-Gimblett, chief curator of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw: They (the objects) may be “Jewish” by birth or by conversion. They may be possessed or dispossessed. They may survive catastrophe or only (be) in memory.”

The symposium opened at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh. Within the museum is an outstanding collection of Judaica in a space specifically designed as the The Judaic Art Gallery. It was opened in 1983 under the guidance of the late Dr. Abram Kanof, a renowned scholar of Jewish art, and is one of only a few permanent displays of Judaica in an American art museum. The symposium began with the keynote address by Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, who spoke about the different ways that Judaica collections have been shown around the world from the 19th century to the present. Some examples: The 19th century Jewish Museum of Vienna grouped ceremonial objects in open storage style and before the Second World War the Hungarian Jewish Museum in Budapest displayed all of

the synagogue items closely together, with a blue background. Later, those galleries were changed to white with cube style mountings, a disciplined look, with no multimedia, just the purity of these objects on a pristine background. More recently, the Jewish Museum in New York are showing some of their ritual objects without the typical ordered schematic design, for example, mixing paintings with functional objects of Judaica. Finally, Barbara spoke about the exhibition space in the POLIN Museum in Warsaw. This modern cultural institution is considered a “narrative” museum—presenting a 1,000-year history of Polish Jews with almost no objects.

The following day Shalom Sabar, Professor of Jewish Art and Folklore at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, gave a talk on “Collecting Jewish Ephemera: How and Why”. This was of particular interest to me as our collection has a considerable amount of ephemera (short-lived, transitory objects). Ephemera can be monetarily valuable or just cherished by the community that it came from. The Cairo Genizah had a collection of some 300,000 manuscript fragments that were found in the storeroom of the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Fustat (Old Cairo), Egypt. These manuscripts outline a 1,000-year continuum (870 CE to 19th century) of Jewish Middle-Eastern and North African history and comprise the largest and most diverse collection of medieval manuscripts in the world. Shalom seeks out *genizahs* in Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem and, before Passover, looks for items that the community cleans out of their homes. He has found letters that

intrigued him, a rare *haggadah*, wedding invitations, *tzedakah* boxes and very interesting memorial candles and wine bottle labels. Within our museum, we have an outstanding collection of ephemera including delicate three dimensional Rosh Hashanah cards.

Sound plays a role in how we enjoy objects. An exhibition at the Magnes Museum Collection in Berkeley, California, set out 60 Jewish objects that create sounds, such as bells, the *shofar*, Purim rattles, the reading of the Torah, ritual sounds and even banging on a prayer book to keep rhythm. A delegate spoke about the processional of the Torah and the desire to touch it as it passes. Another talked about memory and objects using the example of two spoons that her grandparents had used for 65 years.

Juliana Ochs Dwek, the Andrew Mellon Curator of Academic Engagement, Princeton University Art Museum, spoke about material culture. She focused on the meaning of the places that we sit in sacred spaces. Included were the Chair of Elijah, pews in a synagogue and a *shiva* bench. In 1934, there were benches labeled ‘Not for Jews’ or ‘Only for Jews’. In a Georgia synagogue, a special bench was set aside for those who were saying Kaddish. Outstanding in our own collection is the 1766 Brit Milah circumcision bench from Berlin.

This symposium was a great opportunity for me to take a new look at our collection with fresh eyes and appreciate that there are many ways to look at Jewish objects.

WITH OUR THANKS

On behalf of the Beth Tzedec/Beth Sholom Out of the Cold program, we extend our heart-felt thanks to these individuals, companies and organizations who have contributed to our Shelter program over the past year.

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World

Burnbrae Farms

CKF Inc.

Country Queen Goods

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Neil and Cindy Feigelson

Forest Hill Lions Club

Gwartzman's Art Supplies

Hermes Bakery

Lastman's Bad Boy Furniture

Gerry Maldoff, Hymopack and
Tri-Quality Packaging

Mosaic Lodge of Masons

Mountain Warehouse

Provincial Fruit

Richman's Bakery

Socks 4 Souls Canada

Thermohair Inc.



Mishloah Manot

Yacov Fruchter invested in some hesed time, putting together *mishloah manot* for the community. Daniel Silverman, Shirel Barkan-Slater and Klara Romm helped put together the packages, then Cantor Sidney Ezer and Rabbi Shalom Schachter joined Yacov in distributing them at Lawrence Plaza.

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

Out of the Cold 2019

The Beth Tzedec/Beth Sholom Out of the Cold Program was meant to be a temporary emergency response to the homelessness crisis in Toronto. Unfortunately, with a lack of affordable housing, the homeless crisis keeps growing. We just completed our 20th year of operation and saw 175 people attend our Shelter each week.

A special thanks to our volunteer coordinators, Shari Fremeth-Tepper and her son Noah, who spent endless hours coordinating the 200. To all of the fantastic volunteers, thank you for truly making a difference.

I want to thank Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl who has been a passionate supporter of OOTC despite his extremely full 24/7 schedule (and then some!), cooking breakfast for 60 guests on Wednesday mornings at 5:00 AM. Rav Baruch has been a key member of the Interfaith Coalition to Fight Homelessness and has spoken at many press conferences at City Hall to advocate for better supports. I wish him good health and happiness as he embarks on the next chapter in his life with his wife Josette and his wonderful family. I will miss his participation and even more, his inspirational presence.

We are very fortunate to have many giving individuals and companies supporting OOTC. On the page opposite, we thank those companies and organizations that have stepped up to make a lasting impact on our program. In addition to those organizations, Project Winter Survival and Project Water, initiatives of the Bargains Group supplied knapsacks filled with clothing winter wear, sleeping bags, snacks and water, all critically needed items for the homeless.

We have benefited from the many families and groups that have made great efforts in helping the homeless population. Michael and Robin Storfer wanted their son Matthew to learn the importance of making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. As part of his Bar Mitzvah celebration, they hired Ben Train, an amazing magician, to perform for our guests. Michael's company, NEXT Supply, partnered with the Bargains Group on a project called Kits for a Cause to create 100 individual bags filled with new clothing, winter wear and toiletries. He also solicited his employees, suppliers and friends, collecting 11 skids of gently-used clothing and boots.

When Aaron Moscoe, owner of TPS Promotions and Incentives read in the *Beth Tzedec Bulletin* that we needed clothing, he partnered with many of his suppliers, donating over 40 huge cases of brand-new turtlenecks, t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Gary and Patti Pollock have graciously supported our program once again this year by requesting that their relatives and friends make a donation to OOTC, in lieu of buying them birthday gifts.

After meeting with a group of parents and Bar/Bat Mitzvah children at Beth Tzedec this past fall, I was approached by Carrie Lindzon-Jacobs of IMAX Corp. Without hesitation, she offered to have the company's annual holiday drive benefit our Shelter. They organized bake sales, raffles, auctions, ping-pong and BINGO tournaments, a Polar Express and solicited private donations over the course of a couple weeks, totalling \$11,000.

The members of the Mosaic Lodge of the Masons have been outstanding supporters and loyal volunteers of Out of the Cold for the past several years. Bernie Shiner facilitated an incredible donation from Nick and Polina Ghorishi, a young couple who decided to forego exchanging Christmas gifts to instead put together 100 kits of essential products.

Student groups have also taken up the challenge to meet the homeless crisis head-on. Jesse Greenspan organized Beth Tzedec's Bar/Bat Mitzvah-aged pre-teens and teens in the mitzvah of helping those in need at OOTC. They prepared lunches, baked goodies and served dinner several times during the season. Bialik Hebrew Day School and Oraynu brought their Bar/Bat Mitzvah-aged students to run BINGO games and handed out gift cards purchased through fundraising efforts.

Thanks to Gord Krofchick (our unofficial talent agent), our guests were treated to the music of The Deloraines, The Wild Walker Band and Steve Lurie and his son. Even on the snowiest nights, our musicians schlepped all of their instruments into the synagogue to perform.

The Art Circle, under the guidance of the very talented Melanie Samra and her team of volunteers, inspired many of our guests to produce creative pieces of art for sale at our annual Art Show & Sale on March 31. The artists received a substantial percentage from the sale of their pieces, while our Shelter benefitted as well. The feeling of pride and accomplishment on the faces of the artists always make this such a special event.

Thank you to Don Smith and the Beth Tzedec Men's Club, steadfast supporters of our Shelter year after year, providing generous monetary donations. Thank you also to Terri Humphries for helping promote our program to the community.

Last but not least, I could not run this program successfully without the commitment of Rafi Aaron, my co-chair from Beth Sholom. A special thank you is owed to my husband Bernie, who was never too busy to pick up our fruit donation from the Ontario Food Terminal every Tuesday!

Wishing everyone a *hag sameah*.

—Maureen Tanz
Chair, Hesed Committee

Anshe Zafon (Lake Region)



We are thrilled to announce the next big event on the summer agenda for Anshe Zafon (formerly Lake Ontario) Region—the FJMC's semi-annual convention being held from July 3 to 7 at Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle Convention Centre. Join the 500 Jewish men and spouses for this seriously fun, engaging and intense week of activities.

Prior the convention, enjoy:

- A day trip to Niagara Falls;

- A Canada Day tall ships evening cruise to see the fireworks; and
- The World Series champion Red Sox game versus the Blue Jays.

The convention will offer world class teaching sessions, uplifting *davening* opportunities in a variety of settings and a strong cantorial presence for the participants from around world. Unique to this convention will be a significant participation of USY alumni and Mercaz Canada. Kashrut is observed.

For more information, please visit the FJMC website at www.fjmc.org.

Beth Tzedec will be the major Conservative synagogue only minutes away from the convention site, and our Men's Club is excited to support and assist with this convention

We hope to see you there!



In Conversation with Matti Friedman

Hundreds came to Beth Tzedec to hear acclaimed journalist and author Matti Friedman for his only public Canadian speaking engagement on the release of his latest novel, *Spies of No Country*. Beth Tzedec member David Bezmozgis, an award-winning author and filmmaker in his own right, led the discussion in an engaging and entertaining 'conversation' format.

Men's Club Makes a Difference

Sunnybrook Shabbat—May 8

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club will once again hold a special service for the Jewish war veterans and residents of Sunnybrook Hospital. This abbreviated service takes place in the Sunnybrook Chapel (Building H), with an enhanced Kiddush following.

Parking is free for participants. Join us in this intimate, musical and meaningful service while performing an important mitzvah.

For information, contact Jerry Grammer at (416) 985-8708 or email jaygeel937@gmail.com.

Thank You, Hersh Rosenthal

The Men's Club acknowledges the dedicated service of Hersh Rosenthal who served for many years, as chair of our Yellow Candle Campaign. Adam Rachlin is now the new chair.

Men's Club provides community service hours to students who help pack and deliver candles. Contact Adam at arachlin@sympatico.ca.



Photo courtesy of Larry Rachlin

DAY TRIPS IN JEWISH HISTORY

With educator and lecturer
HANA WERNER



MONDAYS: 1:30 PM Refreshments / 2:00 PM Lecture

5 sessions: \$45 for Beth Tzedec members / \$55 for non-members;
Per session: \$14

SPRING SERIES—Sexuality in the Bible

April 29 Shulamit—Inspiration behind eroticism of the Song of Songs

May 27 Vashti and Esther—The power of sexuality

May 6 Hagar, Sarah and Abraham—An explosive love triangle

June 3 Tamar and Judah—The politics of marriage

May 13 Rebecca and Isaac—A love story 'par excellence'

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

Generously sponsored in memory of Cantor Joseph Cooper²⁷

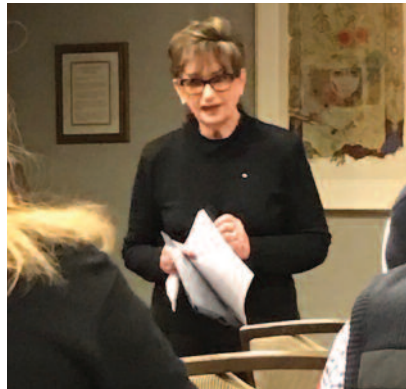
Partnering with PJ Library

Beth Tzedec has built a growing partnership with PJ Library in bringing monthly engaging, entertaining and informative Jewish programs to our young families, especially those with toddlers.



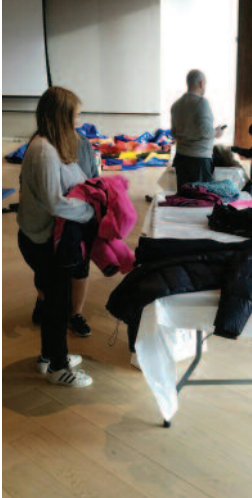
BBM Program

Past president and community leader Judy Feld Carr joined Daniel Silverman in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for families, speaking about her experiences rescuing Syrian Jews, providing a personal connection to the core theme that all Jews are responsible for one another.



A Purim Teddy Bear Havdalah

In February, toddlers and their families got an early start to Purim with a special “Teddy Bear Havdalah” program celebrating Adar with songs, stories, snacks and balloons!



Our Youth in Action

Beth Tzedec's youth members have spent the winter months engaging in social action and environmental awareness projects and activities, including collecting and sorting winter clothing for Out of the Cold and Ve'ahavta projects and building environmental awareness with Shoresch.

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.

Betty & Sidney Troster Fund

Steven and Line Troster

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, acknowledging **Ronald Landsberg** in memory of **Annalee Landsberg**.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Saul Shulman** on his special birthday.

Phyllis Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Beatrice Wolfe**.

Phyllis and Ab Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Wolfe**.

Morice and Cynthia Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Julia Rayne Zidel**.

Jackie and Norman Kahn, honouring **Ilene and Stephen Flatt** on the marriage of their son **Bryan to Sophie Gottesman**.

Jackie and Norman Kahn, honouring **Liddy and Steven Gottesman** on the marriage of their daughter **Sophie to Bryan Flatt**.

Daily Minyan Breakfast

Earl Altman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sonny Altman**.

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

The Band Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Ephraim Band**.

Gabriel Beck and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marlene Beck**.

Robert Beliak and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Sara Beliak**.

Beth Tzedec Men's Club, honouring the annual World Wide Wrap.

Morley and Charles Cadesky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Celia Cadesky**.

Morley and Charles Cadesky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Cadesky**.

The Caplan, Sutton and Casse Families, honouring the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter **Francine Caplan**.

The Carr Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Annette Channah Carr**.

Dr. Larry, Jordan and Jamie Chad and Eunice Tanzer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lori Tanzer Chad**.

Richard and Ellen Cosman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maida Cosman**.

Marilyn Finkelstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Finkelstein** and honouring the birth of **Avery Rachel Ross**.

Sherry and Jay Firestone and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Alan Barad**.

The Fisher Family and Stacey Sokoloff, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Jeffrey Fisher**.

Robert Flicht and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael Flicht**.

Diane Friedlich-Betel, Michele Friedlich-Pollock, Georgine Friedlich-Rosman and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Steven Friedlich**.

Helen Glazer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Glazer**.

The Glied Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William (Bill) Glied**.

The Godfrey Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Godfrey**.

Dr. Eudice Goldberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Richard Goldberg**.

Ricky Goldenberg and Eric Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Hornick**.

Caroline and Errol Gordon, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bob Bokar**.

Chaja Grande, Soozie Schlanger and Goldie Schlanger, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **David Leib Aaron and Jonas Schlanger**.

Sam Grymek, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Morris Grymek**.

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

Stephen and Patricia Johnson and Ellen and Richard Cosman and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Johnson**.

Stephen and Patricia Johnson and Ellen and Richard Cosman and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Johnson**.

Jackie and Norman Kahn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Allan Simon**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Kahn**.

Jackie and Norman Kahn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Vera Waldman**.

The Koziobrocki and Hennick Families, honouring the marriage of **Ruth Koziobrocki and Lawson Hennick**.

The Landauer Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joan Freedman**.

The Landauer Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael J. Landauer**.

The Landauer Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Walter Landauer**.

The Lilker Family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Dr. Emmanuel Solomon Lilker**.

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

Glennie Lindenberg and Morley Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Brown**.

Ruthann and Lawrie Lubin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leo Joseph Cutler**.

Ruthe Mann and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. John Mann**.

Barry and Susan Phillips, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **David and Ethel Hamer and Arnold and Florence Phillips**.

Irene Reingold and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Albert Reingold**.

Dr. Leslie and Mary Richmond, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marilyn Richmond**.

Mary Richmond and Judi Alter, commemorating the 45th yahrtzeit of **Andrew Mittelman**.

Stacy Rosen and Jonathan Hausman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Rosen**.

Joseph Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Diane Rosenthal**.

Donna Saslove, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ed Saslove**.

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

Richard Seligman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Seligman**.

Joel and Tammy Seigel, honouring the marriage of their son **Jordan to Sarah Zohar**.

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

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

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

Eric Sobel, honouring the 60th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Sylvia Solish and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lloyd Solish**.

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

Harry Stilman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Stilman**.

Reesa and Avrom Sud and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Louis Hotz and David Sud**.

The Weiss Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ilan Weiss**.

Evelyn Wise and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Miriam Wise**.

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cypora Kamel**.

The Zabitsky Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Haskell Zabitsky**.

The Zidel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Julia Rayne Zidel**.

Daily Minyan Fund

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

Jack Weisdorf, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William Weisdorf**.

Jack and Judy Weisdorf, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Rose Weisdorf and Ethel Silver**.

General Fund

Murray Collis, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Collis**.

Murray Collis, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rick Collis**.

Vera and Larry Finkelstein, honouring **Dr. Gerald Arbus** on his 80th birthday.

Hart and Gila Heller, honouring **Beth Tzedec Congregation**.

Florence Kimel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lily Rosen**.

Larry and Karen Leiter, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack S. Leiter**.

Ana Moskovits and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Emanuel Moskovits**.

John and Molly Pollock, honouring **Dr. Arnold Ages** on his 50 years of scholarship and teaching at Beth Tzedec.

John and Molly Pollock and family, acknowledging **Eileen Kruger and family** in memory of **Albert Kruger**.

Hascal Rosen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Louis J. Rosen**.

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

Felicia Valo, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William Travis**.

Hesed Fund

Perry and Shirley Cooper and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mervin Cooper**.

Perry and Shirley Cooper and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Nathan Korzenstein**.

Ronnie and Dianne Ennis, honouring **Fred Engle** on his 75th birthday.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, acknowledging **Florence Bendelac** in memory of **Allan Oziel**.

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

Carole and Nathan Greenberg, honouring **Lorne Hanick** on his birthday.

Rose Greenspan, Brian Greenspan, Joni Kwinter and the family of the late Abraham Greenspan, honouring **Rabbi Shalom Schachter**.

Leah and Israel Liquornik, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Turowicz**.

Marcie and Gary Mansfield, wishing **Elaine Goldbach** a *refuah sheleimah*.

John and Molly Pollock, acknowledging **Edith Fisher** in memory of **Jeffrey Fisher**.

Howard and Emily Snow and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **S. Milton (Mickey) Snow**.

Harriet Train and Geary Shorser, acknowledging **Dr. Ronald Ruskin** in memory of **Rita Ruskin**.

Kids Programs For Grades 1 to 5

Chocolate Seder

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

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



Shavuot Sleepover and Scavenger Hunt

Saturday night, June 8
beginning at 8:00 PM

Shavuot is one of the most meaningful nights of the Jewish calendar. Join our annual sleepover to learn about this special holiday in the most entertaining possible way—a scavenger hunt! We will use all our sleuthing skills to find the hidden Torah. Cost: \$10 for Beth Tzedec members; \$15 for non-members (includes snacks, ice cream and breakfast). A signed parental consent form is required for each participant by Monday, June 3.

For information or reservations, contact Shirel Barkan-Slater at 416-781-3514 ext. 290 or sbarkan@beth-tzedec.org.

Terry and Nadine Walman, acknowledging **David Fisher** in memory of **Jeffrey Fisher**.

Israel Sydney & Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund

Caryl and Bernard Schwartz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Israel Sydney Wolfe**.

Kosher Food Bank

An anonymous donation, honouring **Rabbi Jennifer Gorman** for her unwavering support.

Phyllis Fien, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Esther and Zavel Fien**.

Dr. Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Allan Greene, Harry Greenberg and Rose Glicksman**.

Esther Korn, honouring the memories of **Aron and Rosa Korn**.

Irving Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Climans**.

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

Ruth Sheps, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sara Rotmensh**.

Michael and Faye Thorek, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Noah, Celia and Nathan Thorek**.

Rita Grotsky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Henry Gordon**.

Harriet Train and Geary Shorser, acknowledging **Jackie Kahn** in memory of **Bernard Waldman**.

Little Minyan Fund

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, acknowledging **Mitch and Anne Max** and family in memory of **Dr. Paul Max**.

Lorne Hanick Website Development Fund

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

The Grammer Family, honouring **Lorne Hanick** and wishing him a happy birthday.

Rose Greenspan, Brian Greenspan, Joni Kwinter and the family of the late Abraham Greenspan, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library Fund

Donnie Friedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Bohnen**.

Helene Kerr and Adrian Tenser, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Rosenthal**.

Men's Club Scholarships

An anonymous donation, honouring the **Beth Tzedec** ushers.

Jan and Mark Lapedus, acknowledging **Karen Anthony and Dr. Steven Liss** in memory of **Lotte Anthony**.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, acknowledging **Lawrence Davis** in memory of **Hilda (Hindy) Davis**.

Out of the Cold Fund

Frances Ackerman and Henry Einstoss commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Einstoss**.

An anonymous donation, honouring **Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Marcia Gilbert** for their unwavering support.

Sandra and Harry Aronowicz, honouring **Patti Pollock** on her birthday.

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Anne Tennebaum and Rose Berlin**.

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

Leonard and Bella Brody, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Betty Brody and Chana Jacobs**.

Donna and Jack Cohn, honouring **Patti Rotman** on her special birthday.

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

Ronnie and Dianne Ennis, honouring **Fred and Jocelynn Engle** on their 50th anniversary.

Barbara Firestone, acknowledging **Claire Spevack** in memory of **Allan Spevack**.

Faye Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Firestone**.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman**.

Neil Friedman and Shelley Wexler-Friedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miriam Friedman**.

Errol and Caroline Gordon, honouring **Patti Pollock** on her birthday.

Shirley Krem, honouring **Eric Sobel** on the 60th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

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

Judy and Michael Litvak and family, honouring **Patti Rotman** on her special birthday.

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

Anne and Mitch Max, honouring **Ilene Flatt** on her special birthday.

Ruth Milne, honouring **Debbie and Rick Pottens**.

Honey Milstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sarah Nisker**.

Ruth Nichols, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Nichols**.

Ruth Nichols, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Nichols**.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Ralph and Judy Shiff**.

Gary Pollock

Leslie and Mary Richmond and family, acknowledging **Milli Richmond** in memory of **Lawrence Lorman**.

Judy and Elliot Rosenberg and family, honouring **Aaron Black** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Dr. Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth, acknowledging **Mitch Max** in memory of **Dr. Paul Max**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Lila Freedman** in memory of **Dr. Melvin Freedman**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Ronald Landsberg** in memory of **Annalee Landsberg**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Florence Bendelac** in memory of **Allan Oziel**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Shirley Wolkin and family** in memory of **Rose Potok**.

Jeanne Salit, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Emmanuel Cooke**.

Jeanne Salit, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ethel Cooke**.

Jeanne and Irving Salit, acknowledging **Mitch Max** in memory of **Dr. Paul Max**.

Corrine and Jeffrey Samuels, honouring **Patti Pollock** on her birthday.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Carolyn and Eliot Kolers** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Dylan Kolers**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Liddy and Steven Gottesman**.

Randy Schwartz and Andrea Randolph and family, acknowledging **Max and Dolly Kerzner** in memory of **Ann Zaretsky**.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gertrude Sobel McGrath**.

David and Elana Seligman, honouring **Dianne Roebuck** on her 60th birthday.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Ronald Landsberg** in memory of **Annalee Landsberg**.

Rose Sobel, acknowledging **Cheryl Cappe** in memory of **Beatrice Solomons**.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, acknowledging **Shirely Krem** in memory of **Louis Grymek**.

Randy and Debbie Spiegel, honouring the **Walerstein Family**.

Hope Springman and Kenneth Norwich, honouring **Janet and Edwin Durbin** on their 40th anniversary.

Dr. Melvin and Ruth Steinhart, acknowledging **Dawn Haberman** and family in memory of **Dr. Herb Haberman**.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **Ayal Lesh and Edna Hussman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Dori Hussman-Lesh**.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **Ben Zarnett** on his appointment as a Justice to the Court of Appeals.

Prayer Book (Mahzor) Dedications—Daily or Shabbat

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

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

Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications—Daily or Shabbat

The Bernstein Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.

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

Lyle Cappe, honouring **Isadore Abrams** on his 70th birthday.

Dr. Perry & Shirley Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Cooper**.

The Cummings Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Anne Cummings**.

Gloria Houser, honouring **Debbie Schecter** on her special birthday.

Howard Joshua Kirshenbaum and family, honouring the memory of **Betty (Batya) Kirshenbaum**.

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

Shirley and Dr. David Promislow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Corinne Gandler Koslovsky**.

Irene Reingold, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Irwin Gilbert**.

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Stephen Rothstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isadore Rothstein**.

Renee Sananes and Robert Spiegel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Sananes**.

Lorraine and Alan Sandler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sheila Broomberg**.

Lorriane and Alan Sandler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fay Davis**.

Sylvia Singer and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Jonah and Rachel Singer**.

Manley and Barbra Walters, acknowledging **Dr. Gerald Halbert and family** in memory of **Dr. Ralph Halbert**.

Cecile Zaifman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Zaifman**.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund

An anonymous donation, honouring **Avital Narvey** for her endless kindness and patience.

An anonymous donation, honouring **Rabbi Steven and Jody Wernick**.

Fredelle and Harold Brief, acknowledging **Cheryl Cappe** in memory of **Beatrice Solomons**.

Halle Cohen, honouring **Renee Topper** on her 85th birthday.

Gertrude Diamond

Donnie Friedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abe Bohnen**.

Robert Goldberg, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Barry Greenberg, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Hon. Ronald Kaufman, honouring the 100th birthday of **Jack Kaufman**^{z"l}.

Henrietta Kostman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Kostman**.

Rochelle Miller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Izenberg**.

Henia Muller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **John W. Muller**.

Joseph Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Chaya Toba**.

Joseph Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Rosenthal**.

Joseph Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Diane Rosenthal**.

Joseph Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Rosenthal**.

Joseph Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley White**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging the **Davis Family** in memory of **Hilda (Hindy) Davis**.

Toby Saltzman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Kenneth Saltzman**.

Mildred Schwartz, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Brenda and Jeroham Singer, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** for his great work and humanity.

Rose Sobel, acknowledging **Ruthe Mann** in memory of **Jeffrey Mann**.

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

Cantor Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edna Itkoff**.

Beverly Stern and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morton Stern**.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, honouring **Patti Rotman** on her 60th birthday.

Line Troster, commemorating the 40th yahrtzeit of **Madeleine Veilland** and the 20th yahrtzeit of **Jean Veillant**.

Victims of Terror Fund

Marcy Greenglass, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Slotnick**.

Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Cathy and Lawrence Schiff, acknowledging the **Rochman Family** in memory of **Sam Rochman**.

Cathy and Lawrence Schiff, acknowledging the **Schultz Family** in memory of **Audrey (Udie) Schultz**.

Cathy Surdin and Lawrence Schiff, honouring **Lydia Vale** on her 60th birthday.

Young Emissaries Program Fund

Marcy Greenglass, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Slotnick**.

Lou Hoffer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sali Hoffer**.

Young Professionals Fund

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

An anonymous donation, acknowledging **Yacov Fruchter** on the first yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Fruchter**.

An anonymous donation, honouring **Florence Bendelac**.

Rose Greenspan, Brian Greenspan, Joni Kwinter and the family of the late **Abraham Greenspan**, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

Lawrence Ross, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Barbara Simon Mercer**.

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Friday, June 14 at 5:00 PM

We will close our programming year together with a delicious Shabbat dinner and great programming for kids of all ages. We'll also honour and thank our outgoing *shinshinim*, Yuval and Daniel. Young children's programming begins at 5:15 PM, abridged Shabbat services at 6:00 PM and dinner and older kids programming to follow.

Cost for dinner: \$25 adults; \$15 youth (ages 5-14); \$5 children (ages 1-4) Dinner by advance reservation only by **Friday, June 7.**

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



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Condolences

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

Lotte Anthony
Dr. Seymour (Solomon)
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Shlomo Eliav

Robert Sidney (Bob) Fish

Matthew Fox

Dr. Melvin Freedman

Marvin Giller

Sidney Kaplan

Hava Kaufman

Esther Kohen

Albert Kruger

Annalee Landsberg

Mildred Leiter

Lawrence Lorman

Nora Mann

Robert Masters

Howard Roher

William (Bill) Rotman

Beatrice Solomons

Ruth Speyer

Ilse Steinhart

Norma Sussman

Myra York

*"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:

J. Edward Breslin

Dr. Emmanuel Solomon Lilker

Hannah Stern Breslin

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 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 Avital Narvey 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.

Jewish Meditation



Shabbat mornings, April 6, May 4 and
June 15 from 10:00 to 11:15 AM

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

*Michelle Katz is an educator in English and Special Education.
She provides workshops, retreats and group classes in Jewish
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For more information, please contact Marlene Laba at
416-781-3514 ext. 234 or mlaba@beth-tzedec.org

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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.

April 14

**Let My People Go!
A Pesah Celebration**

Join us on an amazing Passover journey to learn about Moses and the people of Israel. Children will create their own Pesah decoration and discover the true meaning of *hametz* and *matzah*.

May 5

**Happy Birthday Israel!
A Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**

Let's celebrate Israel's birthday with an amazing book that will take us on a unique journey around Israel. We will create Israel decorations to take home. Israeli snacks will be served.

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.

BETH TZEDEC'S 11TH ANNUAL
Mother's Day Chai Tea

**BECOME PART OF OUR
WOMEN OF HONOUR BOOKLET**

This Mother's Day, remember all the women in your life with a tribute listing in their honour or their memory.

All tributes, except the half page greeting, are a single line. Deadline for submissions: **May 1**. To reserve your space, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

Half page greeting:	\$72
Diamond tribute:	\$54
Ruby tribute:	\$36
Pearl tribute:	\$18

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