

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year

Shanah Tovah!

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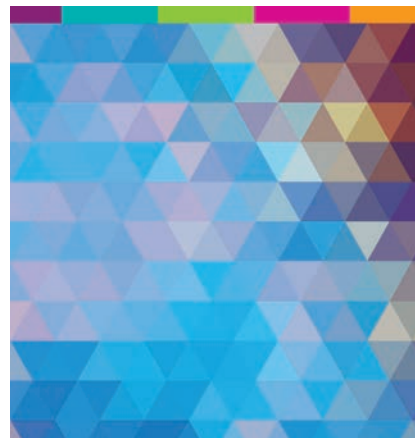
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Beth Tzedec Small Groups Initiative

Build your own Beth Tzedec community! When many of us are feeling isolated and disconnected from one another, Small Groups are an opportunity to build new relationships and connect monthly with other Beth Tzedec members over a shared goal, project or interest. Here are a few of the Small Groups launching in October:

Parenting Tweens and Teens

Led by Allison Cepler

Wednesday evenings

New-ish Jewish Parents

Led by Rafi Yablonsky

Thursdays at 12:00 NOON

Cultural Heritage Tour, 65+

Led by Toby Saltzman

Mondays at 1:00 PM

It's All in the Family:

Genesis Study Group

Led by Dr. Nira Kolers

Tuesdays at 11:00 AM

Earnestness and

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Led by Ben Murane

Monday evenings

Reconsidering the

Jewish Holidays

Led by Benji Shinewald

Wednesdays at 8:00 PM

Cookbook Club Challenge

Led by Patti Rotman

Mondays at 5:00 PM

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book):

Social Justice Book Club

for 20s and 30s

Led by Leah Mauer

Thursday evenings

20s and 30s Art Space

Led by Brianne Freedman

Tuesday evenings

Multi-Generational Stitch Club

Led by Andrea Schwebel

Wednesday evenings

Teens Painting (and Other Art) for a Purpose

Led by Sylvie Moscovitz

and Dori Hussman-Lesh

Sunday afternoons

Art Exploration

Led by Janna Walters

Daytime TBC

Life in the Past Lane:

Jewish Ancestry

as a Spiritual Journey

Led by Lorne Hanick

Mondays at 7:30 PM

Living a Mindful

Jewish Life

Led by Deborah Staiman

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Caring for Family Members with Dementia

Led by Anne Max

Wednesday evenings

Registration for Beth Tzedec members open up on Monday, September 14 at 9:00 AM, via <https://bethtzedecoronto.shulcloud.com/form/small-groups-registration.html>.

Spots are limited, so don't delay!



Rabbi Steven Wernick

The High Holy Days are more interested in the quality of our morality than in the quantity of our happiness.

What's so Happy About this New Year?

That was the headline of a full-page ad that ran in *The New York Times* and many other major papers in 1944. At a time in which many Jews in North America were dipping their apples in honey, expressing their hopes for a new year, the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe vividly reminded people of the atrocities taking place in Europe and not so tacitly called for government leaders to exercise their first and most important function; the saving of lives. It was 1944 and the war was still more than a year from conclusion.

As COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc in our lives and in our communities, I continue to gain perspective and comfort from the words of Sarah Zimmerman, one of our members and a Holocaust survivor. She was one of the first people I called to check in on. She said to me, "Rabbi, how am I? I'm in my warm home. My refrigerator is full. I have my family and caregiver taking care of me. During the War, I was alone. I was afraid. I was hungry. And I was cold. I'm doing pretty well."

So, what's so happy about this new year? Certainly, there are many reasons to be unhappy. For months we have been isolated at home, adjusting to this massive disruption of our normal lives. Everything is different—how we gather, how we shop, how we work, how we mourn, how we

celebrate, how we pray, how we learn and how we ... how we do just about everything, really.

And as we approach these High Holy Days, they too will be different; unlike anything we have seen before. We experience the grief of this moment individually and communally, and we are unhappy.

Perhaps, then, we are asking the wrong question? Perhaps we should ask instead, what's so good about this new year? That is the question implied in the traditional greeting for Rosh Hashanah, *Shanah Tovah*, may you have a good year. We do not say *Shanah Sim'ah*, may you have a happy year.

The High Holy Days are more interested in the quality of our morality than in the quantity of our happiness. We are challenged through the process of reflection, *heshbon hanefesh* and *teshuvah*, repentance, to rise above mundane pursuits and to sharpen our character. Yes, these are tough times.

Yes, we are fearful. Yes, we are concerned about our health, our jobs, our families and our community, but we know that it is our commitment to Jewish values, to goodness, rooted in Torah and developed in the lived experience of Jews throughout time and place, that will ultimately lead to redemption.

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Goodness is what gives us hope.

And there is much that is good about this new year. The pandemic has reoriented each of us to our core priorities—family, health, faith and community. That is good.

We have created new ways to pray, celebrate, learn and gather. That is good.

We have focused deeply on new ways to support the elderly, the poor, the at-risk and the lonely in our communities. That is good.

We have managed to maintain the essential values of Jewish mourning rituals, despite the many disruptions. That is good.

And we have witnessed, participated in and been the recipients of profound acts of *hesed*, kindness. This too, is good.

This upcoming year, 5781, will be different. As with each new year, our challenge remains how to make it a good year. At Beth Tzedec, all of our efforts are geared toward responding to that question as we strive to inspire and enable the members of our community to live meaningful Jewish lives.

We wish you, therefore, not a happy new year, but rather a *Shanah Tovah*, a good new year. And may it be *metukah*, sweet, too.

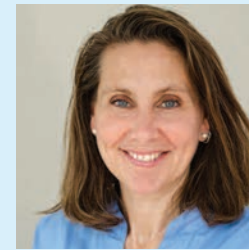
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Choose 'Treasures of Beth Tzedec' Tribute Cards



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 the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



Debbie Rothstein

As we reflect on
the lessons of the
past months, the
impacts on our
community and
our day-to-day
lives are clear.

The Year We Were Waiting For

As I write this, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our lives are becoming less restrictive, as we move about a bit more freely, albeit with masks and hand sanitizer. We are also seeing the mobilization of protesters around the world calling for racial equality and an end to systemic racism.

While the past months have been exhausting, both physically and emotionally, they have brought important change. We would never wish for the loss of life, illness and financial hardship, but COVID-19 has forced most of us to slow down, to take stock of what is truly important and to rethink how we live.

We've learned that it is possible to live with a little less and that, given the opportunity, our planet can begin to heal itself. We've had more time to read, to think and to reflect on our daily behaviour. Even as I watch the protests that have erupted since the murder of George Floyd and the rallying cries of the Black Lives Matter movement, I wonder if the world would have been as open to the message if we didn't have the time to stop and witness what is going on and to educate ourselves about the

pervasive nature of racism.

What if 2020 is the year we were waiting for?

If you had told me I would feel this way in those first few weeks, I never would have believed it. Like many, I was laid off from work and facing an uncertain employment future. Added to that was the increased responsibilities of shul leadership. I'm not ashamed to admit that there were times when I wasn't sure I was up for the task.

But I was shown so much love and support in those first few weeks—my husband, Michael, making sure I was fed and cared for while I tried to process what was going on around me; Bernie Gropper, Chair of the Board, and Randy Spiegel, our Executive Director, stepping in for me that first week so that I could focus on myself; Rabbis Wernick and Fryer Bodzin texting constantly to check in. Because of the love and compassion I was shown, I was able to find my voice and a strength that I wasn't sure I had. I am humbled by the care I was shown in those first weeks, and I believe there are likely others within our community who could share similar stories.



NOTABLE SPEAKERS SERIES

News & Views from Prominent Scholars and Personalities

WEDNESDAY AT 1:00 PM

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

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FALL SERIES

October 7

Adam Chapnick: Canada, Israel and the United Nations

October 14

Helen Zukerman: Behind the Scenes of the Jewish Film Festival

October 28

Sandra Martin: The New Old Age

November 4

Dan Falk: The Enigma of Time

No charge. Pre-registration required. Click [here](#) for details.

Teddy Bear Havdalah

for Toddlers and Their Families

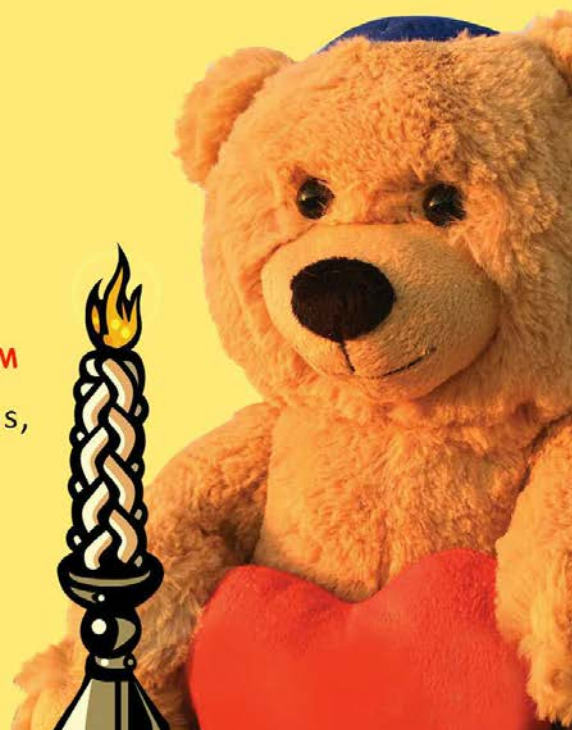
Saturday, November 21 from 5:40 to 6:40 PM

Grab your favourite teddy bear, wear your pyjamas, and get ready to celebrate Havdalah with songs, friends, and story time. Pre-registration required.

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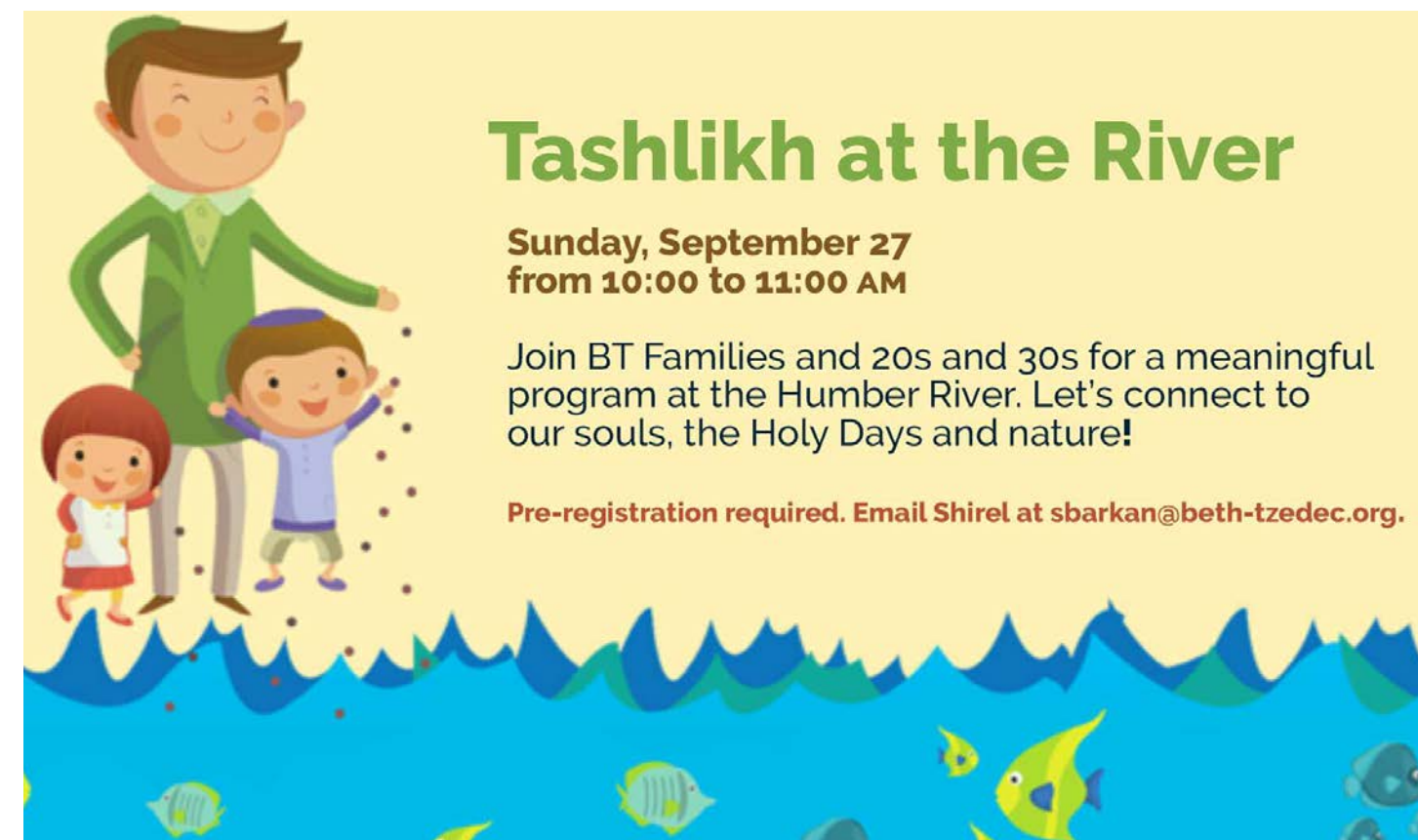


Tashlikh at the River

**Sunday, September 27
from 10:00 to 11:00 AM**

Join BT Families and 20s and 30s for a meaningful program at the Humber River. Let's connect to our souls, the Holy Days and nature!

Pre-registration required. Email Shirel at sbarkan@beth-tzedec.org.



CONTINUED Debbie Rothstein

I continue to be amazed at how people have stepped up at Beth Tzedec. The Spiritual Leadership Team that worked tirelessly to continue our mission to help the members of our community lead meaningful Jewish lives, albeit now from a computer screen. The many volunteers who came forward to help us make thousands of phone calls to our members, asking for nothing in return, but amazed and heartened by the love and concern they received from the other end of the phone line. The Executive which, since March, continues to meet weekly and the Board of Directors, who in addition to our monthly meetings, understood that we would have to call emergency meetings with very short notice as we managed our new reality.

I could go on about the efforts of so many others who, in spite of difficult circumstances, have worked to ensure that we can continue to build a caring community at Beth Tzedec. I am inspired by the determination to facilitate and build community at Beth Tzedec.

As we reflect on the lessons of these past months, the impacts on our community and our day-to-day lives are clear. Maybe 2020 was the year we needed. The love, care and capacity for positive change continues to astonish me, and I truly believe that those are the virtues most needed to heal the world.

During a “Conversations over Coffee” session, André Ivory, Beth Tzedec’s beloved former Youth Director, spoke about his experiences as a Jew of

Colour. Andre talked about the teachings of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel; that if each person is created *B'tzelem Elohim*—in the image of God—then each person must be considered as an individual deserving of care, compassion and understanding. To subdivide into “others”, Heschel said, would thereby defile God’s creation. Our Jewish tradition teaches us to love the stranger as ourselves. We need to celebrate our differences, and show each other love, respect and compassion.

The theme for this year's High Holy Days is *Olam Hessed Yibaneh*—We Build the World on Love. What if 2020 is the year we truly take this to heart?



Randy Spiegel

When we hold
hands with our
Creator, amazing
things can happen.

Who Brings Forth Fruit from the Earth

I love to garden. As a kid, I planted, watered and picked vegetables and flowers. Some years, I entered the best ones in the local garden show, earning a few awards and even a photo in our local paper. There is something about working the earth, watching the growth as the seasons change from spring to summer and then fall. When those veggies are picked, the *brakha*, comes to life. This year, it seems, with everyone at home, gardening has become a growth industry. In fact, it took me three early morning visits to my local garden centre to get lucky enough to find what I wanted.

I am always reminded of happy times as a child; my dad coming home from work, shirt and tie, and heading out to the backyard with me to see what's doing. My fondest memories were when, together, we reached below the broad leaves to discover and pick a couple of fresh cucumbers, head to the hose, wash them under cold water and feel, hear and taste that first

crunch. Thank you God for bringing forth fruit from the earth!

From an early age I came to understand that when we hold hands with our Creator, amazing things can happen. While God set the whole thing in motion, it is humans who have the capacity to manage the enterprise and do good. It is within our capacity to till the land, to massage the ground with our hands, to plant the seeds and to smell the flowers. It is within all of us to reach out to help the other, to welcome the stranger, to nurture relationships and differences among people as we gently move the leaves to the baby plants apart to give them room to grow.

I spin stories to my grandkids (and my children yet again) that baby plants, just like real babies, come from the nursery. They are nurtured there until they are ready to be given to new "parents" who will take care of them and help them grow and reach their potential. Some will grow straight and



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Beth Tzedec Book and Film Club

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Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Join our Book and Film Club, featuring recently published works of Jewish interest. The authors, whose ideas are thought-provoking, stimulating and refreshing, will move and enrich you. Our reviewers inspire conversations, provide a cultural connection to Judaism, answer your questions, give unexpected points of view and enhance your understanding of the books and films featured.

SEPTEMBER 23
The Flight Portfolio with
reviewer Elaine Newton

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OCTOBER 21
The Secrets We Kept

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NOVEMBER 11
Lear's Shadow with
reviewer Cynthia Good

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tall, some will spread out and some will be bent or need extra support. But we love them all the same. The plant nursery is a place of joy every year, and especially this year, when we are feeling so trapped, isolated and sometimes lifeless. Mask on, I carefully negotiated the others in search of the baby plants that would come to my home and have a chance to grow strong and bear fruit of their own. And I always overbuy, sharing my babies with friends in the neighbourhood who nurture their own in their yards. It is an experience I thirst to relive over and over.

It may be cleaner air, but it seems that this year we are starting off strong. While I write this on Rosh Hodesh Tammuz, just as the blooms and summer are emerging at the same time, I am praying for a good growing season and the honour of picking

fresh fruit as the season progresses. It will be, I hope, a privilege to experience picking that first cucumber with one of my children and reciting not only the blessing of before eating, but the *shehehiyanu*, and thank our Creator for keeping us alive, sustaining us and bringing us to this season.

And I love that this *brakha* is in the plural—for gratitude, when it comes, should be shared and felt by all. The first fruit of the season should be enjoyed and appreciated by all. And that is also why I grow more than I need. It is a privilege to share and I love to hear the yummys of friends and family members as a cherry tomato explodes on their taste buds. I know that while the harvest season may be in the future, also as this is written, we are looking to renew our days, *hadesh yamenu kekedem*, when

we can return and renew our sacred houses of study, of prayer and of social closeness, to gather *b'kol ehad*, with one voice, and say the *shehehiyanu* blessing.

And let us say, Amen.



To make a gift that will strengthen our *kehillah* or assist those in our community, please contact me directly at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org



HADVALAH AND PRE-SELIHOT CONCERT

with Rabbi Josh Warshawsky
and Cantor Sidney Ezer

**Saturday night, September 12
9:45 to 10:30 PM**



Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, our guest for *Selihot*, is joined by our own Cantor Sidney Ezer for Havdalah and a musical concert, helping us to prepare for the experience of *Selihot* and the Days of Awe.

In keeping with Public Health and Beth Tzedec safety protocols, this event will be offered via live stream.

No charge; Live stream link available [here>>](#)

Board of Directors Meetings

In adherence to Toronto Public Health guidelines and Beth Tzedec's safety protocols regarding COVID-19, the Board of Directors meetings will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Members are welcome to participate, but must pre-register for link information.

Upcoming meeting dates: **Tuesdays, September 8** and **October 6** at **7:30 PM** and **Tuesday, November 3** at **7:00 PM**.

For information or to pre-register for a Board meeting, contact Florence Bendelac at 416-781-3514 ext. 213 or email fbendelac@beth-tzedec.org.

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 416-781-3514, ext. 212. Deadline for the next *Bulletin* covering December through February is November 1.



Births

Aidan Sean, son of Dawn & Mitchell Polakow, grandson of Heather & Mark Librach, great-grandson of Sam & Evelyn Librach, **born June 6**.

Stella Lane, daughter of Corey & Dalia Shankman, granddaughter of Tammy Kerbel, Marty & Silvana Shankman, Lynn Kofman and Tali Haimen (of Montreal), great-granddaughter of Carole & Harvey Kerbel and Roslyn Gittleson (of Montreal), **born June 28**.

Ezra Georges, son of Chloe & Henry Korenblum, grandson of Ellie Korenblum & Avi Morgenstern, great-grandson of Zelda Korenblum, **born July 2**.



Tamar Bella, daughter of Dayna & Jordan Waltman, granddaughter of Norman & Jackie Kahn and Barry & Gilda Waltman, **born July 30**.

Max Yossi, son of Sarah & Ira Lindenberg, grandson of Nathan & Glennie Lindenberg, Jeff Marants & Barbara Hutcheson and Mark & Barbara Rykiss, **born August 9**.

Noa Abbie, daughter of Jodi & Ryan Tkatch, granddaughter of Dr. Sheldon & Patti Rotman and Janice & Murray Tkatch, **born August 19**.

Kira (Yakira) Maya, daughter of Amir & Amanda Kohl, granddaughter of Rav Baruch & Josette Frydman-Kohl and Yossi & Sylvia Yukeles Schneider, great-granddaughter of Yehudit Schneider, **born August 27**.

Congratulations to

Eric Jacobs, son of Dr. Ron & Gloria Jacobs, and **Risa Reisman**, daughter of Linda Reisman and Howard Reisman, on their engagement.

Brody Merkur, son of James Merkur & Christine Vinberg, on reaching the age of mitzvah on August 27.



Dr. Morrison Steel, son of Sam ^{z"l} & Shoshanah Steel, who received the Professional Excellence Award from the University of California San Diego for the second time.

Weddings

Zack Silverberg, son of Robin & Steve Silverberg, grandson of Honey & Irv ^{z"l} Milstein and Ruth & Willy Silverberg, and **Mandy Usprech**, daughter of Trish & Barry ^{z"l} Usprech, who were married June 14.

Mazal Tov to Our Grads



Matthew Snow, son of Dr. Howard & Emily Snow, grandson of Bernard (Bob) & Shirley Zarnett ^{z"l} and Milton (Mickey) ^{z"l} and Frimette Snow, who graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree from Queen's University School of Medicine. He is continuing at Queen's University with his residency in General Surgery.

Greetings from Sisterhood

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

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

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Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



May 24
Samuel Aaron Avi Greenberg
son of Neil & Natalie
Greenberg
שי אהרון אבי בן נחום ונחמה



August 20
Sam Kaufman
son of Jesse
& Renee Kaufman
יהושע בן יעקב ורוחמה



September 7
Samuel Max Freeman
son of Marc
& Sloane Freeman
מנחם שלמה בן משה
הלוי וישראלה



October 12
Hannah Galit Ezer
daughter of Jason &
Melissa Ezer
חנה גלית בת יעקב יהושע
ומאשא לאה



October 18
Abby Greenspan
daughter of Kyle &
Adrienne Greenspan
איטא אסתר בת קלמן
עזרא ואשירה



October 31
Maya Rachel Mandell
daughter of Danny
& Caroline Mandell
רחל מאיה בת דוד
הלוי ושרה



November 7
Ava Worth
daughter of Jordan Worth
& Liza Cooperman
דליה בת ישראל וצביה מרים



November 21
Lilah Jean Rapoport
daughter of Dr. Adam
& Dr. Mia Rapoport
שיינא בת אדם ומאירה



November 29
Abigail Esther Storm
daughter of Adam
& Sherri Storm
חנה בת אהרן יוסף מאיר
ושלביה



November 28 (MINḤAH)
Ethan Gordon
son of Jamey
& Karen Gordon
אבי משה בן אברהם יהושע
ושרה רבקה



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Kadima Candy Sukkah for kids in Grades 6 to 8

Monday, October 5 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Join your friends in Kadima and create a tasty sukkah—out of candy! We'll be practicing safe social distancing and following Beth Tzedec's updated health and safety guidelines.

No charge, but pre-registration is required. For information or to register, contact Sylvie Moscovitz.



KADIMA HAVDALAH MOVIE NIGHT for Grades 6 to 8

Saturday, November 7 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM

The big screen on a small screen! Join us (virtually) for Havdalah and a fun Israeli movie watch party. More details (and movie title) coming soon. Be sure to tell your friends and save the date.

No charge. For information or to pre-register, email Sylvie Moscovitz.





Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

We all have a freedom of choice whether to live or to die, but our Torah teaches us that the right choice is to choose life.

Smiling at Strangers

We realized things were not okay at Purim. With fewer attendees at our annual “Purim Carnival” than usual and the emergence of hand sanitizer, we say the first hints of what was to come. While we could not have predicted what would unfold, that is when so many aspects of our lives as we knew them began to unravel.

As winter became spring and summer, what we could and could not do changed frequently. One activity that has remained constant for me was the practice of taking daily walks. It did wonders for my overall well-being.

Whether it is alone, meditatively with my thoughts or listening to a podcast, with my beloved family or socially distanced with one of you, I walk at least 12 kilometres every day. For the most part I loved it, until mid-June. That was when more people started wearing masks. For health reasons, it was absolutely the right thing to do. But for the natural high one gets from social interaction, it was hard for me.

When someone is out walking or jogging in a mask, sunglasses and a hat, how can you tell if they smile back at you? A smile with just the eyes is not enough. I live my life according to the wisdom offered by the sage Shamaï, who said to greet everyone with a smile, and with the lyric from Annie, “you’re never fully dressed without a smile”. If not for Zoom, who would you see smiling? Included on the list of losses during this global pandemic is the gift of a smile from a stranger.

To be sure, donning masks does an excellent job of helping us combat this pandemic. But, as Jake Epstein writes, they also take away from our ability to show emotion in public. We are now in an era when people avoid each other in fear of spreading or contracting the virus. We have had to adapt to this too.

We all have a freedom of choice whether to live or to die, but our Torah

teaches us that the right choice is to choose life. The reason that so many of us have adapted to wearing mask is so that we can live. Wearing a mask is like wearing a seat belt—it save lives. As Dr. Donniel Hartman taught this summer, our task is to create a society where we all can live.

Early in the morning liturgy of Rosh Hashanah, the text that we study before *Kaddish deRabanan* is from *Mishnah Sanhedrin*. We read there:

“The Bible relates that God created Adam, a single human being, as the ancestor of all humanity. This teaches us that to destroy a single life it to destroy a whole world, even as to save a single life is to save a whole world. That all people have a common ancestry should make for peace, since no one can say to anyone else: ‘My ancestor was greater than your ancestor.’”

During these High Holy Days, we chant our prayers in the plural to remind ourselves that we all matter. We all come from the same place and we all need to do what we can so that we can coexist in health and wellness in the world. Every life is worth fighting for. What we learn from this mishnah is that no person is superior to another. What a brilliant teaching for the early morning as we start the year anew, with a blank slate.

COVID-19 has been hard. Nobody is immune. But we have had months to contemplate our existence. While we may have more months of not being able to see other people’s smiles, we can still see the shine in their eyes.

Aaron, Ariella and I feel so blessed to begin our second year with you. We felt embraced by this community right from the start. It is now a time, as *Kohelet* writes, to refrain from embracing. With that in mind, I hope you can all feel the virtual hugs being sent your way. *Shanah Tovah!*



Cantor Sidney Ezer

The raw voice of the shofar is the primeval voice of truth from outside of time and technology.

The Sounds of the Shofar

I never had a talent for blowing shofar. The only shofar from which I have been able to emit any decent sound was the one given to me as a gift by the late Bernard Burstyn^{z”l}.

Bernie, who was a regular at morning minyan, often led weekday *Selihot* and *Musaf* on Simhat Torah. He was also an ordained rabbi. He mentored me during *Kaddish* for my late father as I learned how to *daven*. I still use the *tikkun* he inscribed for me when I prepare Torah readings and, when needed during *Elul* and at the end of Yom Kippur, I take out Bernie’s shofar and blow it as best I can.

Like the trumpets (*hatzotzrot*) that called the Israelites to move in the desert, the shofar summons us to act in the world justly. It wakes us up with its physical power and wakes us spiritually, reminding us to analyze our actions, break our patterns and do *teshuvah*.

The shofar also reminds us of the pain, crying and suffering in the world. According to tradition, the length of a *teru’ah* is the length of three sobs (*Mishnah Rosh Hashanah* 4:9). In one *midrash*, the shofar is associated with the crying of Sarah when she was tricked by Satan into believing that Abraham had killed their son Isaac. She wept three times, corresponding to the three shouts (*teki’ot*) of the shofar and howled three times corresponding to the three wails (*teru’ot*) of the shofar. We reread painful episodes relating to Ishmael, Isaac and their mothers on Rosh Hashanah, right before hearing the shofar, to remind ourselves of the tears of the world.

The shofar sound also reminds us of the tears shed by the mother of Sisera, the war captain of the Canaanites who terrorized the Israelites. She peered from the window and wailed when her son didn’t return home (*Judges* 5:28). She groaned long sighs and howled short piercing cries (*Babylonian Talmud Rosh Hashanah* 33b). By conjuring up the

memories of these terrible stories, the *shevarim* (broken notes) break our hearts open and allow us to cry.

With the arrival of COVID-19, augmented by tensions of civil unrest and injustice, the world has been witness to cries and pain of unparalleled proportion: children peering through the windows of nursing homes, unable to be physically present for their parents in their final hours; others, like the family of George Floyd, realizing that their husband and father would not be coming home.

Those of us who have lost a loved one during the pandemic are deprived of the normal grieving process of a public funeral and shiva. With services confined to cyberspace, we have had to peer through Zoom screens to communicate with family and friends. The thought that we might not be able to pray and sing together in shul over the High Holy Days is a stark and sobering possibility.

While the shofar reminds us of crying, it also reminds us of unparalleled joy and freedom. The Torah was given at Mount Sinai along with the shofar and, in the future, God will blow the shofar to gather the dispersed exiles of Israel.

On Rosh Hashanah, we begin the shofar service with the words *min hameitzar karati*, from the narrow place I called out (*Psalms* 118:5). As the breath moves through the winding path of the shofar, from the narrow end to the wider end, it symbolizes the path from narrow-mindedness to expanded consciousness, from slavery to freedom.

Whereas musical instruments are built and refined by people, the shofar comes from the natural world. It is a beacon of natural consistency in an ever-changing world of new technology. The raw voice of the shofar is the primeval voice of truth outside of time and technology. This year, more than ever, how poignant and meaningful it would be to hear the shofar in person and not through our computers. May we be so blessed.



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Our Services

We're bringing back your favourite High Holy Day services for you and your family to enjoy from home! Beth Tzedec members will have access to a special virtual hub to access the High Holy Day experiences that are meaningful to you.



Communal Shaḥarit Live Stream

This year we will be hosting a single community *Shaḥarit* service available only by live-stream. (Due to COVID-19 regulations we are limiting the time in which people may be in the synagogue building to our three Musaf experiences.) Led by **Rabbi Wernick**, **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin**, **Cantor Ezer** and **Lorne Hanick**, this prayer experience will include the devotional texts and Mourner's Kaddish of the preliminary service, a complete *Shaḥarit*, a *Heyhah Kedushah* (when the *Amidah* is begun together), Torah Reading and Shofar Service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah when the Shofar is sounded. The service will be enhanced through inspiring *kavanot* (prayer intentions). The Yom Kippur Service will include Yizkor but will not have the Shofar.

Rosh Hashanah
September 19 & 20
9:00 to 10:30 AM

Yom Kippur
September 27
8:45 to 10:45 AM



Sanctuary Musaf Service

Be uplifted and inspired by this traditional liturgy, enriched by insightful commentary from **Rabbi Steve Wernick** and the music of **Hazzan Moshe Fishel**, **Maestro Meir Briskman** and members of the **Lishmoa El Harina Ensemble**.

Enjoy a sense of amazement and awe as we come together to glory in the majesty of the High Holy Days.

Rosh Hashanah
September 19 & 20
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Kol Nidrei
September 27
6:50 to 8:45 PM

Yom Kippur
September 28
8:45 AM to 1:00 PM



Mezzanine Musaf Service

Join **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin** and **Hazzan Sidney Ezer** for this participatory service. The warm atmosphere and emphasis on singing will help every member of our community engage with the liturgy as we celebrate the *haggim*.

In a slight twist on our usual format, we'll be broadcasting this year's "Mezzanine" services from the newly renovated Hendeles Chapel.

Rosh Hashanah
September 19 & 20
11:00 AM to 1:15 PM

Kol Nidrei
September 27
6:50 to 8:45 PM

Yom Kippur
September 28
11:00 AM to 1:15 PM



Online Membership Payments

As part of our Beth Tzedec's ongoing digital transformation, we have launched ShulCloud, a database system that will make it easier than ever for members to access, update and renew their membership, register for programs, events and classes and make tribute or memorial donations to our various funds and initiatives. We encourage you to take a few minutes to explore the ShulCloud system and confirm your member information. For a guide to using ShulCloud, [click here>>](#)

If you have any questions or you encounter any technical issues, please contact Klara Romm at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.



Short & Sweet Service

Join **Yacov Fruchter** and **Rabbi Bluth (Rachel Rosenbluth)** for a spirited and welcoming High Holy Day Service, highlighting the essential elements of the liturgy (*Mahzor*).

Running from the beginning to the end of services in 90 minutes, we will combine familiar melodies and meaningful takeaways in an approachable way.

Rosh Hashanah

September 19 & 20
10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Kol Nidrei

September 27
6:50 to 8:20 PM

Yom Kippur

September 28
10:30 AM to 12:20 PM
(Includes Yizkor)



Family Service

For children ages six and up and their families, this abbreviated service is intimate, lively and lots of fun. Join **Daniel Silverman**, Director of Education, and our Rabbinic Intern **Matt Goldberg** for inspirational stories and songs to delight your entire family.

This service will be pre-recorded and available on demand to ensure it fits your family's schedule.

Rosh Hashanah

September 19 & 20

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Spiritual Exploration of the High Holy Days

Tap into the essence of the High Holy Days and explore the themes of renewal, presence, introspection and joy with **Rabbi Rachel 'Bluth' Rosenbluth** during this transformational, meditative service. A unique opportunity to connect with the meaning and intention of the Days of Awe in a thoughtful way.

This Service will be pre-recorded and available on demand.

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Our High Holy Day Programs

Get into the spirit of the High Holy Days by joining us for our many exciting, inspiring and educational programs.



Soul Brew with Rabbi Rachel Rosenbluth

Every Sunday to Friday morning until September 27 9:00 AM

Join us on social media for the Soul Brew morning show! Percolate your mind, body and soul as we journey through the month of *Elul* with voices from around the world. Enjoy introspection and inspiration leading to the High Holy Days with these 15-minute videos, hosted by Rabbi Rachel "Bluth" Rosenbluth and a series of artists, thinkers and leaders from Beth Tzedec and across the globe.

Share the results of your personal soul brew on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, using the hashtag **#btsoulbrew**.



Awesome Tunes for the Days of Awe Mondays, September 1 & 15 8:00 PM

Prepare for the Days of Awe with Cantor Sidney and Choir Director Ezra Burke, as they lead us on a two-part, interactive musical introduction to the High Holy Days. Learn new tunes, refamiliarize yourself with Beth Tzedec classics and sing along with us via Zoom.

No charge.



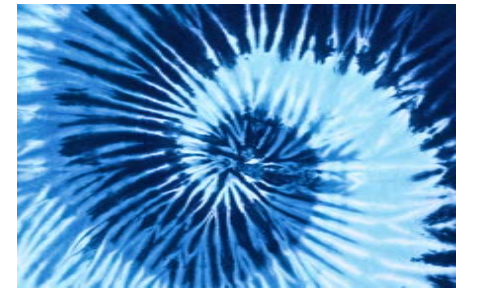
Get Creative: High Holy Day Fun for Kids and Families

(For kids ages 2 to 7 and their families)

Sundays, September 9, 13, 16 & 23
6:45 to 7:15 PM

Gather the kids and get into the spirit of the High Holy Days with a twice-weekly adventure! Join us online for crafts, songs, stories and fun, led by the Beth Tzedec team.

No charge; Pre-registration required to Shirel Barkan-Slater.



High Hallahdays: Tie-Dye Hallah Covers for 20s and 30s

Wednesday, September 9 7:30 PM

Join us for this workshop series to make colourful hallah covers to decorate your table. Have some fun outdoors and create a patterned tie-dye hallah cover.

In keeping with Beth Tzedec's safety protocols, participants must wear masks at all times and maintain physical distancing. Washroom facilities will not be available. This program may be postponed in the case of inclement weather.

Cost: \$10; pre-registration required.

Celebrate the High Holy Days In Person

We know how important celebrating the High Holy Days at Beth Tzedec is to our members. As part of our ongoing commitment to helping every member of our community live a meaningful Jewish life, we are opening our doors to a limited number of members for in-person Rosh Hashanah services. Registration opens Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30 AM and closes on Sunday, September 12 at 12:00 NOON.

Click [here](#) to register for in-person services



Shanah Tovah!

Enjoy Fabulous Florals from Ken's on "Av & Dav" and Delicious Baked Goods from Randy at Kosher City Plus

Support local businesses and celebrate Rosh Hashanah with something special! Proceeds will be used to purchase food vouchers for those hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis.

If you prefer to place your order over the phone, call Arlyn at 416-417-0090 or Patti at 416-564-6424.

Order Deadline: Thursday, September 10 at 12:00 NOON

Contactless Curbside Order Pick-up: **Thursday, September 17 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**



The Curious Kof

A BT All-Access/On Demand Video or Families

Join Shirel, the Kof (monkey) and friends for an amazing Rosh Hashanah adventure. Gather as a family and welcome the new year with laughter and fun! This video will be available to Beth Tzedec members as an On-Demand presentation via our Youtube channel beginning September 11.



Rosh Hashanah Cooking with *Patti Rotman*

Thursday, September 10 7:45 PM

Patti Rotman, Beth Tzedec member and baker extraordinaire, will share a special Rosh Hashanah dessert for you to cook in your own home.

Register through [Eventbrite.ca](#) to receive the Zoom link.

For a direct link to the recipe ingredients list, click [here](#)>>.



Hadvalah and Pre-Selīhot Concert with *Rabbi Josh Warshawsky* and *Cantor Sidney Ezer*

Saturday night, September 12

9:45 to 10:30 PM

Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, our guest for Selihot, is joined by our own Cantor Sidney Ezer for Havdalah and a musical concert, helping us to prepare for the experience of Selihot and the Days of Awe.

In keeping with Public Health and Beth Tzedec safety protocols, this event will be offered via live stream.

No charge.



Rosh Hashanah Decorations Workshop for Families

Sunday, September 13 3:00 PM

Families are invited to join Beth Tzedec for a pre-Rosh Hashanah craft workshop, where we will learn about the holiday and create our own beautiful and useful decorations for celebrating at home.

We will be maintaining a safe physical distance from one another and following Beth Tzedec's updated health and safety policies. We'll also be streaming the program for those who would prefer to join us online.

No charge.



Higher and Higher: Exploring Prayers from the Days of Awe

Monday, September 14 & 21 1:00 PM

Join Yacov Fruchter and Rabbi Frydman-Kohl to dive into the prayers of the Days of Awe, exploring their meaning, history and influence.

September 14: *Unetane Tokef*
with Yacov Fruchter

September 21: *Vidui* (Confessional)
with Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

No charge.



High Hallahdays: Fancy Apple- Stuffed Hallah for 20s and 30s

Tuesday, September 15 7:30 PM

Join us for part two of our workshop series guided by Andrea Schaffer and learn how to make a gourmet apple-filled hallah as well as unique braiding techniques and recipes for delicious dips.

In keeping with Public Health and Beth Tzedec safety protocols, this event will be offered via live stream.

No charge; Pre-registration required.



Tashlikh by the River for Families and 20s and 30s

Sunday, September 27 10:00 AM

Join BT Families and 20s and 30s for a meaningful Tashlikh program at the Humber River. Let's connect to our souls, the Holy Days and nature!

No charge; Pre-registration required to
Shirel Barkan Slater.



High Holy Day Hot Topics!

Our "Hot Topics" are always a highlight of the High Holy Day season at Beth Tzedec. Since we are not gathering in person for High Holy Day services this year, we are moving our "Hot Topics" sessions to the weekdays in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Mark your calendar and join us for one or all of these engaging and informative learning opportunities.



Rebuilding Our Lives Through Resiliency and Love

with *Leanne Matlow*

Tuesday, September 22 7:45 PM

As we continue to struggle with and persevere in a world marked by COVID-19, Leanne Matlow will lead a conversation about our shared sense of loss and how we can strengthen ourselves, each other and our world as we enter the new year.

Leanne Matlow, a Beth Tzedec member, is a cognitive behavioural therapy counsellor with a private practice specializing in anxiety for children and adolescents. She is trained as a teacher and guidance counsellor, with a Masters degree from Toronto's Institute of Child Study, OISE and certificates in CBT from the Beck Institute in Philadelphia.

No charge; Pre-registration required.



The Colour of Love with *Marra B. Gad*

Wednesday, September 23 7:45 PM

Author Marra B. Gad joins Reb Steve in conversation about her book *The Colour of Love* and offers insights for Jewish communities looking to improve their welcoming stance to Jews of Colour. As conversations and activism around racial justice have become a prominent theme of the summer of 2020, Marra will help frame this movement in a Jewish community context.

Marra B. Gad was born in New York and raised in Chicago. She is an independent film and television producer and now calls Los Angeles home. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and holds a master's degree in modern Jewish history from Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University. Winner of the 2020 Midwest Book Award in Autobiography/Memoir, *The Color of Love* is an unforgettable memoir about a mixed-race Jewish woman who, after fifteen years of estrangement from her racist great-aunt, helps bring her home when Alzheimer's strikes.

A limited number of copies of *The Colour of Love* are available for sale through Beth Tzedec. You can purchase your copy, including a signed bookplate, for \$20 by contacting the **Synagogue Office**. Beth Tzedec members will be given priority consideration for books.

No charge to participate; Books available for purchase. Pre-registration required.

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Israel Today Through the Eyes of Our *Shinshinim* Alumni

Thursday, September 24 12:30 PM

Catch up with Beth Tzedec's former *shinshinim* as they share their personal narratives about living through COVID-19 in Israel.

Whether they are in the Israel Defense Force, studying or working, living at home, with roommates or on their own, hear their stories and perspectives on life in the State of Israel since March of 2020.

In order to accommodate the time difference between Israel and Canada, this session will be held in the early afternoon.

No charge; Pre-registration required.



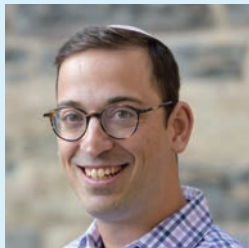
Visit the Ark

September 21 to 26

Share a private prayer in the Beth Tzedec Sanctuary by registering to visit the Aron Kodesh (the ark), during the Days of Awe. A limited number of Beth Tzedec members can sign up for a one-hour time slot to spend a few intimate moments before the ark and our collection of Torah scrolls.

By pre-registration only.
Click [here](#) to register.

Major funding for our High Holy Days and Shabbat Services live streaming technology requirements has been provided by the Jack and Libby Orenstein Adult Education Institute. If you would like to help provide more programming, please consider giving a contribution to this endowment fund.



Yacov Fruchter

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Learning and Unlearning

“Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.”

These words from the Sh'ma are often used as a reminder of our responsibility to educate our children. Over the past months, many of us with school-aged children have become the primary coordinators and suppliers of that education, in partnership with their schools and congregational schools. We became tech experts and troubleshooters, art teachers, gym teachers, Jewish educators, disciplinarians, day planners and music teachers while trying to keep morale up, kids fed, our homes looking more like homes than zoos, and for many of us, all while trying to work 8 to 14 hours each day.

This has not been easy, but it has created tremendous opportunities for learning and a greater sense of connection with our children. In these last four months, Lev (5) learned how to ride a bike, Sheelo (8) learned to kayak and Sela (2) started speaking in paragraphs. They also learned how to use their computers and our

phones for Zoom meetings, how to download Netflix movies and how to pee on the side of the road.

Some of their learning has brought me great nachas, and some has made me sad.

As he turned two, Sela learned that when anyone outside of our family walked towards him on the sidewalk, he should cross the street. If you know me, you know that I am a firm believer in open doors and removing all impediments to entry and connection, both at home and in my work. I walk towards the other, and try my best to do so with love and compassion, and I hate teaching my kids to turn away, to retreat and to be suspicious. I became concerned that this would be detrimental to Sela's growth, as I believe that attachment to others is crucial at his age. I worried about the unlearning that would be required; that he would need to relearn how to engage with love and warmth when life returned to normal.

While we can't draw conclusions from a single two-year-old, what I've learned from Sela brings me hope, as

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do the thousands of acts of *hesed* and love that I have witnessed firsthand. At a time of fear, isolation and disconnection, we found ways to care for each other, learn together, pray together in new ways—but still with *kavanah* and sincerity.

Our family spent time this summer in Winnipeg beach, where social distancing rules are considerably more relaxed. When we joined households with my in-laws and extended family, and told Sela that he can return to his normal loving and cuddly self with them, it was like he hadn't missed a beat. He still keeps his distance from people outside of that group, but it seems that this is one teaching he was quickly able to unlearn.

We've all learned new behaviours, ideas and habits during this strange time. Some need to be preserved and retained, and others will hopefully be remembered only as a vague memory from a difficult time.

Some of us have used this time to learn and develop new skills. My social media has blown up over the last few months with opportunities to learn from experts, visionaries and ordinary people. We at Beth Tzedec pivoted very quickly to offer meaningful and inspiring content that I am proud of, and I hope you have the opportunity to benefit from it.

On the second day of Shavuot, we took our kids for a walk and came across the first protest in Toronto following the tragic death of George Floyd. We watched thousands of masked protesters walk by, demanding change in our city. Our children were moved by the experience and it prompted important conversations in our home.

While I could answer many of their questions, some left me feeling unprepared. I realized that despite my own experiences and education, I am lacking in my knowledge of the experience of Black Torontonians.

At this moment of learning and may we have much to be proud of, one year from now. unlearning, I am committed to educating myself on the intersecting issues connected to anti-black racism, so that I can find the best path forward in being an ally to the oppressed among us and hoping to shed some of my own biases and behaviours along the way.

If you would like to join me on this journey, please reach out so we can work together to propel our world forward through love, kindness and justice. *Olam Hesed Yibane*—we shall build this world through love.

Shanah Tovah. May the things that need to change be changed for the better. May the things that are beautiful in our lives continue to be a source of blessing and hope. And may we have much to be proud of, one year from now.





Ancient Wisdom for a New World: In Conversation with Sarah Hurwitz

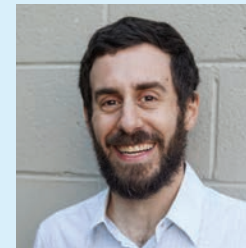
Wednesday, November 11 7:45 PM



Sarah Hurwitz, author of *Here all Along* and Michelle Obama's former speechwriter, joins us to discuss Jewish wisdom and spirituality as a tool to help navigate a world irreparably changed by COVID-19. She will share insights and perspectives as someone who once described herself as a "quintessential lapsed Jew" but came to explore the modern relevancy of ancient Jewish insights and scripture.

Recommended donations of \$10 supporting the Membership Relief Fund are appreciated. Pre-registration required [here>>](#)

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Daniel Silverman

*The months of
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Routine and Disruption

Jewish living relies on routines and repeated activities. We have morning and evening prayers. We mark Shabbat every seventh day. We read the Torah on an annual cycle, and our holidays mark the passing of the seasons and years.

Family life also relies on routines and repeated activities. In my house, at least, there's the morning routine with wake-ups, breakfast and getting out the door, evening routines with bath and bedtime and weekend routines with shul, extra-curricular activities and seeing relatives and friends.

Like everyone else, since mid-March, my family and I have had our routines disrupted. There is no more getting out of the house in the morning, school has moved online, work has moved to being home-based and ventures out became almost non-existent. And yet, in the midst of this upheaval, we (like many other families, I'm sure) have managed to develop a routine within the lack of routine.

Online school became our children's new normal, and figuring out how to balance work obligations and childcare became easier as the weeks went by. Walks through the park, especially once the weather warmed up, became our outings. Grocery shopping in store switched to the Sunday morning curbside pick-up.

The months of Elul and Tishrei are a disruption to the Jewish calendar. All through Elul, we hear the shofar blown each morning. *Seliḥot* prayers are added to the liturgy—all month in Sephardic communities, and in the ten or so days before Rosh Hashanah in the Ashkenazi community. *Tishrei* is full of holidays, ranging from the celebrations of Sukkot and Simḥat Torah.

These disruptions, though, fit in to their own sort of routine. We notice the summer approaching its end, we head back to school and we re-engage with our Jewish living in a variety of ways.

Even this year, in 2020, in Elul of 5780 and Tishrei of 5781, as COVID-19 continues to impact our society and our ways of life, we will undoubtedly find comfort in the familiar change of routine that these holidays bring. No matter what, we will have apples and honey on our tables at Rosh Hashanah. We will turn our attention inward during Elul and work to better ourselves. We will let the familiar melody of Kol Nidrei wash over us as we hear it to begin Yom Kippur. We will build our Sukkot in our yards, and maybe even have guests if our sukkah is sufficiently large. We will celebrate the conclusion of another year of reading the Torah—even though this year, we missed an entire book due to quarantine.

It is in unfamiliar and difficult moments that routines ground us. It is why certain professions practice and drill often, so that in a moment of crisis or of stress, the correct action is second nature. Think about doctors, pilots, athletes, performing artists and more. For all of us, whose lives have been so out of whack for months, and for whom Passover and Shavuot were markers of the lack of normalcy, let us embrace the annual return of our Fall holidays with excitement. Let us find comfort in the familiar and embrace this change to our new routines.

Rachel, Mira, Nadav and I wish everyone a *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah*, a year of happiness, of well-being, and most importantly, of health.

Fall Services, Programs and Events

Don't miss any of our new and exciting events, including programming that is still being developed and updated service times throughout the year.



Shabbat & Weekday Services



Kabbalat Shabbat

Every Friday evening

Prepare your spirit for Shabbat with song, comfort and community. Join us for *Minḥah*, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and *Ma'ariv* live-streamed to the [Daily Services page](#). Check our [website calendar](#) for service and candle lighting times.



Sanctuary Service

Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM

Join us for Shabbat morning services live streamed to the website [Daily Services page](#). Our Shabbat Service offers the energy and inspiration of a spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience as you sing along with

Cantor Sidney Ezer. Rabbi Steven Wernick and Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin offer insights into our Torah reading. Come be a part of our musical and spiritual *davening*.



Havdalah on Facebook

Every Saturday evening;
[check website for times](#)

While we cannot be together to mark the conclusion of Shabbat and start the new week, we hope that this experience together can continue to help create spiritual nearness in the midst of our social distancing. Join us on the Beth Tzedec [Facebook page](#) for a live Havdalah experience.



Shaharit Services

Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM

Weekday mornings at 7:30 AM

Join us for *Shaharit* on Zoom by clicking the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/894447868>. You can also join by phone only by calling 647-374-4685 and inputting the meeting ID 894-447-868.



Minḥah-Ma'ariv Services

Every Sunday to Thursday evening

Join us for *Shaharit* on Zoom by clicking the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/894447868>. You can also join by phone only by calling 647-374-4685 and inputting the meeting ID 894-447-868.



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our High Holy Day
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Recurring Weekday Programs for Adults



Daily Tanakh Study

Weekday afternoons 3:00 PM

We continue our 929-day project studying each chapter from the Tanakh on our Facebook group—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1442160352615555/>.



L'Chaim

Friday evenings at 5:30 PM

Join us every Friday afternoon for an opportunity to share a *l'chaim* and kick off Shabbat with a few minutes of community with the Beth Tzedec community. Join us on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5505273686>



Conversations Over Coffee with Rabbi Steven Wernick

Monday afternoons 12:30 PM

Rabbi Steven Wernick gathers a cadre of community personalities for conversations on politics, culture, social existence and Jewish life. Grab a cup of coffee and log on to join us.

Sessions will be streamed to [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). Comment with questions for our guests on either platform.

September 14—Yossi Klein Halevi

Reb Steve will share coffee with Yossi Klein Halevi, senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, to discuss “**Israel and the Diaspora: Challenges and Opportunities in the New Year**”.

September 21—Cari Kozierok

Cari Kozierok, executive director of Ve'ahavta, talks about “Responding to Isaiah” to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

October 5—Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin joins Reb Steve to talk about this year's High Holy Days, celebrations like no other. How do we think we did? What worked? What did we learn?

October 12—Daphne Lazar Price

Reb Steve will share coffee with Daphne Lazar Price, Executive Director of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance.



Gratitude Circle with Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

Wednesdays, September 9 & 16
7:45 PM

“Praise the LORD; for God is good, God's *hesed* is eternal” (Psalm 136:1).

People who exhibit gratitude report fewer aches and pains, and a general feeling of health. Research shows that gratitude can improve your psychological health, enhance empathy and reduce aggression, improve sleep, enhance self-esteem and increase mental strength.

Join us as we express gratitude and acknowledge the blessings in our lives.

Join us on Zoom at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89419854216>



Jewish Meditation with *Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin*

Sundays, October 25
and November 29

9:45 to 10:45 AM

Find a quiet place, tune out the world around you and take some time for YOU to breathe. Re-centre and focus inward. This year-long series will be streamed on [Facebook](#).



Loss in the Time of COVID-19: A Bereavement Group with *Debbie Berlin*

Thursdays, September 10 & 24,
October 8 & 22 and November 5 & 19

7:45 to 9:00 PM

The loss of a loved one is challenging at any time. During the time of COVID-19, it brings a host of other issues that may complicate grief and bereavement. Judaism has a clear set of mourning rituals that have been painfully absent during the pandemic.

No charge. For information or to join this group, email [Rabbi Fryer Bodzin](#).



Finding Home: 3 Books, 3 Presenters

Mondays, October 5 & November 2
and Wednesday, December 2

Each of our three presenters—Irving Matlow, David Bezmozgis and Dr. Joanna Krongold—will share personal reflections on this heartfelt theme.

November 2 at 7:30 PM—Author **David Bezmozgis** will read from and reflect on his collection of short stories in *Immigrant City*.

December 2 at 7:30 PM—Dr. **Joanna Krongold** will review the memoir *Lost in Translation* by Eva Hoffman. We will travel from post war Poland to Canada to the U.S.

NEW DATE!

January 18 at 1:30 PM—BT member **Irving Matlow** will be interviewed by his son David about his biographical novel, *At the Family Table*.

Cost: \$36 per session or \$90 for the series.

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Notable Speakers Series

FALL SESSIONS

Wednesdays, October 7, 14 & 28
and November 4 1:00 PM

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

October 7—Adam Chapnick

In “Canada, Israel and the United Nations”, Chapnick explores the purpose, function and dysfunction of the United Nations with specific attention to Canadian policy as it relates to Israel and evaluates Canada’s evolving posture.

October 14—Helen Zukerman

Helen Zukerman, artistic director of the Jewish Film Festival, takes us behind-the-scenes to answer your questions on “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the TJFF”, and what makes a film a ‘Jewish film’.

October 28—Sandra Martin

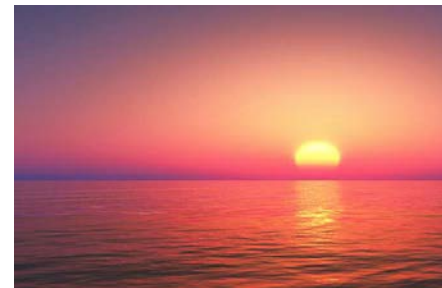
We’re tackling “The New Old Age: Is Canada Ready for the Demographic Time Bomb Hurtling at Us?” No, we aren’t, says award-winning journalist and writer Sandra Martin in a provocative talk about longevity in a rapidly changing society in which there are more people over 65 than under 15 and centenarians are the fastest growing demographic.

November 4—Dan Falk

Time is at once intimately familiar and deeply mysterious. In this illustrated talk on “The Enigma of Time”, adapted from his second book *In Search of Time*, Dan Falk looks at the quest to make sense of time, from the earliest calendars and clocks to time travel, and beyond.

No charge; pre-registration required

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Day Trips in Jewish History with *Hana Werner*

PART ONE

Mondays, October 19 & 26 and
November 2, 9 & 16 1:30 PM

Educator Hana Werner delivers snapshots of the Biblical stories, scrolls and characters.

There Is Nothing New Under the Sun October 19—The Book of Job

October 26—Gratitude and Optimism

November 2—The Transformative
Power of Hope

November 9—Empowerment:
Overcoming Challenges and Failure

November 16—Antisemitism in the
Bible

No charge; pre-registration required.



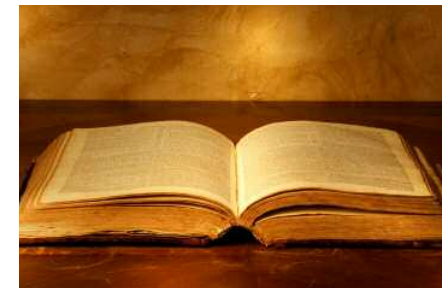
The Book of Job with *Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin*

Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18 & 25

12:30 to 1:30 PM

Many are familiar with the words found in the beginning of Tanakh, but few review the books in the back. Uncover how the lessons in the Book of Job resonate, especially as the world has unfolded this past year.

No charge; pre-registration required.



Learn Talmud at Your Own Pace with *Rabbi Steven Wernick*

Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM
November 2 to June 7, 2021

One of Judaism’s greatest strengths is its affinity for diverse opinions and the debate, for the “sake of Heaven” to implement God’s will in our lives. The Talmud is the source from which this affinity for debate and the code of Jewish *Halakhah* (law) is derived. It is made up of the *Mishnah* (250 c.e. Israel) and the *Gemara* (500 c.e. Babylonia). The *Mishnah* is the original written version of the oral law and the *Gemara* is the record of the rabbinic discussions following this writing down.

For many, the study of *Talmud* can seem overwhelming. In this weekly *Talmud* learning with Rabbi Wernick, we will learn at a slow and deliberate pace, sequentially studying a single page of *Talmud* throughout the week, with Shabbat designated as a day for personal review.

Our learning will be supported by scholars from the Conservative Yeshiva (CY) at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center of USCJ. Participants will receive an email from Dr. Joshua Kulp, which neatly has the daily *daf* (folio page) section in both Hebrew and English, along with his own explanations of each *sugya* (section).

The last email of the week contains, in addition to the final section, a short video of Dr. Kulp reviewing the main points of the *daf* and what we have learned this week. The following Monday learners will

gather for *hevruta* (partner) study and a *shiur* reviewing the main points live with Rabbi Wernick.

No previous experience is necessary and students are invited to participate with the CY weekly and drop in to our *shiur* as they are available. Participants will be encouraged to purchase the Koren or Steinsaltz version of the tractate we are learning. These can be purchased at Amazon.ca. Use of the materials provided by the CY are available on [Sefaria.org](#) at no additional cost.

No charge for Beth Tzedec members; \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration required through the [Synagogue office](#).



Struggling with Faith in the Time of Adversity: The Teachings of Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira with *Professor James Diamond*

Tuesdays, October 20 & 27 7:30 PM

Prof. James Diamond, the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Chair in Jewish Studies at the University of Waterloo, leads a fascinating presentation on the teachings of Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira, the Grand Rabbi of Piaseczno, Poland, who authored a number of works before his murder by the Nazis during the Shoah. What do his writings teach us in these times of political strife and a world-wide pandemic?

No charge; pre-registration required.

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Recurring Programs for Families, Youth and Teens



CSX: The Beth Tzedec Congregational School Experience

Classes begin Sunday, October 18 and continue through May 16

Our Congregational School Experience is an exciting combination of Jewish learning experiences for children from JK to Grade 7.

CSX has been developed and is overseen by Daniel Silverman, a professional, dynamic educational leader. It uses the most current techniques for Jewish supplementary education and has been endorsed by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

The CSX program is delivered by hand-picked, well-trained teachers who make a personal connection with every child, accommodating individual learning needs.

We are very excited to share that we are planning for in-person learning for Sunday classes this coming year. As COVID-19 case numbers continue to decline, and as the Ministry of Education and local school boards have made announcements about in-person classes beginning, we believe that the benefits of learning together on site are significant, and that we can take many steps to ensure a safe learning environment for our students and teachers.

These steps for the coming school year will include:

- Required health assessment of students by their parents in advance of Sunday classes, to be submitted to the school
- Required health self-assessment by teachers in advance of classes, to be submitted to the school
- A frequent handwashing schedule during school hours and a sanitization schedule for all classes being used by our program
- Hand sanitizer in all classrooms
- Students being responsible for their own art supplies (a supplies list will be created and shared)
- A PPE policy that parallels and improves upon that of the public school system, with mandatory masks for all teachers and for students in Grade 2 and above, and strongly recommended masks for students in JK through Grade 1
- Pick up and drop off at the entrance to the building to minimize traffic in the building itself
- If needed and advised, spreading the program out among more classrooms, to both increase space between each class cohort and ensure smaller class sizes
- Not holding all-school or multi-class gatherings to minimize contact between each class cohort
- Not holding in-person music classes due to the increased risk of viral spread through singing. We hope to provide a virtual music experience online
- Maintaining the ability to quickly pivot to online learning if necessary, for a segment of the school population or for the whole school

CSX classess will place on Sunday mornings from 9:15 AM to 12:00 NOON. For students in Grades 3 and up, there is an additional component one weekday afternoon per week, provided in an online format.

For information or a registration package, email [Daniel Silverman](#).



BT Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program (BBMP)

Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program is designed to assist in the transition to adulthood by helping teenagers grapple with becoming Jewish adults. Through experiential activities and trips, participants explore what it means to be a responsible 21st century young Jewish adult.

A sense of Jewish identity is strengthened and supported through dialogue among participants as we create a community of peers. Jewish coming-of-age experiences in other cultures and religions, leading to a greater understanding of the wider world and a unique perspective on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah journey.

Sessions will be led by Daniel Silverman, Director of Education, with assistance from staff and guest presenters.

For information or to register for the BBMP program, email [Daniel Silverman](#).



Get Creative: High Holy Day Fun for Kids and Families

(For kids ages 2 to 7 and their families)

Sundays, September 9, 16 & 23
6:45 to 7:15 PM

Gather the kids and get into the spirit of the High Holy Days with a twice-weekly Beth Tzedec adventure! Join us online for crafts, songs, stories and fun, led by the Beth Tzedec team.

No charge; Pre-registration required to [Shirel Barkan-Slater](#).



Babies, Blessings and Shabbat Fun

(For toddlers and their families)

Fridays beginning September 11
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Welcome Shabbat with music, movement and friends! We'll sing Shabbat songs, recite blessings, dance together and experience Hebrew learning. Embrace the feeling of community as we welcome Shabbat into our hearts.

Weather permitting, we will meet at Cedarvale Park through October 16.

Contact [Shirel Barkan-Slater](#) for details about alternate locations for this program after October 16.

Cost: \$8 for Beth Tzedec members; \$12 for non-members; Pre-registration required.



The PJ Library Presents Program

(For toddlers ages 1 to 5 with a parent or caregiver)

Sunday, October 18
10:30 to 11:30 AM

Meet some new friends while enjoying Jewish story-time and free play, on a different theme each time.

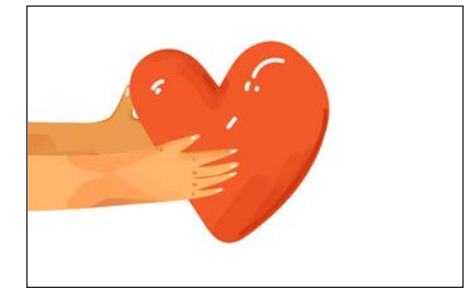
October 18—King David and the Spider

Take a magical journey exploring King David's kindness and his love and respect for animals. We will read a book, learn new dance moves, create fun crafts and enjoy community time.

Weather permitting, we will meet in Cedarvale Park. Alternately, we will meet on Zoom.

No charge; Pre-registration required for all sessions to [Shirel Barkan-Slater](#).

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The Hesed Project: Social Justice From Home

(For kids in Grades 1 to 5)

Sundays, October 18, November 8 and December 6
3:00 to 4:00 PM

Tzedek Teerdof (Justice you will follow)! The "Hesed Project" provides an opportunity for kids to learn about and experience *mitzvot* by helping others. Join Shirel and take action on social issues to make the world a better place.

We'll be practicing safe, physical distancing following Beth Tzedec's updated health and safety guidelines.

No charge; Pre-registration required for all sessions to [Shirel Barkan-Slater](#).



Directed by an accomplished educational professional and staffed by well qualified teachers, CSX makes a personal connection with every child.

At CSX, your child will:

- Develop a sense of Jewish identity and learn about Jewish traditions, holidays and customs
- Gain familiarity with prayer and Jewish ritual
- Learn to read and write Hebrew
- Use technology, art, music and movement to create meaningful and lasting learning experiences
- Have the opportunity to meet other children and make friends
- Establish a vibrant link to Israel
- Begin a path to a more meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience

Limited spaces available. Register your child today!

For information, contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org

SEPTEMBER



Card-Making for Seniors

(Kadima—Kids in Grades 6 to 8)

Sunday, September 13

1:00 to 2:30 PM

Weather permitting, meet in the Beth Tzedec parking lot to design cards and write messages to brighten the day of seniors in our community. We will be practicing physical distancing and masks are required. Hand sanitizer will be available. In the event of rain, this program will be offered via Zoom.

No charge; Pre-registration required by September 8 to Sylvie Moscovitz.



Care Packages for Senior Citizens

(BTUSY—Teens in Grades 9 to 12)

Sunday, September 13 3:00 PM

Join your friends at Beth Tzedec and receive community service hours as we put together care packages of cards, puzzle booklets and sweet treats for seniors in the community. We'll be practicing safe, physical distancing and masks are required. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

No charge; Pre-registration required by September 8 to Sylvie Moscovitz.

OCTOBER



Candy Sukkahs for Kadima

(Kadima—Kids in Grades 6 to 8)

Monday, October 5 5:00 PM

Celebrate Sukkot by making delicious, edible sukkahs out of pretzels, graham crackers, Twizzlers and other fun treats. Weather permitting, we will meet in the Beth Tzedec parking lot, following all safety protocols and maintaining physical distancing. Masks are required and hand sanitizer will be available. In the event of rain, this program will be offered on Zoom, and participants will be able to pick up treat packages in advance.

Pre-registration required by September 29 to Sylvie Moscovitz.



Sukkot Zumba for BTUSY

(BTUSY—Teens in Grades 9 to 12)

Tuesday, October 6 5:00 PM

Join us for an hour-long session of Sukkot-themed Zumba led by our very own Joseph Berman, streamed via Zoom! The link will be provided to all participants after registration.

Pre-registration required by October 1 to Sylvie Moscovitz.

NOVEMBER



Kadima Havdalah and a Movie

(Kadima—Kids in Grades 6 to 8)

Saturday November 7 6:00 PM

The big screen on a small screen! Join us (virtually) for Havdalah and a fun Israeli movie watch party. More details (and movie title) coming soon. Be sure to tell your friends and save the date.

Pre-registration required by November 3 to Sylvie Moscovitz.



Muffin Baking for Ve'ahavta

(BTUSY—Teens in Grades 9 to 12)

Sunday, November 15 1:30 PM

In our own homes over Zoom, we'll perform a mitzvah and bake blueberry oat muffins for Ve'ahavta's Mobile Homelessness Outreach program. Download the ingredients list here: <https://veahavta.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Veahavta-Cookbook-converted.pdf>. Muffins can be dropped off at Beth Tzedec on November 15 and November 16, and should be packaged and sealed in Ziplock-type storage bags.

Pre-registration required by November 12 to Sylvie Moscovitz.

September



BT Book Club presents

The Flight Portfolio

by Julie Orringer

Wednesday, September 23 1:00 PM

This novel, based on the true story of Varian Fry, an American journalist who, arranged safe passage out of France for more than 2,000 refugees who were in danger of losing their lives. Led by **Elaine Newton**.

No charge

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October



The U.S. Election: Biden, Trump and the Future with Professor Stephen Berk

Wednesday, October 7 7:45 PM

Beth Tzedec announces the first of three online lectures with Professor Stephen Berk, the Henry and Sally Schaffer Professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College, New York. Prof. Berk will give a timely talk on the upcoming U.S. elections and

how the two men vying for the Presidency could impact the political, social and international landscapes.

Suggested donation of \$10 supporting the Membership Relief Fund appreciated. Pre-registration required [here](#)>>

THE SAM & SARAH KERZNER AND JOSEPH KERZNER HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL INSTITUTE



BT Book & Film Club presents

The Secrets We Kept

by Lara Prescott

Wednesday, October 21 1:00 PM

Lara Prescott's debut reimagines Doctor Zhivago's dangerous journey to publication, placing women serving as CIA secretaries (and sometimes spies) at the centre of the story. We will revisit the Cold War era, espionage and the famous novelist who suffered at the hand of USSR. Led by Cynthia Good.

No charge

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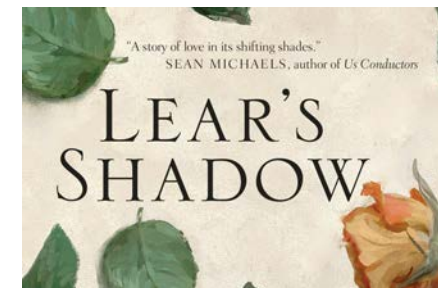
November

Healing Service with Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

Wednesday, November 4 7:45 PM

When you feel broken, turn to our tradition for strength and renewal. Join us on Zoom as we enrich our lives and strive for a sense of shlaymoot, well-being, together.

For information or the Zoom link, email Sheri Federman.



BT Book & Film Club presents *Lear's Shadow* by Claire Holden

Wednesday, November 11 1:00 PM

Set in modern Montreal, this book echoes Shakespeare's *King Lear* and addresses themes of aging, children, loss and identity that run through the Bard's greatest play. It is subtle and funny and, now and then, quietly heartbreaking. Led by Cynthia Good.

No charge;

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Ancient Wisdom for a New World: In Conversation with Sarah Hurwitz

Wednesday, November 11 7:45 PM

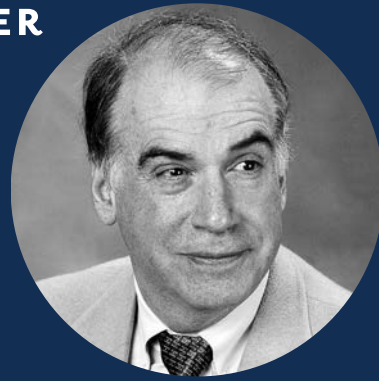
Sarah Hurwitz, author of *Here all Along* and Michelle Obama's former speechwriter, joins us to discuss Jewish wisdom and spirituality as a tool to help navigate a world irreparably changed by COVID-19. She will share insights and perspectives as someone who once described herself as a "quintessential lapsed Jew" but came to explore the modern relevancy of ancient Jewish insights and scripture.

Recommended donations of \$10 in support of the Membership Relief Fund are appreciated. Pre-registration required.

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
GUEST SCHOLAR

Professor Stephen Berk

The US Election: Biden, Trump and the Future

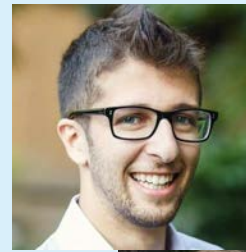


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 7:45 PM

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In keeping with Public Health and Beth Tzedec's COVID-19 safety protocols, this lecture will be live streamed. No charge; Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#) or call 416-781-3511.

(Upcoming lectures with Prof. Berk: Tuesdays, December 15 and February 23)



Welcoming Matt and Sheri

We are excited to welcome Matt Goldberg to Beth Tzedec as our new Rabbinic Intern.

As an active member of the Conservative movement, Matt grew up participating in USY and is an alum of the UCSJ gap year program Nativ. After completing his undergrad with a BA in English and a minor in American History at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Matt started at the Rabbinical and Cantorial school at Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. Over the past three years, he has had the opportunity to lead High Holy Day services at Shaarei Zedek Synagogue in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Matt previously served as a rabbinic intern at Congregation Kehillath Israel in Massachusetts. In this role, he taught religious school classes, led Junior Congregation services for Shabbat and the *haggim*, and participated in services reading Torah and Haftarah and leading services.

As a Vancouver native, Matt hopes his loyalty to the Vancouver Canucks will not alienate him from the Toronto community. In addition to school and hockey, he enjoys spending his time reading and practicing the trumpet. He is excited to meet and work with families at Beth Tzedec, and is looking forward to the opportunity to learn from the community while here.

Matt's enthusiasm and passion for working in the Conservative movement will be a welcome addition to our community. We are excited to get to know him during our online High Holy Day programming and work with him throughout the year!

We are also excited to welcome Sheri Federman back to Beth Tzedec as the Executive Assistant to the Rabbis. Since joining Beth Tzedec in 2013 as the Membership and Development Coordinator, we have been lucky to have worked with Sheri throughout the years. After her many years of contributions to Beth Tzedec, we are thrilled to welcome her back!

Before working in the Jewish community, Sheri gained experience as a Banquet Coordinator in the hotel industry. Afterwards, she worked at Holy Blossom Temple as the Membership Coordinator and at the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science as the Director of Programs and Operations. In addition to her years of experience in event coordinating, she is a certified Private Investigator.

Between working at Beth Tzedec, Sheri and her husband have had the opportunity to travel the world, visiting a total of 35 countries in the span of two years. Since marrying in 1990, their deep love of travel has taken them all over the world exploring and allowed them to learn about and experience a wide variety of different cultures.

Since her work as the Membership and Development Coordinator, Sheri returned to Beth Tzedec to serve as the Special Events Coordinator to plan and implement our Year of Tribute for Rabbi Frydman-Kohl.

Welcome back, Sheri!

—Hannah Wohl

There's always something new and interesting happening at Beth Tzedec. Check our website for the latest news programs and events!

Hesed from a Distance

These past six months have been a very trying time for all of us. I am very grateful that the pandemic is slowing down somewhat in Toronto and that Beth Tzedec has begun to re-open, albeit on a much smaller scale.

Games Afternoon

Unfortunately, we have had to temporarily suspend the “Games Afternoon” program, which was so popular. It served as a social opportunity for many Beth Tzedec members, as well as for others in the community. Thanks to technology, many of the participants have continued to play Canasta and Mahj online, often with their regular groups. My hope is that one day soon we will be able to re-instate the “Games Afternoon” at the shul.

Out of the Cold

Our Out of the Cold program was forced to close three weeks early this past season due to the pandemic. We were extremely concerned about how our guests would manage, given that so many of them sleep on the streets and have come to rely on the OOTC

shelters during the winter months. The city opened 45 beds for our guests, which was not nearly enough. We pressed the city and successfully got another 65 beds made available for those who use using our services.

Our shelter has operated for the past 25 years, thankfully without any major health outbreaks. However, given the very nature of COVID-19, the social distancing requirements and the difficulties in contact tracing since our shelter does not have permanent guests, we will not be able to operate our program in 2021. The city has informed us that it will be reallocating the funding for Dixon Hall, which helped us run our shelters and plans to open an 80 bed facility that will operate 365 days a year. Most of the other OOTC shelters will likely close as well. If there is a silver lining in all of this, it is that the OOTC program was never meant to provide a permanent solution to the homelessness crisis. Perhaps with the direction the city is taking now, a more permanent solution will be found to ease this crisis and to get



Support the Kasher Food Bank.

In lieu of dropping off non-perishable food items for the Kasher Food Bank's Rosh Hashanah food drive, please consider making a financial contribution to our Kasher Food Bank fund or the Out of the Cold fund. Monies received for these two initiatives will help support our community in these most unusual times. To make a donation through Beth Tzedec, click [here>>](#)



Summer Mitzvah Project

These High Holy Days will be unlike any we've ever celebrated. But the spirit of renewal, reflection and celebration remains. In harmony with this year's High Holy Day theme of Olam Hased Yibaneh (We Build the World on Love), a contingent of BTUSY teens took time from their summer holidays to help prepare and pack items into our member High Holy Day bags. Kol HaKavod to the crew!



more people experiencing homelessness off the streets.

Although we will no longer physically operate our shelter with Beth Sholom (out of their premises), we have every intention of continuing to serve those people who have depended on us for so many years. There is still plenty of *hesed* work to be done.

There are many drop-in centres, men's and women's shelters and some 2,000 people who live in encampments that desperately need our help. We are exploring a number of options on how to move forward. Whether it be clothing, food or monetary donations, our efforts to provide *tikkun olam* and *hesed* will not stop. Stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved.

Celebrating with Heart

I'd like to thank Patti Rotman, Arlyn Zimmerman and the Chai Tea Committee for organizing the wonderful Mother's Day and Father's Day campaigns in support of Out of the Cold. In lieu of their annual event, the Chai Tea Committee organized the sale of flowers and sweet treats to celebrate women in our community, and the campaign was so successful that they offered charcuterie boxes to help celebrate Father's Day! The two initiatives raised over \$20,000 for OOTC, while also supporting local businesses.

To order for their Rosh Hashanah Fundraiser, [click here](#).

Reaching Out

Beth Tzedec's Spiritual Leadership team, staff and member volunteers have been wonderful in reaching out to the entire Beth Tzedec family

throughout the pandemic. If anyone would like to be contacted, leave me a message for me at the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or email info@beth-tzedec.org.

Hallah for Hased

Our “Hallah for Hased” program ran for two months over the spring and summer, and we hand-delivered over 100 loaves of *hallot* to the community who were having difficulty obtaining *hallah* for their Shabbat dinner. The program was spearheaded by Hannah Sandler, with support from Lorraine Sandler, and both they and the volunteers who helped make this program work deserve a big thank you. With many members of our community housebound due to COVID-19, they stepped in with a thoughtful reminder of the love and compassion that make our community wonderful.

—Maureen Tanz
Chair, Hased Committee



Rosh Hashanah Decorations Workshop

for families and children of all ages



Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 PM

Families are invited to join Beth Tzedec for a pre-Rosh Hashanah craft workshop, where we will learn about the holiday and create our own beautiful and useful decorations for celebrating at home. We will be maintaining a safe physical distance from one another and following Beth Tzedec's updated health and safety policies. We'll also be streaming the program for anyone who would prefer to join us online.

For information, contact Shirel Barkan Slater at sbarkan@beth-tzedec.org.

Men's Club Makes a Difference



BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Mother's Day Flowers

To help raise funds for Beth Tzedec's Out of the Cold project, the Beth Tzedec Mother's Day Committee organized the sale of flowers and sweet treats to celebrate women in our community. The Men's Club joined in this project by ordering flowers for every woman on the Beth Tzedec staff, to show our appreciation for the hard work that has gone into transitioning our synagogue community online during this difficult time.



Photo by Larry Rachlin

Renew Your Membership

As you renew your Beth Tzedec membership contribution, don't forget to renew your Men's Club membership for only \$18!

Being a part of the Men's Club means having access to exciting programs and helping to support so many great causes across the Beth Tzedec community, including the *hesed*

community, adult Jewish learning and much more!

Chinese Dinner Meeting

Our eagerly-anticipated Chinese Dinner Meeting has been postponed, but will be rescheduled just as soon as it's safe to do so.

Conversations Over Coffee

with Rabbi Steven Wernick

Monday afternoons 12:30 PM

Rabbi Steven Wernick gathers a cadre of community personalities for conversations on politics, culture, social existence and Jewish life. Grab a cup of coffee and log on to join us. Sessions will be streamed to **Facebook** and **YouTube**. Comment with questions for our guests on either platform.

New guests are added to the series regularly. Check our **website** frequently for updates.

September 14—Yossi Klein Halevi

Reb Steve will share coffee with Yossi Klein Halevi, senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, to discuss "Israel and the Diaspora: Challenges and Opportunities in the New Year".

September 21—Cari Kozierok

Cari Kozierok, executive director of Ve'ahavta, joins Reb Steve to talk about "Responding to Isaiah" to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

October 5—Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin joins Reb Steve to talk about this year's High Holy Days, celebrations like no other. How do we think we did? What worked? What did we learn?

October 12—Daphne Lazar Price

Reb Steve will share coffee with Daphne Lazar Price, Executive Director of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance.

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“Jacob left
Beer-sheba, and
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makom”

—(Genesis 28: 10-11).

The Launch of BT Small Groups on Zoom

In Hebrew, *makom* means place or space. *Makom* is also a name for God, signifying God’s omnipresence, the felt sense of God’s immanence in the world and in our lives.

A large component of my connection to Judaism has been to Beth Tzedec’s physical building. It is where I got married, where my daughters were named and my son had his bris and where we gathered on Shabbat and on High Holy Days for prayer. I hope that the time to return to the building will come soon. But the COVID-19 experience has made me realize, more than ever, that the connection between Beth Tzedec’s members and with the Spiritual Leadership Team is what defines our *kehillah* and is where I find my place, my *makom*.

A Beth Tzedec “Small Group” is an opportunity to connect with other members over a shared goal, project or interest and to build relationships.

We invite you to imagine hundreds of Beth Tzedec members gathering monthly in small, lay-led groups to learn, laugh and develop meaningful relationships that deepen their connection to one another, to Judaism and to Beth Tzedec, while engaging in activities that are important to each of them.

Since January, we have been working together with the Small Groups Leadership Team to bring this transformative community building model to Beth Tzedec Congregation. At this time of uncertainty and the need to create alternative plans,

rather than gathering in living rooms and parks, we have created the infrastructure to come together over Zoom beginning in October.

As much as we want to be together in person, we have also had many beautiful virtual experiences. I celebrated my daughter’s bat mitzvah, and our Spiritual Leadership team has had the opportunity to lead several *b’nei mitzvot* and weddings over Zoom! As a community, we have shared weekly *l’chaims*, *davened* at beautiful Shabbat prayer services, learned Torah, supported our most vulnerable members, marked Havdalah and mourned and said kaddish together. We know that being online is different, and yet we believe it will create a space for a different kind of “face-to-face” as we pray that we will share company in person soon enough.

In the meantime, we have created 15 inaugural virtual “Small Groups” launching in October, with **registration launching for Beth Tzedec members on Monday, September 14**. We trust that you will find an opportunity to participate and identify a *makom* that you will find meaningful. If the available groups don’t strike a chord in you, we encourage you to share with us other ideas and interests.

We look forward to connecting with you.

—Debra Wolfe,
Chair of Beth Tzedec Small Groups

For information or to register for any of our Small Groups, [click here>>](#)

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, call the office at 416-781-3511.

Annual Appeal

Marla Allentoff, honouring **Sally Schweid** on Mother's Day.

Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum Fund

Deborah and David Cooper, honouring **Bari Zittell**.

Marika Glied, honouring **Dorion Liebgott**.

Terri Humphries, acknowledging **Dorion Liebgott** in memory of **Pat Angel**.

Brenda Orser, acknowledging **Dorion Liebgott** in memory of **Pat Angel**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Dorion Liebgott** in memory of **Pat Angel**.

Deborah Staiman, acknowledging **Dorion Liebgott** in memory of **Pat Angel**.

Camp Ramah Fund

Ab Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Annie Flatt**.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Rabbi Benjamin and Lola Friedberg** on their 70th anniversary.

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

Ian Rattner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cyril Rattner**.

Centre for Spiritual Well-Being

An anonymous contribution, honouring the **Spiritual Leadership Team**.

Toby Saltzman, honouring **Harold Wolfe** of his birthday.

Melvin and Ruth Steinhart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Allan Martin Siegel**.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, acknowledging Paul Brown in memory of **Gina Brown**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick** of his birthday.

Daily Minyan Breakfasts

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

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

Liddy Beck and Steve Gottesman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Tom Beck**.

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Belle Green Wax** and the first yahrtzeit of **Dr. Seymour Berlin**.

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

Patti and Paul Betel, Mindy and Steven Shinoff and Murray Rich, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Noreen Rich**.

Fredelle Brief, honouring of completion of *Brahot* of *Daf Yomi*.

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

The Elman and Brickman Families, honouring the marriage of **Laura Elman and Zane Brickman**.

Susan Friedrich and Harry Enchin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miksa Friedrich**.

Susan Friedrich and Harry Enchin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rozalia Friedrich**.

The Gale Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Brenda Gale**.

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

Marika Glied, Sherry and Richard, Tammy and Robert, Michelle and Allan and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William (Bill) Glied**.

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

Roslynne and Harry Greenberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Korzen**.

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

Nava, Amit and Difat Jakubovicz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Abraham Jakubovicz**.

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

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

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

Howard Kirshenbaum and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Batya (Betty) Kirshenbaum**.

Hollis Landauer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael J. Landauer**.

Harriet Lilker and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Emmanuel Lilker**.

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

The Nisker family, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the yahrtzeit of **Minnie Nisker**.

Jonathan Pasternak and Cara Fox, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **David Pasternak**.

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

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

Stacy Rosen and Jonathan Hausman, Cheryl Grammer, Michael Rosen and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Rosen**.

Joel Sachs, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Thomas Sachs**.

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

The Schlanger Sisters, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Dovid Leib Aaron** and **Jonas Schlanger**.

Joel and Bella Shupac, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Bella Shupac**. Shoel Silver, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Nathan Silver**.

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

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

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

The Tanenbaum Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harold Tanenbaum**.

The Teichman and Zworth Families, honouring the *Pidyon Haben* for **Brayden Eric Zworth**.

Dorothy Tesis and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Yadja Yetta Wajgensberg**.

The Weisz Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isidor Weisz**.

Daily Minyan Fund

Rosalee Berlin, acknowledging **Rhoda Dinardo** on marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Anthony Dinardo**.

Rosalee Berlin, acknowledging **Michael Friedman** on marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Henry Friedman**.

Rosalee Berlin, acknowledging **Corinne Hart** on marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Myer Hart**.

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Dr. Seymour Berlin**.

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Belle Green Wax**.

Sheila Rubinoff, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Rose Langer, Melvyn Paul Rubinoff** and **Geraldine Rubinoff**.

David Singer Memorial Fund

Bonny Kirschner, honouring **Eddie Kirschner** on his birthday.

Eddie and Bonny Kirschner, honouring **Sylvia Singer** on her birthday, Sylvia Singer, honouring **Eddie Kirschner** on his birthday.

General Fund

Barbara Cole, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ellen Cole**.

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

Terri Humphries, acknowledging **Paul Brown and family** in memory of **Gina Brown**.

Terri Humphries, acknowledging **Paul Shvartsman and family** in memory of **Klara Shvartsman**.

Eric R. Kirshenblatt, honouring the memory of **Louis Kirshenblatt**.

Henry Korenblum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Henry Korenblum**.

Karen and Larry Leiter, honouring the memory of **Lora Engelbaum**.

Steven Levitan, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Chonon Levitan**.

Brenda Orser, acknowledging the **Grammer Family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Brenda Orser, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aron Tanny**.

Oskar Rajskey, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edith Rajskey**.

Hascal Rosen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Amelia Rosen**.

Sandra Rosen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Zata**.

Eunice and Barry Swadron, acknowledging **Sally and Marshall Swadron** in memory of **Elinor Grill**.

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

Miriam Weinstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael Wohl**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Roslyn Oslander** on marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Tilly Oslander**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Allan Phillips** on marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Miriam Phillips**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Jerome Singer** in memory of **Harold Singer**.

Hesed Fund

Frances Ackerman, acknowledging the **Reiss Family** in memory of **Irving Reiss**.

Marla Allentoff, honouring **Sally Schweid** on Israel Independence Day.

Marla Allentoff, wishing **Sally Schweid Hag Samedh**.

Shirley Brazier, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** and **Hannah Sandler**.

Ellen Feinman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leah Feinman**.

Dr. Eudice Goldberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arthur Bernard Konviser**.

Roslynne and Harry Greenberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Korzen**.

Corrine Hart, acknowledging **Allan Phillips** on marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Miriam Phillips**.

Corrine Hart, honouring **Avital Narvey**.

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

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Dorion Liebgott and family** in memory of **Pat Angel**.

Pearl Lipton-Silver, honouring the memory of **Marvin Lipton**.

Brenda Orser, honouring the anniversary of her conversion to Judaism.

Toby Saltzman, honouring **Lorraine Sandler** and **Hannah Sandler**.

Lorraine Sandler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sonia Weinstock**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, acknowledging **Jerome Singer** in memory of **Harold Singer**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Henry Friedman**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Tilly Oslander**.

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

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

Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale** on the birth of their grandson **Brayden Eric Zworth**.

Maureen Tanz, acknowledging **Rochelle Citron** in memory of **Paul Citron**.

Dorothy Tesis, acknowledging **Melanie Cohen** in memory of **Hilda Mitz**.

Dorothy Tesis and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dena Tesis**.

Steve Weinrieb and Debra Fine, wishing **Helen Glazer refuah sheleimah**, a complete and speedy recovery.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit Grossman, acknowledging **David Bowman and Gayle Bowman Hallam** in memory of **Mindy Bland**.

David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit Grossman, acknowledging **Norma Grant and family** in memory of **Sylvia Grant**.

David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit Grossman, honouring **Hersh Rosenthal** on his special birthday.

Jack and Sandi Grossman, honouring **Hersh Rosenthal** on his 75th birthday.

Israel Sydney and Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund

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

Jewish Family Living Fund

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Pearl, Genevieve and Josephine Cohen** a Happy Passover.

Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

Jackie and Norman Kahn, acknowledging **Professor Janice Stein** in memory of **Michael Stein**.

Robert Milne and family, commemorat-ing the yahrtzeit of **Harold Milne**.

Jonathan Steiner Memorial Fund

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

Kaddish Fund

Helene Kerr, honouring the memory of **Max Rosenthal**.

Kosher Food Bank

An anonymous contribution, honouring **Avital Narvey**.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Sheila Benoit** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Rosalee Berlin and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Lorne Blumer** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Rhoda Dinardo** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Marcia Gilbert and Rabbi Shalom Schachter** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Marc Goodman** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Rabbi Jennifer Gorman and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Corinne Hart and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Jay Houpt** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Ruth Hyman and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Yvette Lerner and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing the **Schlanger Sisters** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Lyon Wexler** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Sara Zimmerman and family** a happy Passover.

Beverley Black, honouring **Rabbi J. Benjamin and Lola Friedberg** on their 70th anniversary.

Howard and Marlene Black and family, honouring **Rabbi J. Benjamin and Lola Friedberg** on their 70th anniversary.

Corinne Hart, wishing **Rosalee Berlin** a happy Passover.

Corinne Hart, wishing **Lorne Blumer** a happy Passover.

Corinne Hart, wishing **Marc Goodman** a happy Passover.

Corinne Hart, wishing **Allan Phillips** a happy Passover.

Terri Humphries, acknowledging **Rosette Rutman, Dr. Stephen Abrams and Tamara Abrams** in memory of **Ella Rutman**.

Beverly Kupfert, acknowledging the memory of **Eva Kupfert**.

Dr. Newton and Claire Markus, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sarah Gutzin, Jack Gutzin, Anne Markus and Lyla Markus**.

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

Robert McCullagh, acknowledging **Myra and Alan** in memory of **Irving Meyers**.

Judi Shostack, acknowledging the memory of **Aron Shostack**.

Judith Shostack, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Shostack**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Mark Burstyn** in memory of **Rhonda Burstyn**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Liza Stern** in memory of **Peter Stern**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Rabbi Benjamin and Lola Friedberg** on their 70th anniversary.

Dot Whitehouse, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Weizhause**.

Dot Whitehouse, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eugene Whitehouse**.

Little Minyan Fund

Marlene Brickman and Rob Karol and families, wishing **Jan Elman** a happy birthday.

Jan and Gary Elman, acknowledging **Sharon Kreidstein** in memory of **Irving Kreidstein**.

Gary and Jan Elman, acknowledging **Jeffrey Mitz** in memory of **Hilda Mitz**.

Gary and Jan Elman, acknowledging **Joseph Milner** in memory of **Jerome Milner**.

Jan and Gary Elman, acknowledging **Netta Zweig** in memory of **Fern Sharon Rowe**.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, acknowledging **Eileen and Shoel Silver** in memory of **Harry Rotstein**.

Corinne Hart, honouring **Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein**.

The Rothstein, Friedman, Wilder and Rosenberg Families, acknowledging **Netta Zweig** in memory of **Fern Sharon Rowe**.

Felicia Valo, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sheva Brandes**.

Lorne Hanick Website Development Fund

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

Lesley, Randy, Matthew, Avery, Rylee Kalpin, acknowledging **Randy Kalpin** in memory of **Jean Kalpin**.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Moshe Micha and Chloe McAlister and family**.

Membership Relief Fund

Mary Ellen Herman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael Herman**.

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

Paul and Gella Rothstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marjorie Rothstein**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Rabbi J. Benjamin and Lola Friedberg** on their 70th anniversary.

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

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

Harriet Train, acknowledging **Joseph Milner** in memory of **Jerome Milner**.

Harriet Train, acknowledging **Jeffrey Mitz** in memory of **Hilda Mitz**.

Harriet Train, acknowledging **Eileen and Shoel Silver** in memory of **Harry Rotstein**.

Men’s Club Scholarships

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Gary Elman** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Jeffrey Gertner** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Eddie Kirschner** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Lawrie Lubin** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Marvin Miller** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Barry Phillips** a happy Passover.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **David Alpern** in memory of **Marnie Toben**.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Dr. Clifford Singer and family** in memory of **Sydney Fox**.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Steve and Alanna Stone and family** in memory of **Jerry Stone**.

Terri Humphries, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Eddie and Bonny Kirschner, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Julius and Sandi Kirschner, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Stephen and Elisha Margles, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Dr. Jeffrey and Lynnda Pancer, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Sylvia Pullan, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer and family** in memory of **Lillian Grammer**.

Music Fund

Corinne Hart, honouring **Rhoda Dinardo**.

Corinne Hart, honouring **Evan Pleet**.

Corinne Hart, honouring **Goldie Schlanger**.

Corinne Hart, honouring **Soozi Schlanger**.

Corinne Hart, honouring **Dot Whitehouse**.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

An anonymous contribution, honouring **Mikko and Lily** of Beth Tzedec's maintenance department.

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

Marla Allentoff, honouring **Sally Schweid** of Mother's Day.

Jack and Honey Carr, honouring **Robert Shnier** on his birthday.

Jocelynn and Fred Engle, honouring **Ron and Dianne Ennis** on their 25th anniversary.

Vera Finkelstein, honouring **Patti Rotman** for the Mothe's Day inititative.

Barbara Firestone, acknowledging **Frances Griesman** in memory of **Stanley Griesman**.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and Family, honouring **Sheldon Rotman** on his birthday.

Sally Gallinger, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Gottlieb**.

Cynthia and Morice Glick, commemo-ratingthe yahrtzeit of **Reuben Moss**.

Sheila Goldenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerald Goldenberg**.

Nathan Greenberg, acknowledging **Raphael Sussman and family** in memory of **Nathan Sussman**.

Corinne Hart, honouring **Shep Gangbar**.

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

Sandy and David Kaminker, honouring **Irving Gold** on his 90th birthday.

Elaine Krivel, honouring **Brian D. Segal** on his 70th birthday.

Pearl Lipton-Silver and Henry Silver, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Siegal**.

Rick Magrath and Lisa Levine and Marilyn and Herbert Blumer, aknowledging **Judith Kostman** in memory of **Henrietta Kostman**.

The Malach Family—Fran, Lauren, Sabrina, Evan and families—honouring **Maureen Tanz** on her birthday.

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

Brenda Orser, honouring **Liane Greenberg**.

Lisa Reynolds-Jones, acknowledging **David and Evelyn Pollock** in memory of **Daniel Pollock**.

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

Lawrence Ross, commemorating the yahrzzeit of **Marianne Ross**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Maxine Gallander Wintre** on the B'nei Mitzvah of her grandchildren **Boaz** and **Shira**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Paul Brown** in memory of **Gina Brown**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler** in memory of **Morris Cutler**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Stephen Kauffman and family** in memory of **Judith Kauffman**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Dorion Liebgott** in memory of **Pat Angel**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging the **Hayman Family** in memory of **David Hayman**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Howard Allen Rosen** in memory of **Sally Rosen**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman and family, acknowledging **Carole Andrews** in memory of **Irene Tepperman**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Ellen Dicker** in memory of **Bernice Urovitz**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Dr. Paul and Hyla Okorofsky** in memory of **Cheryl Okorofsky**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Paul, Jay and Debbie Rudolph and families** in memory of **Stella Rudolph**.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Richard Stall and Lisa Berger** on the marriage of their son **Jacob Stall and Tal Platzker**.

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

Goldie Schlanger, wishing **Lyon Wexler** a happy Passover.

Caryl and Bernie Schwartz, acknowledging **Louise Starkman** in memory of **Steven Starkman**.

Randy Schwartz, Andrea Randolph and family, acknowledging **Michael Mills and family** in memory of **Ina Louise Mills**.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, acknowledging **Dr. Coleman Rotstein** in memory of **Eleanor Charney**.

Lloyd and Debbie Speyer and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Ruth Speyer**.

Anna-Lynne Taradash, acknowledging the family of the late Agnes Klein.
Anna-Lynne Taradash, acknowledging the **Kaufman Family** in memory of **Ira Kaufman**.

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

Helen Wolfe and Margie Wolfe, honouring the memory of **Joseph Wolfe** on his 100th birthday.

Prayer Book Dedications

Brenda Orser, honouring **Rhonda and Bernard (Bernie) Burstyn and family**.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Cantor Deborah Staiman** on her birthday.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his birthday.

Jacqueline Rother, commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of **David McDonald**.

Sylvia Singer and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **David Singer**.

Sharon Singer Karlin and Family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **David Singer**.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund

An anonymous contribution, honouring **Rae Hatherton**.

An anonymous contribution, acknowledging **Rabbi Steven Wernick** in memory of Lou.

An anonymous contribution, wishing the Beth Tzedec staff a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Aviva Chernick** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Yacov Fruchter and Ryla Braemer and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin, Aaron Bodzin and Ariella Bodzin** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Lorne Hanick** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Rabbi David and Alexis Lerner and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Moshe and Chloe Micha and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Daniel Silverman and Rachel Hindel and family** a happy Passover.

An anonymous contribution, wishing **Rabbi Steven and Jody Wernick and family** a happy Passover.

The Ashley Family, marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Evelyn Ashley**.
Sheila Benoit, honouring the first anniversary of her conversion to Judaism.

Elaine and Eric Davis, acknowledging **Judith Kostman** in memory of **Henrietta Kostman**.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** on their 50th anniversary.

Lila Freedman, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Dr. Melvin Freedman, Ben Freedman** and **Ellen Hochberger**.

Beryl Freedman, Stuart Ducoffe and Jordan Ducoffe, honouring **Pearl and David Elman** on the marriage of their granddaughter **Laura Elman and Zane Brickman**.

Susan Friedrich and Harry Enchin, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Rozalia Friedrich**.

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

Corrine Hart, honouring **Dot Whitehouse**.

Mary Ellen Herman, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Elizabeth Rose Herman**.

Mary Ellen Herman and Phil Markel, honouring **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** on the birth of their grandson **Lior Yitzhak**.

Nava Jakubovicz, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Dr. Abraham Jakubovicz**.

Drs. Vita Land and Harold Zarkowsky, acknowledging **Judith Kostman** in memory of **Henrietta Kostman**.

Mitch and Anne Max, honouring **Kim Finkelstein**.

Saul Merrick and Paul Merrick, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Esther Merrick**.

Honey Milstein, acknowledging the *yahrtzeit* of **Zierler Family** in memory of **Marion Zierler**.

Joseph Rosenthal, acknowledging the memory of **Gertrude Rosenthal**.

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

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging Rabbi **Jennifer Gorman** in memory of **Rosalie Elkin**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Dr. Jordan Griesman** in memory of **Stanley Griesman**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, honouring **Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale** on the birth of their grandson **Brayden Eric Zworth**.

Debbie Rothstein, Michael, Emma and Zachary Friedman, acknowledging **Drew Berman** in memory of **Valli Jean Berman**.

Gella and Paul Rothstein, honouring **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** on their 50th anniversary.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring **Harold Wolfe** on his leadership and on his birthday.

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

Marilyn Seigel, honouring the memory of **Harold Oaser Seigel**.

Dorothy Tessis, acknowledging **Deenna Sigel** in memory of **Ira Kaufman**.

Dorothy Tessis, acknowledging **Lynn and Skip Sigel** in memory of **Ira Kaufman**.

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

Dorothy Tessis and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Zenek Wajgensberg**.

Jane and John Trachtenberg, acknowledging **Mary, Judy, Bill and Ethel Kostman** in memory of **Henrietta Kostman**.

Barbra Walters, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Rita Taylor**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Rhoda Dinardo** in memory of **Anthony Dinardo**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Michael Friedman** in memory of **Henry Friedman**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Corinne Hart** in memory of **Myer Hart**.

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

Cecile Zaifman, honouring **Sheldon Rotman** on his birthday.

Refugee Program

Deborah and David Cooper, honouring **Bari Zittell**.

Rick Lash

Ayal Lesh and Edna Hussman, honouring **Simon Weisz and Kat Koricic** on their marriage.

Ayal Lesh and Edna Hussman, honouring **Ted and Bari Zittell** the marriage of **Ben and Caitlin**.

Anne Matlow, honouring **Bari Zittell** for her tireless work for refugees.

Freda A. Muscovitch, honouring **Dori**

Hussman Lesh.

Eva Ormut-Fleishman Goldie Schlanger, honouring **Soozi Schlanger** and wishing her a *Ḥag Sameah* Pesah.

Todd and Janna Walters, acknowledging **Joseph Milner** in memory of **Jerome Milner**.

Bari and Teddy Zittell, acknowledging **Ferne Kappy and family** in memory of **Lea Silberstein**.

Bari and Teddy Zittell, acknowledging **Gary and Debra Viner** in memory of **Ruth Viner** and **Phyllis Sadowski**.

Sheila Zeldin Memorial Fund

Dr. John Zeldin and family, acknowledging **Robert Green** in memory of **Brenda Green**.

Dr. John Zeldin and family, acknowledging **Dr. Robert Zeldin** in memory of **Noel Zeldin**.

Dr. John Zeldin and family, acknowledging **Dr. Thomas and Lorin Klein** in memory of **Agnes Klein**.

Victims of Terror Fund

Stanley and Genia Elkind, acknowledging **Stephen Kauffman and family** in memory of **Judith Kauffman**.

Zamir, Bella and Alexander Latipow, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sasha Shpiegelman** and **Rachel Latipow**.

Young Families Fund

Dot Whitehouse, honouring **Ezra Burke and Lara Dodds-Eden** on the birth of their daughter **Noa-Wren**.

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Open House for Parents

For Grade 9 student entry September 2021

Evening Session
Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 8:00 PM

Morning Session
Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 9:00 AM

Learn more about our **New Stream Program** for students with little to no Jewish day school experience.

New Stream Sessions
Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 7:15 PM

Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Following morning Open House session

RSVP Required: tanenbaumchat.org/open-house

Application Deadline — December 1, 2020
Questions?: findyourself@tanenbaumchat.org

Inscribe our Siddurim!

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



To inscribe a siddur, click [here](#) or call 416-781-3511

Condolences

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

Ghidalia Alterson	Dr. Michael (Mickey) Lester
Margaret Altman	Leonard Melamed
Enid Berg	Jerome (Jerry) Milner
Mania (Mary) Bielawski	Hilda Mitz
Gina Brown	Alexander (Alex) Orzy
Sam Brown	Sally Rosen
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Sheila Dropkin	Harold Singer
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Anna Gangbar	Peter Stern
Hanna Glatzer	Ita Streiman
Lillian Grammer	Arthur Witkin
Elinor Grill	Gerald Yaffe
Milton Klyman	Fay York
Audrey Kumer	

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

Memorial Plaques

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, call 416-781-3511.

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 inscribing a *siddur* on a *yahrtzeit*. For a complete list of Synagogue funds, [click here](#) or call 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. Email our Executive Director, [Randy Spiegel](#) at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 to discuss these opportunities in confidence.

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Soups & Appetizer	Quantity	Mains	Quantity
Butternut Squash and Pear Soup \$15 per litre (serves 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crispy Breaded Chicken Roulade Stuffed with Smoked Pastrami and Caramelized Onion Served with Au Jus \$18 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traditional Borscht Beet, Peppers, Celery, Carrot, Onion, Potato, Beans Cooked in Chicken Stock \$15 per litre (serves 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Searched Chicken Supreme with Herb and Garlic Served with Cast Iron Grape and Mandarin Salsa With an Au Jus \$22 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chicken Noodle Soup with Brunoise of Carrot, Celery, Onion and Diced Chicken \$18 per litre (serves 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken Scaloppini Topped with Spinach, Artichoke, Mushroom Ragout \$16 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matzah Balls \$2 per piece (2.5" – 3" Diameter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applewood Home Smoked Brisket With Herb Mushroom Jus \$45 per pound cooked weight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweet Gefilte Fish With Red Horseradish and Carrots \$4 per 4oz portion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maple Orange Rosemary Salmon Filet With a Strawberry Mango Salsa \$18 per portion (6oz)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salt and Pepper Gefilte Fish With Red Horseradish and Carrots \$4 per 4oz portion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional	
Old Fashioned Chicken Liver Paté With Fried Onion and Pita Chips \$18 per 1lb + 24 pieces Pita Chips (Serves 8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken Fingers With Ketchup and Plum Sauce \$10 per 3 pieces	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salad		Teriyaki Chicken Wings \$18 per pound	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed Green with Aged Balsamic Watermelon, Sweet Pickled Cabbage, Rosemary Grilled Peaches, Cherry Tomatoes, Raspberry Vinaigrette \$5.50 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chimichurri Chicken Wings \$18 per pound	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classic Caesar Salad Romaine, Herb and Garlic Croutons Creamy Caesar Vinaigrette \$5 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sticky Honey Garlic Chicken Wings \$18 per pound	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tossed Chickpea Salad Chickpeas, Tomato, Cucumber, Edamame, Maple Dijon Roasted Sweet Potato, Sweet and Spicy Croutons, Honey Lime Vinaigrette \$6.50 per portion (5oz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dessert	
Fennel Rocket Salad Fennel, Baby Arugula, Orange Segments, Pomegranate, Shaved Red Radish, Apple Cider Vinaigrette \$6 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frozen Lemon Cake \$50 per cake (Serves 12)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sides/Starch		Apple Crumble Tart \$28 per tart (8-10 Servings)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maple Dijon Roasted Sweet Potatoes \$5 per portion (5oz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assorted Biscotti Apricot and Cranberry, Cinnamon Sugar, Mocha Chip \$36 per dozen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potato Latke With Herb Garlic Swiss Charred Onion \$6 per piece (3" round)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Avocado Harissa "Butter" Roasted Tricolour Carrots, Parsnips, Butternut Squash \$4 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Herb Sautéed Mixed Vegetables \$4 per portion	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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