

*Stay Connected All Summer Long!*  
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## Creativity In Motion

### A half-day celebration of Arts at Beth Tzedec

Sunday, June 6 at 10:00 AM

Join Artist-in-Residence Aviva Chernick and members of the Arts and Prayer Lab for a morning of workshops and art. Participants will share in each artist's practice, invited to learn and participate.

Bring your coffee, sit outside and join us online for this morning's event. We will awaken our individual creativity while connecting to each other in community.

#### Leaning into Blessing (Prose and Poetry)

Lorne Blumer

#### Our Roots: A Spoken Word (Spoken Word)

Ayla Lefkowitz

#### A Niggun at Play (Singing)

Ellen Rosenbluth

#### Kol HaNeshama: Exploring Our Heritage in Song (Singing)

Arieh Sacke

#### Play with Clay (Pottery)

Matthew Sniderman

#### Exploring Prayer Through Micrography (Drawing)

Sylvie Moscovitz Librach

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in-person panim el  
panim relationships.  
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## We're All Longing for a Little Panim El Panim

In the early 1970s, a small silver amulet was discovered in Israel. It was the size of a pinky nail and it dated to the seventh century B.C.E. Well before the Babylonian exile. It's Hebrew text, to this day, represents the oldest known Biblical blessing:

*Yivarekh'kha Hashem v'yishmarekah*

*Yaer Hashem panav eylekha  
viykhunekha*

*Yisa Hashem panav eylekha veyasem  
l'kha shalom.*

May God bless and keep you.

May God cause God's face to shine  
upon you.

May God cause God's face to shine  
upon you and grant for you peace.

*(Numbers 6:22-27)*

We know this blessing as *Birkhat Kohanim*, the Priestly Benediction. The *Kohanim* recite it to bless the People of Israel on Holy Days (*dukhenin*). It is recited at baby namings, *brit milah*, *b'nei mitzvah* and weddings. And every Friday night at our Shabbat tables, parents place their hands on their children's heads and recite it too.

The blessing of God's face is among the oldest, most recited blessings of our people.

My teacher, Rabbi Neil Gillman <sup>z"l</sup> asks, "What is it about a face that can bestow blessing?"

Well, for starters, to look at a person's face is to acknowledge that person's presence. We all want to be noticed. When God shines God's face upon us, God notices us. When we shine our face upon others, we notice them and they notice us. In so doing, we are in relationship, one to the other.

Moses enjoyed the quintessential

relationship with God. It was *panim el panim*, face-to-face (*Deuteronomy 34:10*). From the burning bush to Mount Sinai to the journey through the wilderness, God speaks to Moses "in person, directly, without mediation."

Secondly, when one is face-to-face with another, one sees that person's humanity and the uniqueness of being made in God's image. Rabbi David Wolpe, in his book *Talking to Children about God*, has a wonderful exercise to help children understand this idea. Rabbi Wolpe encourages kids to look in the mirror with a picture of their father and mother nearby. He asks them to identify those characteristics of their face that resemble their mother and those that resemble their father. He then asks them to describe those characteristics that are uniquely them. Those characteristics, he says, are the part of them that is made in God's image. Those are the parts of them that make up their unique humanity. When we learn to see another's face, we see their humanity and in their humanity, we also see the face of God.

Finally, as Dr. Erez Freud, a cognitive neuroscientist at York University says, "Our ability to read faces isn't just about recognizing each other, it's also the key to social interaction."

"Face perception," he continues, "is probably the most important visual ability that we have. We use face information not only to identify each other, but also to determine their emotion, gender, even intention to some extent." (*CBC News*, February 11, 2021).

The popular emotion emoji poster is one of the ways we teach kids to recognize feelings. Many of us use



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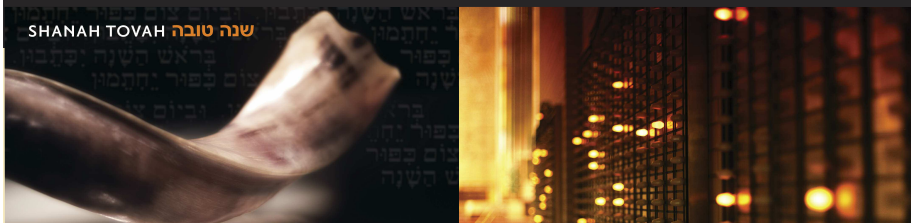
emojis to express ourselves in text messages, on social media and more. It is the face that expresses how we feel. When we are *panim el panim*, we recognize the state of being, the *shlaymoot*, of others.

COVID-19 has severely impacted our *panim el panim* relationships. We have been physically distanced from loved ones, friends and community. We wear masks that hide key features of our faces, making it harder to recognize each other, to see the humanity in each other and to recognize our emotional state. For some, this reality has been socially debilitating.

Video communication has helped. It's certainly better to have it than not. And we've made do with Zoom *minyanim*, *sedarim*, dinners and entertainment. But it's not the same. Jody and I miss seeing our daughter Ziva, who lives in Israel. It's been more than 18 months. We Zoom and FaceTime regularly, but when she is feeling sad or anxious or even happy, we are unable to share that intimacy of parental love and support. We can't look into her face, we can't hug her, we can't hold her up. And we know that so many parents and grandparents share this loss. We all long for in-person *panim el panim* relationships. We've learned just how essential they are to our lives.

That's why we have chosen **Panim el Panim, Face-to-Face**, as our theme for the High Holy Days 5782 and the year to come. Our *High Holy Day Reader*, liturgy, sermons, *Hot Topics!* and other programs and activities will give us an opportunity to reflect on what we have accomplished this past year, in building and maintaining our meaningful relationships and connections with each other and God. This theme also represents our aspirations for the year to come, in which we pray that we can soon return safely to seeing each other *panim el panim*, in person.

## This year, when you CELEBRATE • HONOUR • COMMEMORATE Choose 'Treasures of Beth Tzedec' Tribute Cards



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

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

All 'Tribute card' contributions are fully tax receiptable. For information or to purchase, contact the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).



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## The Difference a Year Makes

March 2021 marked the one-year anniversary of coming together on Zoom for our virtual *L'Chaim*. Not even a week after Zoom became a part of our daily lives, I was asked to speak at the first *L'Chaim*. It was not easy for me, after what had been a really lousy week. As many of you know, I'm Director of Finance at Wilder & Rose Restaurants. I spent that week laying off 75 people, including myself, speaking to vendors, the CRA, management and staff, trying to figure out how we were going to weather this storm. And all that was before I even started to think about the impact of COVID on Beth Tzedec. I came to *Kiddush Club* that first week reluctantly and, frankly, out of a sense of obligation. I don't know if I felt better afterwards, but I didn't feel worse, which was an achievement.

The next weeks were a blur as I tried to keep my head above water. It takes a lot out of you to be President of a shul when things are going well. The stress and anxiety I began to feel about Beth Tzedec was exacerbated by the uncertainty I was feeling professionally. Eventually, I found a new normal at work and that side of my life saw calmer waters.

As for the shul, what can I say? It takes a village. I think we were all so shell-shocked in those early days. When I was a kid, I remember my grandfather,

J.B. Goldhar<sup>z"l</sup>, whenever there was some kind of *broigus* at the shul, saying “Beth Tzedec will be here tomorrow”. Those words echoed in my head. How would we keep members engaged? What about services? How could we continue to inspire our members to lead meaningful Jewish lives when we couldn't even see them? And that was just in the first month, before we were even thinking about the High Holy Days. I am continually in awe at how the Spiritual Leadership Team and staff adapted so quickly. They are doing yeoman's work and after a year, I know how exhausted they all are. The need in our community is so great, between food and economic insecurity, illness, loneliness, mental health issues and finding a new way to mourn when shivas are not permissible.

As for the lay leadership, one month after the building was closed, the Executive began meeting weekly. I could not have made it through the last year without those meetings. I laughed, cried and raised my voice too many times to count, but I never felt alone. I felt truly supported throughout this wild ride, and for that I will be eternally grateful. Just knowing that I would be seeing those eight faces, week in and week out, was comforting.

And then there are our members. At night, I worried about people seeing





the value in membership when they couldn't be in the building. But Beth Tzedec is so much more than its walls. It is the people, the connections and the care we have for each other. We far exceeded the membership revenue we had budgeted, but more importantly, we raised over \$400,000 for our Membership Relief and *Hanukkat Habayit* campaigns. Care and Give & Get—two of our most important values. I am so thankful to be a part of this generous *kehillah*.

This past year has seen a lot of sadness and loss. Michael finished saying kaddish for his dad on Zoom. My parent's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, like so many *smaḥot*, was cancelled. I have not hugged any of my siblings

since Labour Day. We have attended too many funerals on Zoom. And Michael and I lost an old friend to suicide, which I'm still finding difficult to reconcile.

But there was a lot of joy. We had more dinners as a family than we've had in years. I marked the days of the week with Thursday evening *Musical Trivia*. I started baking *hallah* for the first time since Junior High. I played Ruth, The Narrator, Narrator 1 and Queen Esther in Larry Wallach's holiday productions. I sat in backyards with friends. Weekends at our family cottage helped to clear my head and allow me breathe. And I joined the weekly *L'Chaim*, where we all continued to support each other. Sheldon and Patti Rotman performed a

real mitzvah by organizing this group. *Kol Hakavod!*

So, what have I learned after the last year?

- I'm stronger than I thought I was.
- Nothing is more important than your health.
- I will never take a hug for granted again.
- If I couldn't find time to learn to speak Italian while confined to my home during a pandemic, it may just never happen

And like J.B. said, Beth Tzedec will be here tomorrow.

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We are not out of this yet but a wave of normalcy is coming our way. To make it through, we will all have to pull together.

## Gam Zeh Ya-avor; This Too Shall Pass

In March, I celebrated my ten year anniversary at Beth Tzedec. I cherish every day to connect, engage and provide ways for people to experience Jewish life. As our mission statement declares, our work is about working with you to inspire and enable you to live a meaningful Jewish life. While we can survive alone, we thrive on living a meaningful Jewish life together, as a *kehillah kedoshah*, a sacred community.

As I am writing this article, we are in the midst of the latest stay-at-home order, with the state of emergency extended. We are continuing to do our part so that soon our physical doors will again open for gathering, prayer and song. "*Gam zeh ya-avor*"—"This too shall pass" has become a daily mantra.

As I talk to our staff and members, we encourage each other with jokes and by setting our sights on the future. We push ourselves to keep our heads up, looking ahead. We are all tired—fed up even—but we push ourselves to stay the course. "*Gam zeh ya-avor*".

My wonderful 94 year old mother, like so many elders, is surviving, though not thriving, through the pandemic. I have seen her only through a window, talked to her on the phone or by Facetime. It is not the same. Every day when we talk, I feel pressure in my chest as she faces another lonely day and I am helpless to help her. Thank God she has a caregiver, an angel really, who is with her to give her company, play Scrabble and try to keep her mind and hands working.

A few years ago, she took her lifetime as a doodler to a new level, teaching Zentangle. Unfortunately, group activities have all been suspended. Some days, she cries that she cannot take it anymore. "If I wasn't so afraid of heights I would jump out the window!"

Then through her tears, a remarkable inner strength bubbles up and pushes her to declare as much to herself as to me, "but what choice do I have? I have to keep going. This too will pass".

Many of you likely feel tired and even angry with our situation. Perhaps like me, you feel like anchorman Howard Beale from the movie *Network*. You want to open the window and scream "I'm as mad as \*&& and I'm not gonna take this anymore!" I am sure many feel that way. But more frequently, I feel that I know there is no place like home. There is nothing that can compare to the feeling of being together with family in our communal home.

With the support of colleagues and friends, I have the strength to keep looking up. I know that just as 16 months ago we watched the Corona virus roll across the world, locking down country after country, there is a new wave coming as countries begin to return to a new normal. On April 16, I spoke with *Hazzan* Moshe Fishel who was preparing for Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat in Ra'anana for hundreds of people. "*Hakol ragil*", he said; everything is normal.

I want to thank all those who have answered our calls and have given generously to our campaigns. Beth Tzedec is strong thanks to every one of you.

We are not out of this yet but a wave of normalcy is coming our way. To make it through, we will all have to pull together. We can. We must. And we will. "*Gam zeh ya-avor*" — "This too shall pass."

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](mailto:rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org)





# Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



May 29  
**Samantha Moscoe**,  
daughter of Aaron Moscoe  
& Melanie Ruby  
סיגל בת חנינה ומלכה אידית



June 5  
**Grady Linden**  
son of Neil  
& Shelley Linden  
אלי שלום בן שאול ושושנה

## Sharing Your Success!

You've studied and applied yourself for years and now have your hard-earned graduation certificate in hand. It's time to share your success.

Beth Tzedec will include a special section of post-secondary graduation notices in the next edition of the *Bulletin*. Send your announcement to [thumphries@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org) with the graduate's name, parents' names, degree earned and university/college name. We'd also be happy to include a digital photo. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, July 15**.

## The Rav Roy Tanenbaum Israel Scholarship

Beth Tzedec is pleased to announce a new scholarship fund for students enrolled in degree programs in accredited colleges or university in Israel. Preference will be given to Beth Tzedec members. For more information, please contact **Randy E. Spiegel**, Executive Director, at 416-781-3514, ext. 211 or [rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:rspiegel@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](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org) or call 416-781-3514, ext. 212. Deadline for the next *Bulletin* covering June through August is July 15.

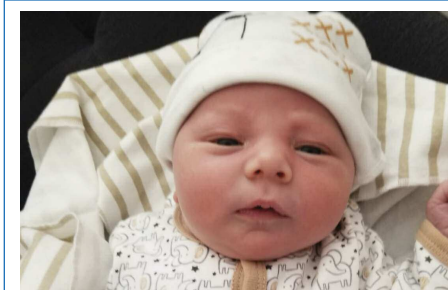


## Births

**Mackenzie Luna (Malka Leah) Caroline**, daughter of Ilan & Achley Bahar, granddaughter of Geni & Eli Bahar and Ricky & Diana Kochman, great-granddaughter of Sara Brafman, born **March 26, 2020**.

**Emilia Caroline**, daughter of Joel Macmull & Raquel Bronfeld (of South Orange, New Jersey), granddaughter of Vicci & Ellis Macmull, Len Bronfeld and the late Ilene Myerson, born **September 2, 2020**.

**Max Charles**, son of Adena & Ben Clarfield, grandson of Donna Shier & Paul Bowen and Joseph & Anne Shier, great-grandson of Milton Shier, born **October 6, 2020**.



**Aurora Simone**, daughter of Shannon & Brandon Moffatt, granddaughter of Donna & Ivan Betcherman and Ann & Allan Moffat, great-granddaughter of Ann Betcherman and Helen Ratcliff, born **February 1**.

**Noam Eitan**, son of Yael Shier & Elisha Tenenbaum, grandson of Donna Shier & Paul Bowen and Joseph & Anne Shier, great-grandson of Milton Shier, born **February 18**.

**Ethan Freddy**, son of Jillian & Justin Lipton, grandson of Lisa & Neil Casselman and Lisa & Shayne Lipton, born **February 22**.



**Myles Moshe**, son of Regan Tessis & Michael Benadiba, grandson of Dorothy & the late Stanley Tessis and Alegria & Moise Benadiba, born **March 11**.



**Leonard (Lenny) Arthur**, son of Max & Rebecca Risen, grandson of Stanley & Peggy Risen and David & Marilyn Kogon, born **March 29**.

**Brody Max**, son of Samantha and Rafi Yablonsky, grandson of Tammy Glied & Robert Beliak and Ruti & Reuven Yablonsky, great-grandson of Marika Glied and Leo Beliak, born **April 5**.

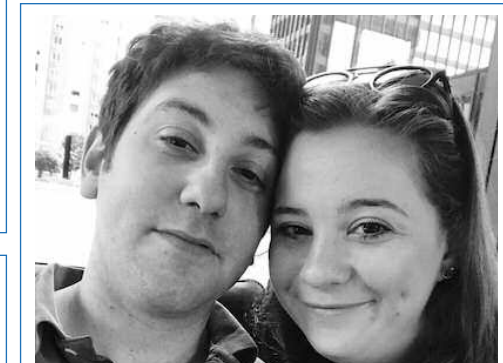
**Penn Wilder**, son of Matthew & Jaime Zimmerman, grandson of Arlyn & Daniel Zimmerman and Alison & Gary Polan, great-grandson of Sara Zimmerman and Edward Cooperman, born **April 8**.

## Congratulations to

**Dr. Sidney Brown**, who celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday May 31.

**Lony Gropper**, who will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 23.

**Hon. Jack & Sandi Grossman**, who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 7.



**Yonit Ann Grossman**, daughter of David & Carol Grossman, granddaughter of Sally & Harry <sup>z"l</sup> Grossman and Laura & Syd <sup>z"l</sup> Bowman, and **Adam Michael Rapkowski**, son of Barry & Amy Rapkowski (of Montreal) grandson of Gerald & Cheryl Josephson, Susan & Sheldon Reich and Rubin & Haja <sup>z"l</sup> Rapkowski, on their engagement.

**Harry Katz**, who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 12.

**Caroline & Michael Ogus**, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 25.

**Mitchell Oelbaum**, who has been appointed National President, Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (CABGU).

**Norman & Ronda Roth**, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 29.



# Shabbat SHEL AHAVA

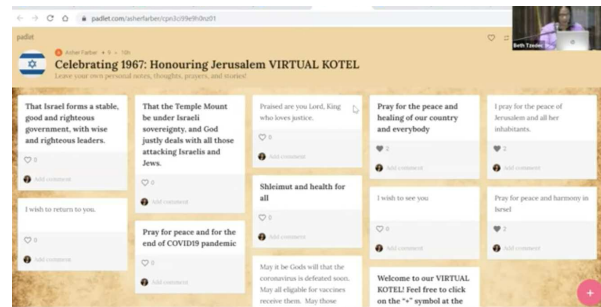
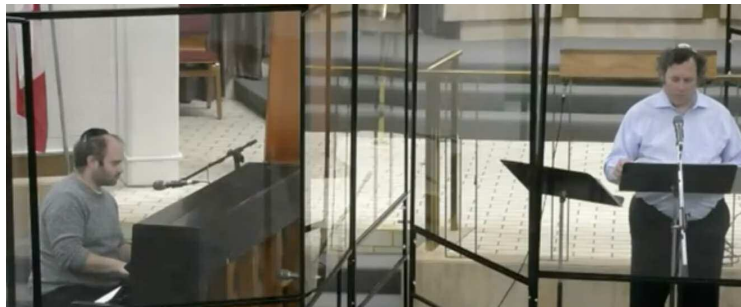
FRIDAY, JULY 23 5:30 PM

Roses are red  
This Shabbat is Tu B'Av  
On this Friday night  
We'll sing Songs of love ...

Join Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat and pre-service concert featuring liturgical and secular songs of love. This special musical program will be livestreamed to the **Daily Services** page prior to our Kabbalat Shabbat service.

## A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF 1967

On May 9, Cantor Sidney Ezer, Asher Farber and Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin hosted a very special celebration of Jerusalem with some familiar and beautiful songs and stories, engaging in a group gratitude practice and sharing thoughts and wishes on our interactive, virtual Kotel. To view the recording, click [here](#) or visit <https://beth-tzedecallaccess.org/celebrating-1967-honouring-jerusalem>.



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## Double Dipping and Tisha B'Av

Some of you may recall the famous Seinfeld episode, but here is a different take on double dipping.

One of the peculiarities of the Hebrew calendar is that the first night of Passover always falls on the same day of the week as the night of the following Tisha B'Av. In his notes to the *Shulhan Arukh*, Rabbi Moses Isserles traces the custom of dipping an egg in salt water on the night of the seder to this phenomenon of the calendar. We dip an egg, a food associated with mourning, at the seder to commemorate Tisha B'Av and the destruction of the Temple.

Why is this theme linked to Passover? Eighteenth century rabbinic authority and master kabbalist Rabbi Yusef Haim, the Ben Ish Hai, offers an insightful explanation. We are taught that the Temple was destroyed due to gratuitous hatred and divisiveness amongst the Jewish people, and it will not be rebuilt until we rectify that situation. The first dipping of the egg into the saltwater recalls the first place that dipping is mentioned in Jewish history: "And they dipped his (Joseph's) coat into blood" (Genesis 37:31). The jealousy of Joseph's brothers is the prototype of the sin of gratuitous hatred.

The second dipping of the bitter herbs into the *haroset* corresponds to the second dipping in Exodus 12:22, the dipping of the bundle of hyssop into the blood of the *Paskhal* offering to paint the door posts to save the Israelites from the plague of the first born. The Hebrew word for bundle (*agudah*) comes from the root word *igud*, "unity". The dipping of unity was a remedy for the dipping of gratuitous hatred, which had triggered the Israelites' descent into Egypt. This concept symbolizes that we too will emerge from our current exile with unity and harmony.

The answer, therefore, is that within the five months between Passover and Tisha B'Av, our goal should be to learn

the lesson of the two dippings. Then we can emerge from the destruction we are currently experiencing.

Like last year, this Tisha B'Av is marred by the destructiveness of COVID-19. As we chant the book of *Lamentations* and various dirges associated with this sad occasion which traditionally mourns the destruction of the Temple, we cannot help but also ask *Eikhah*, how could the events of the past year have happened? However, as the vaccine rollout continues and more needles are "dipping" into arms, we feel a stronger sense of hope on the horizon.

In my previous article, I mentioned that the *Talmud* teaches that the Hebrew word for "raised" also means "singing". A story of Saul Taub of Modzitz (b. 1886) relates the following idea. Even when your shoulder buckles under the yolk of subjugation and pain, you must lift your voice in melody and song, in hope for salvation, for lifting is the language of song. The *Tikkunei Zohar*, a separate appendix to the *Zohar* consisting of 70 commentaries in a style of Kabbalistic midrash, echoes this idea: "Torah is in song, *Shekhinah* is in song, Israel is lifted out of exile with song".

With this in mind, I invite you to join me and Asher Farber for a new series in the nine days leading up to Tisha B'Av—*Kinot Connect*. Beginning July 9, on each day of the nine days, we will introduce a pre-recorded clip of a different *kinah* (dirge). On Tisha B'Av, we will gather virtually to learn and sing these *kinot* together, to explore the structure and themes and to work through the sorrowful and mournful content of these liturgical poems.

At the end of the Passover seder, we say "next year in Jerusalem" within the context of a rebuilt Temple. In these exceedingly difficult times, the connection to Tisha B'Av gives us the opportunity to mourn and to bear the burden together in song.







*I don't look at myself as being a female rabbi. I am female and I am a rabbi.*

## She/Her: Rabbi.

A few months ago, Leah Mauer, the co-chair of the Beth Tzedec Racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Committee—and a leader of our 20s and 30s community—reached out to me and asked the following question:

I'm running the 20s and 30s *Small Groups Social Justice Book Club*, and this month we're reading *Had it Coming: What's Fair in the Age of #MeToo?* by Robyn Doolittle. We're going to be talking about a lot of general social issues that the book brings up, but I'm also hoping we can get into a bit of a discussion about how the Jewish world deals with the issues.

I'm wondering, if you'd like to join us ... for ... a discussion on ... how we treat female Jewish clergy... We're also going to be talking about how the Jewish world reacts to allegations against some of our prominent figures, and about the way our tradition deals with consent as well in our stories and traditions.

While I was not available that evening, Leah and I created a way for my voice to be part of the conversation. She wrote to me a number of tough questions and asked me to answer some or all of them.

Below is a synthesis of my responses to her questions.

**LM:** Can you talk a bit about what it's like to be a female rabbi? What is it like to be the first female rabbi at Beth Tzedec? What are some of the biggest challenges you face, and how do you try to overcome them? What can congregants do to support you?

**RFB:** At this point in my career, I don't see my gender as overly relevant to teaching Torah, building relationships and helping to raise Jewish families. I don't look at myself as being a female rabbi. I am female and I am a rabbi. I am also a mom, a wife, a daughter, an aunt, a great aunt, a sister, a friend and a lover of Israel and a lover of Yorkdale.

This city has had some amazing women in rabbinic leadership roles—like Rabbi Elyse Goldstein and Rabbi Yael Splansky. I think because there has been exposure, my arrival at Beth Tzedec was not so groundbreaking.

Most challenges that I encounter are superficial, like making sure my hair looks good on livestream when I walk to shul in the winter. As a rabbi, I aspire for excellence in all that I do. People figured that out quickly.

I feel very supported by the rest of the Spiritual Leadership Team and the Board. I think it would have been very different had I come in straight from school. But I came to Beth Tzedec with 15 years experience. I have not personally heard any negative comments about being a woman and a rabbi at Beth Tzedec. If people care that I am a woman, nobody says it to my face.

I have taken on the early parenting shift during this Zoom-school era. This has led to a less than stellar attendance at morning minyan. But, I am transparent about it. A rabbi's day could start at 7:30 AM and end at 10:00 PM. So I am fully present for the shul from about 9:00 AM on. Except on Thursdays. My daughter knows to be quietish as I lead minyan from the kitchen that morning. Sometimes she joins in for *Adon Olam* or *Shema*.

My question to you is do you see me as a female rabbi or just a rabbi? How about your doctor? Do you look at them based on gender? How about teachers? Bank tellers?

**LM:** What are your thoughts on how female characters are treated in our traditions? Do any particular stories stick out to you as troubling or uplifting in the #MeToo era?

**RFB:** The characters are from a certain era. What we can do it learn from it and use these characters as sparks for

conversations. I find the Dina story in Genesis to be very troubling. I am also troubled by King David. I think there should have been stronger consequences for what he did with Batsheva.

This was not the end of our dialogue. Leah wrote the following back to me the next day:

....I definitely do see you as a rabbi, but also as a female rabbi, in the same sense that I see Reb Steve as a rabbi and as a male rabbi. I think that the genders we present as professionals bring with them particular lived experiences that are important to recognize. As another female professional, I know the struggles of being a working mom/wife that I'm sure you experience as well (especially in the times we currently live in). I work in a profession that is more female dominated than male (at least

in the role of teacher—there are many more principals, superintendents, directors, and political influencers on education that are male than female), so I have the added privilege of counting lots of working moms as colleagues (there are many more working moms than working dads at my work). The system of education is also one that systematically sees women as teachers, particularly single women (as a married mom, this is troublesome for me, and I feel that tension in the rules that are set up for me to work by).

I really appreciate your thoughtful answers and am glad that you are my rabbi :) I feel a special connection with you, partly because I look up to you as a strong female leader in a traditionally male-dominated field, and am glad that Noa gets to grow up in a congregation where you are a leader.

When Rosh Hashanah rolls around just after Labour Day, our theme for 5782 will be *Panim el Panim* which we are translating as face to face. This conversation was an honest conversation between two women of different generations, in a COVID safe face to face virtual format. It is so refreshing to have these sorts of open conversations with others. Leah and I learned so much about each other from these exchanges. It can be so rewarding to ask respectful yet tough questions. I encourage you this summer and into the next year to engage in real face to face conversations so you can grow and thrive.

Many blessings,  
—Rabbi Fryer Bodzin

## BODY AND SOUL SUMMER WALKING GROUP

**Wednesday mornings 9:00-10:30 AM**

**June 16, 23, 30 July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 18, 25**

Exercise your body and your soul. On Wednesday mornings during the summer months, meet Rabbi Fryer Bodzin at 77 Chiltern Hill (corner of Chiltern Hill and Warwick) for a little bit of Torah and a lot of walking. Don't forget to wear a mask.

When necessary, bring water, sunscreen and a hat. We will not meet if it rains.

Join us when you can. For more information contact Rabbi Fryer Bodzin at [RabbiRFB@Beth-Tzedec.org](mailto:RabbiRFB@Beth-Tzedec.org)



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## Outcomes Beyond Intentions

*In Lekha Dodi, we affirm this when we sing “sof maase bemahshava tekhilah”—the final outcome has been conceived of at the outset.*

My nine-year-old Sheelo mentioned to me recently that she would be writing a paper about the connection between “intention and outcomes.” As we began to discuss the concept (I love having these kinds of conversations with my kids) and shared examples, we noticed that most were incidents where we “intended” to do something good or neutral, but the outcome was negative.

We discussed and agreed that it is important to be aware of the goal and our desired outcome when we act and we needed to take responsibility for our actions when there are negative consequences. In *Lekha Dodi*, we affirm this when we sing “sof maase bemahshava tekhilah”—the final outcome has been conceived of at the outset.

Sheelo then reminded me that there are times that feel somewhat miraculous that a small act leads to unexpectedly awesome outcomes. We began sharing stories where we did something that we felt was good though not unusual, but were surprised to notice how wonderful the outcome was.

I shared with her the following story. In February 2020, right before the first lockdown, I had the honour of

officiating at the funeral of an elderly member. I was struck at that time by how beautifully her son Amos cared for her. One year later, on his mother’s first yahrtzeit, after a reminder call earlier in the day, he joined us for the evening minyan I was leading.

That same night, a young-looking person named Jonathan who I did not recognize was on the Zoom minyan as well. After I recited the yahrtzeit list and the names of two members who had passed away that week, Jonathan sent me a “chat” thanking me for reading his father’s name who had been buried earlier in the day. At the end of the service, I asked Jonathan and Amos to both stay on for a few minutes. While my intention was to just talk to each of them, I realized quickly that something greater was happening.

Jonathan began to share with us about his father’s connection to Beth Tzedec, his illness and how Jonathan did everything he could to show love to his father in the last year of his life, including leaving his own young family so that he could take his father

out of a retirement home that was ravaged with COVID-19 and be his caregiver.

This embodiment of *kibud av vaem*—the commandment to honour your parents—which was in the Torah portion of that week, reminded me of the way Amos had cared for his own parents. It dawned on me that I had referenced the verse in Amos’ mother’s eulogy the year before. These two men who were linked by their common devotion to their parents were also linked by their loss. In that moment, I recognized the uniqueness of the opportunity that was in front of me.

On that very day, Amos was emerging from his year of mourning while Jonathan was

beginning his. I facilitated a conversation where Amos emerged from his cocoon of mourning through the act of offering advice to Jonathan. And Jonathan—quite bewildered and in shock—entered his year with the opportunity to ask Amos questions about his experience. I watched these two men who, though online, were face to face, *panim el panim*, encountering one another in the most beautiful of ways.

I have been blessed this year to be able to witness countless moments like this one, born out of a desire to help people feel less isolated and more connected. We launched BT Small groups and Hazak for seniors this year in order to help foster deep and meaningful relationships. Much of what we have done has

been experimental, not knowing exactly how things would turn out and who would be impacted. Our intention was clear, and we have been strategic and hopeful, but never exactly sure.

As I enter the summer now, amidst another season of not being able to make plans as we usually would, I still find myself excited for a few months of exploration, playfulness, creativity and some rest, and most of all, excited to see who are the faces I encounter on this journey.

Glad to be on this journey with you.

“Every journey has secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware”- Martin Buber



## Shabbat at the Floor Service

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at 6:00 PM**

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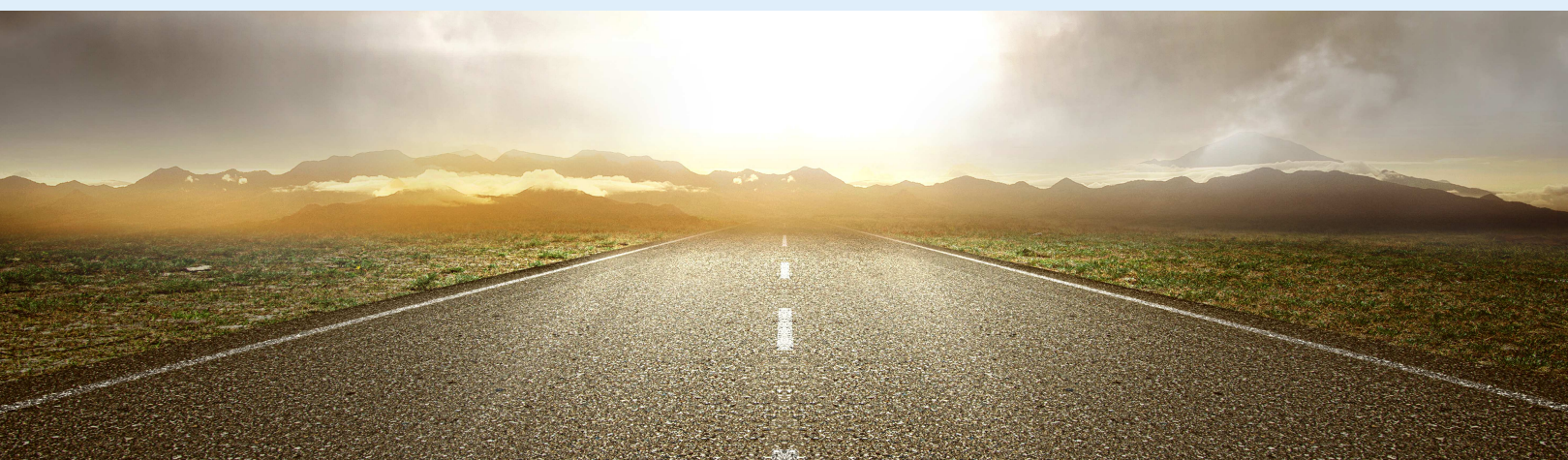


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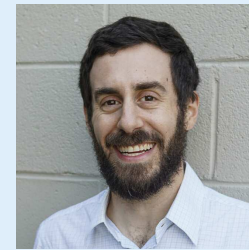
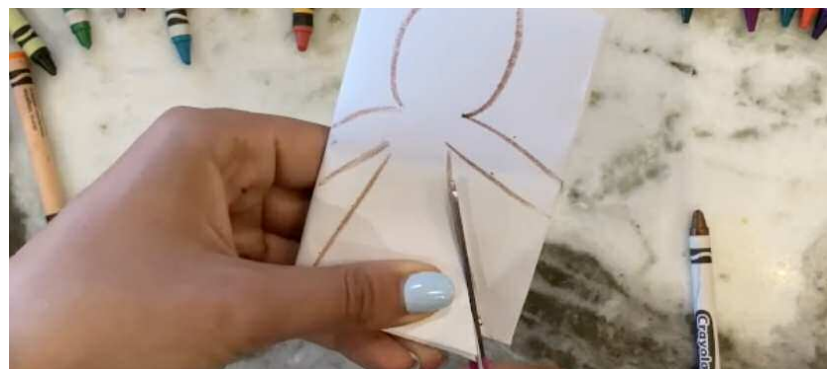
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## A COLOURFUL, CRAFTY LAG BA'OMER

We stoked the flames of Lag Ba'Omer with a fun and creative family art project with our youth director Anat Kriger. Families had the opportunity to follow along with Anat to create colourful fire pits in honour of the celebrations. If you missed the livestreamed program, you can still view it and make your own 'camp' crafts with our online video at <https://bethzedecallaccess.org/lag-baomer-family-craft>.



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## Our Tradition to Hope

I am writing this on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The sights, smells, tastes and sounds of Israel reverberate through my senses. I imagine the hills of the Galilee and the Negev, the smells of the shuk, the sound of the call to prayer in the Old City of Jerusalem and the anthem, *Hatikvah*, in both music and lyrics, flowing through my head. *Hatikvah*. Hope. A long-lasting, unyielding belief in better days ahead.

This period of the Jewish calendar—after Shavuot to Rosh Hashanah—is a period of hope. It opens with over five weeks of nothing. No holidays. No fast days. Just the quiet and peacefulness of summer. Plants and crops are growing. School ends. Camp and vacation begins. As long as it's not too hot or humid, we are happy, sated and content.

We then enter three weeks of progressive mourning, recalling the destruction of the temples in Jerusalem, the elimination of Jewish sovereignty in Israel. It culminates with Tisha B'Av, the 25-hour fast where we sit on the floor in the dark and read *Megillat Eikhah*, the words of the prophet Jeremiah, who brings us the sights, smells, tastes and sounds of Israel in ruin, its buildings destroyed and its people exiled. And yet, the final words that we read from *Eikhah* are words of hope. God is asked to join the people in a mutual act of return and to restore things to how they were, **חדש ימינו כקדם**.

After the *nadir* of Tisha B'Av, we rise up again, celebrating love and joy only six days later on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Av. We read *haftarot* that offer words of comfort, consolation and hope. We begin *Elul* and commit to self-reflection and self-improvement towards Rosh Hashanah and a new, clean slate.

Our history shows that hope in a better tomorrow is justified and oftentimes validated. Our traditions, customs and values are built upon a belief that hope is not in vain. We are optimistic,

future-oriented and try to make our world better in our lifetimes so our children benefit from the improvements.

The summer of 2020 was a time of hope. The initial wave of COVID-19 was in the rear view mirror, case counts were low and even with small upticks after long weekends, it seemed like we were able to enjoy our summer and feel like things were at least somewhat back to normal. What we have endured since then has been so difficult and trying that it is understandable if hope has been hard to find and muster.

By the time you are reading this, we may be on the other side of the third wave. We may still be in it or on the upswing of another surge. We may have a vaccination surge and are quelling the pandemic this way, similar to what Israel has been able to do. Predicting the future is left to prophets.

Yet, what is certain is that we will continue to have hope and to act on that hope, both of which are deeply rooted in our tradition. We will be our own versions of the biblical *Nahshon* who entered the Sea of Reeds before the water split; the prophet Ezekiel who envisioned a return of the Babylonian exiles to Israel; Rabbi Yohanan ben Zakkai who spearheaded the re-imagination of Judaism after the destruction of the second Temple; thousands of Holocaust survivors who emerged from the ashes of Europe and rebuilt their lives and their families.

Our hope, in the summer of 2021 is, of course, for health and for healing, but also for an openness to a future world that will no doubt be different than what was, but that ideally is better than what was, blending the best of our pre-2020 existence with the new experiences that have become part of our lives over these last 15-plus months. We hope that the tomorrow of a post-pandemic world brings us renewed strength, ingenuity, vigor and a desire to live life to its fullest.







*Eisen is one of a growing number of young members at Beth Tzedec—individuals who find solace and comfort along with meeting up with others of similar ages.*

## Samantha Eisen: A Future of Summer Memories

Summer. Just mentioning the one word emits a sense of pleasure, and a magic feeling that tends to ease stress, anxiety and tension.

Warmer weather is often the formula for a glorious opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, extend socialization and expand friendships. It's also an occasion to escape, and safely, from what has seemed like an eternity, the cloudy days of a pandemic.

This time of the year can be a meaningful and relevant juncture in the lives of children of all ages. For those who enjoy the experience that goes with the familiarity of being at an overnight camp, the summer months are truly exceptional times.

Samantha (Sami) Eisen is someone who knows it well.

Appreciating the separation of camp life from everything else is something Eisen understands and masters. A year ago, ominous warnings led to cancellations, followed by closures. The struggles mounted for many trying to differentiate from a traditional getaway.

Then, the window of opportunity came in the early hours of Spring.

For years, Eisen has accumulated her stories. Others have done the same, of the eons of time travelling to Muskoka. For her, it was hype with memories of glancing through the windows of the chartered buses turning down a dirt covered exit called Fish Hatchery Road, some 30 kilometres northwest of Bracebridge. In minutes, the glimpse of

paradise: the site of Camp Ramah in Canada.

Flashbacks always kicked in for Eisen about the exceptional and compelling times of camp life, along with the triggers of contentment, happiness and prosperity.

After a one-year cessation of camp because of COVID-19 restrictions, life has returned to that haven and Eisen is about as thrilled as one could imagine. A slew of modifications, and all in the best interest of safety, will see things slightly different. Adjustments do happen in life.

Eisen knows all about conforming to modifications.

Now, it's something new—her first year of being totally responsible for the preparation, and delivery, of day-to-day events. A camper for many years, counsellor and later taking on responsibilities associated with being on head staff, Eisen feels the comfort of being back at her home away from home.

This time, she is the Program Director with a clear mindset on developing exciting activities with a meaningful Jewish experience.

A 24-year-old graduate with degrees from Queen's University and York University, Eisen has memories that are rich with the fulfillment of being one of those youngsters who benefitted from camp against distraction and the challenges of city life.

"When I was younger, I thought about becoming a family lawyer," said Eisen. "But I also had a desire to help kids, work with them and there was also this feeling of fulfillment. I clearly remember

that it was at (Ramah), in 2017, after three years of university and about ready to apply to law school, that I went in a different direction and wanted to become a teacher."

The joy of being with kids, especially at camp, hit home for Eisen—and the feeling remains. Lots also has to do with growing up in the confines of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Those who attend religious services, know of her commitment to Judaism. They also know who she is. There was a time when Eisen was aware of the glances. They often came when she entered the main synagogue or after reading Torah during the High Holy Days.

Eisen was born in Shaoyang, China and was adopted at 18 months by Debbie and Arron Eisen, long time members of Beth Tzedec. Canada has been her home since 1998.

After attending and graduating, with academic honors, from both Associated Hebrew Schools and Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, it goes without saying that her knowledge of Judaism is quite strong. In addition to being fluent in Hebrew, Eisen is blessed with a calm demeanour, and has positively impacted the lives of many people.

An active member of Beth Tzedec, Eisen had her baby-naming there and grew up in the shul environment. She likes to share a special day—August 29, 2009. On that day, although a bit nervous like most youngsters, she was called to the *bimah* for her Bat Mitzvah. Eisen was flawless reciting her portion, and then showered with candy as a marker of joy.

"I am a known face at Beth Tzedec," she said, with a chuckle during a telephone conversation. "People see me as the Asian girl in shul. I see myself as being a contributing member to society and while I am not active in every synagogue program, I enjoy the services, the surroundings

and the familiarity of the shul community."

Eisen is one of a growing number of young members at Beth Tzedec—individuals who find solace and comfort along with meeting up with others of similar ages.

As a very sociable individual, Eisen has endless gratitude and respect for others. She has volunteered in several programs, and played the violin at a Purim event. A talented musician, predominantly from those early days at CHAT, Eisen was in the school band and also plays the French horn and trombone. She also has devoted time tutoring under-privileged kids and has stressed to them, the importance of staying focussed and out of trouble.

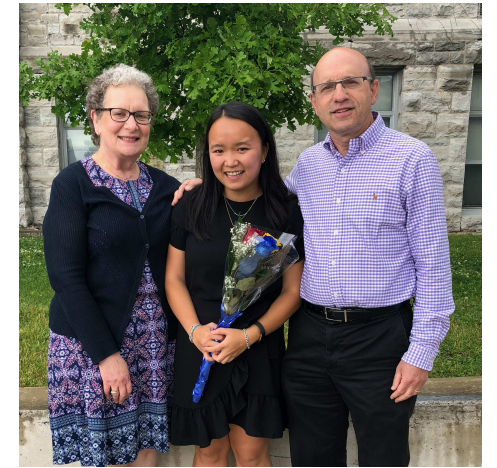
Having a discussion with her leaves you impressed and motivated to contribute in a positive way to society. It also refreshes the values and importance of *tikkun olam*—the concept defined by acts of kindness to improve the world.

"I always hear people talk about their family," she said. "I am no different. My parents are my role models, having taught me so much and every day, I realize how lucky I am. At camp, when I am around kids, I get this feeling of comfort watching them grow in many ways—including from the impact my actions can have on them."

Eisen is also quite aware that a dream land can also have some negative vibes. She has been a victim of racism.

"Let's not fool ourselves, there are problems everywhere and organizations need to educate more," she said. "There has to be a diversity of voices who can deal effectively with issues and not just think they will go away on their own."

"I've had people point at me and say she can't be Jewish, she's Asian," said Eisen. "It didn't bother me then. I know what was important and that was being comfortable with who I am,



and no one can take that away from me. I've had a positive experience growing up in a Jewish community, but I understand that not everyone can say that."

Beth Tzedec, which translates from Hebrew to mean a House of Justice, became the first major synagogue in the Greater Toronto Area, and is believed to be one of a few in Canada to have created a race task force committee—REDI: anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Eisen, the youngest of the 18 members with many being Jews of Color (JOC). The objective of the group is to ensure that every person who enters Beth Tzedec feels welcome.

A pan-ethnic term, JOC is the term that is used to identify Jewish people, whose family origins are originally in Asian, Latin-American, East Indian or African countries. JOC may identify as Black, Asian-American or of mixed heritage such as bi-racial or multi-racial.

"Awareness, equality and making things better for everyone," said Eisen. "That's the goal."

—David Grossman

*David Grossman is a multi award-winning communicator and storyteller with a distinguished career in Broadcasting, Journalism and Public Relations in Sport and Government Relations. He, and his family, are long-standing members of Beth Tzedec.*



# Care • Connect • Learn • Pray • Celebrate • Give & Get

These six core values represent the unified mosaic guiding the programs, services and events offered by Beth Tzedec that make our *kehillah* such a special and unique place.

## Pray



### Minḥah-Ma'ariv Services

Every Sunday to Thursday evening;  
check website for times

Join us for Minḥah Ma'ariv services on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/668598809>. You can also join by phone only by calling 647-374-4685 and inputting the meeting ID 668-598-809.



### Shabbat at the Floor Service

Friday evening, June 4  
at 6:00 PM

Join us for a musically-infused Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, livestreamed to our [Daily Services page](#). Led by Yacov Fruchter, Cantor Sidney Ezer, artist-in-residence Aviva Chernick and our Beth Tzedec Rabbis, this intimate service will help prepare your spirit for Shabbat with song, comfort and community.



### Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Every Friday evening at 6:00 PM

Prepare your spirit for Shabbat with song, comfort and community at our Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv services livestreamed to the [Daily Services page](#).



### Family Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays, June 18, July 16 and August 20 at 5:45 PM

Join us in the Beth Tzedec parking lot as we gather together to welcome Shabbat while adhering to public health guidelines governing outdoor religious services. This experience will offer an engaging, lively prayer service incorporating the participation of the children, teens and families.

This program is planned to be onsite, adhering to Public Health restrictions. Check our website for updates.

Participants must pre-register and complete a COVID-19 screening. For information, email [Daniel Silverman](#).



### Sanctuary Service

Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM

Join us for Shabbat morning services livestreamed to the website [Daily Services page](#). It 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. Be a part of our musical and spiritual davening.



### Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service

Saturdays, July 3 and August 7  
at 10:30 AM

Join us outside in the parking lot to gather together in community while adhering to public health guidelines governing outdoor religious services.

This service experience will offer a lively, engaging prayer service incorporating the participation of the children, teens and families.

Participants must pre-register and complete a COVID-19 screening. For information, email [Daniel Silverman](#).



### Havdalah, Torah Study and Kaddish Every Saturday evening; check website for times

Join us on [Facebook](#) or [Zoom](#) for a live Havdalah experience and some Torah to begin a new week followed by Mourner's Kaddish.



### Weekday Shaḥarit Services

Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM  
<https://zoom.us/j/894447868>

Weekday mornings at 7:30 AM  
<https://zoom.us/j/733141765>

Join us for our daily morning minyan services on Zoom or by phone only by calling 647-374-4685 and inputting the meeting ID 894-447-868.



### Prayer: What, Why, When and How Tuesdays, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20 and August 3 & 17 at 8:30 AM

Join Reb Steve following Shaḥarit on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/733141765> to reflect, share and pray together.

## Care



### Loss in the Time of COVID-19: A Bereavement Support Group with *Debbie Berlin* and *Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin*

Thursdays, June 3 & 17 at 7:45 PM

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

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



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## Connect



### L'Chaim!

Friday evenings at 5:30 PM

Join us on Zoom Fridays for an opportunity to share a *l'chaim* and kick off Shabbat with a few minutes of connection with the Beth Tzedec community. For Zoom link information click [here](#).



### Babies, Blessings and Shabbat Fun: A Pre-Shabbat Music Class for Toddlers and their Families

Friday mornings, June 18 & 25 and  
July 2, 9 & 16 at 11:30 AM

Join our weekly musical pre-Shabbat class for babies up to 18 months old and their families! To help ensure safe physical distancing, we'll be meeting in Cedarvale Park, where we'll sing Shabbat songs, recite Shabbat blessings, experience early Hebrew learning and dance together. Embrace the feeling of community as we welcome Shabbat into our hearts.

No charge; Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).





### Bree-AH / Creativity in Motion: A Half-Day Celebration of Arts

**Sunday, June 6 at 10:00 AM**

Join artist-in-residence Aviva Chernick and members of the Arts and Prayer Lab for workshops with artists Lorne Blumer, Ayala Lefkowitz, Ellen Rosenbluth, Arie Sacke, Matthew Sniderman and Sylvie Moscovitz Librach. Each artist will welcome you into their artistic practice, to learn and participate. Bring your coffee, sit outside and join us online as we awaken our individual creativity and connect to each other in community.

**No charge; Pre-registration required via ShulCloud.**



### Summer + Desserts = Yum!

**Sunday, June 6 at 11:30 AM**

Let's welcome summer together by making some delicious desserts that you can enjoy all summer long! Join us in the Beth Tzedec parking lot (if Public Health restrictions allow) for a physically-distanced hour of fun. If we cannot meet in person, this program will be offered via Zoom.

**No charge; Pre-registration required via ShulCloud.**



### Body and Soul Summer Walking Group with Rabbi Fryer Bodzin

**Wednesdays, June 16, 23 & 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 and August 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9:00 AM**

Exercise your body and soul with Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin for a bit of Torah and a lot of walking. We will meet at 77 Chiltern Hill (at the corner of Chiltern Hill and Warwick Ave.). Please remember to bring water, sunscreen and a hat. We will not meet on rainy days.

We will observe all Public Health pandemic protocols in place this summer, including distancing where required and wearing masks. If necessary, this program may be cancelled or delayed.

**Pre-registration required via ShulCloud.**



### Israeli Childhood Games for Kids Ages 4 and Older

**Sundays, June 13, July 11 and August 15 at 10:00 AM**

After a long winter at home and a long year of Zoom, we are happy to invite you to get active in the park playing Israeli games ... just like the old times! This program may be cancelled if Public Health prohibits outdoor group activities.

**No charge; Pre-registration required to Anat Kriger.**



### Creatives in Conversation: A Pride Month Event

**Tuesday, June 22 at 7:45 PM**

Aviva Chernick hosts this virtual roundtable with an outstanding group of Queer Jewish Canadian Creatives, people working in the arts, each accomplished in their own form. Join this celebration in conversation of the intersection between Jewish, Queer and Creative identities. Joining Aviva are Diane Flacks, Sigal Samuel, Daniel Sarah Karasik and Evan Tapper.

**No charge; Pre-registration required via ShulCloud.**



### Single Seniors Speed Friending: Kindling the Fires of Friendship for Tu B'Av

**Thursday, July 22 at 4:00 PM**

Presented by Beth Tzedec Hazak for Seniors and Adath Israel's Club L'Chayim, single seniors are invited to join us for a special speed friending event for Tu B'Av, the holiday of friendship and love! Meet other single seniors over Zoom with quick, five-minute conversations to help spark connections with new friends and familiar faces.

**Limited spaces available. Registration information coming soon.**



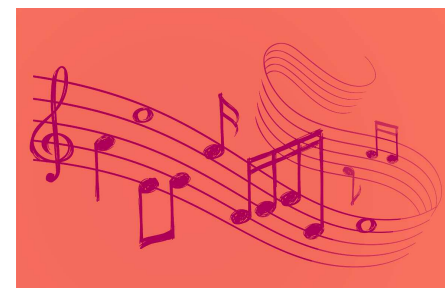
### The PJ Library: Hello Summer!

**Sunday, June 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM**

Join us as we welcome summer vacation singing summer songs, playing activities and reading a story.

**Pre-register to Anat Kriger.**

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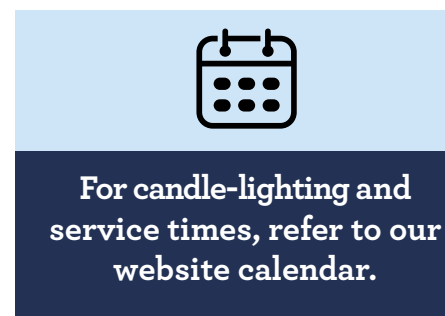


### Musical Sundays in Hebrew

**Sundays, June 13, July 11 and August 15 at 11:30 AM**

Learning a new language via music is so much fun! Kids 8 and older can join our new program to learn Hebrew by singing great tunes!

**Pre-register to Anat Kriger.**



## Learn



### Conversations Over Coffee with Rabbi Steven Wernick

**Monday afternoons at 12:30 PM**

Reb Steve gathers a cadre of community personalities for conversations on politics, culture, social existence and Jewish life. Grab a coffee and join us.

#### UPCOMING SESSIONS:

June 7: Dan Feferman;  
June 14: Ben Murane  
June 21: Rabbi Mauricio Balter

Sessions will be streamed to **Facebook** and **YouTube**. Comment with questions on either platform.



### Daily Tanakh Study

**Weekday afternoons at 3:00 PM**

We continue our 929-day project studying each chapter from the Tanakh on our **Facebook** group.



### Torah Through the Ages

**Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM**

These lively sessions, focused on the weekly Torah portion and current events, with Bex Stern Rosenblatt.

**Pre-registration required via ShulCloud.**



### Mizmor Monthly with Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber

**Tuesdays, June 15 and August 10 at 7:30 PM**

Join Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber as we explore many Jewish musical themes and genres, one for every month of the Jewish calendar.

**Pre-registration required via ShulCloud.**



### BTUSY and Kadima Pickle-Making with Marty Strub

**Thursday, June 17 at 7:00 PM**

Get ready for a post-Shavuot program celebrating the harvest—making pickles with expert Marty Strub!

Register to access the Zoom link information and to order your materials.

**Cost: \$18 for Beth Tzedec members; \$25 non-members. Pre-registration required via ShulCloud.**





### Kinot Connect with Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber

July 11 to 19 at 9:00 AM

Join Cantor Ezer and Asher Farber for nine days of liturgical poetry and sorrowful melodies. Each day, we will introduce a pre-recorded clip of a different *kinah* on the nine days leading up to Tisha B'Av. Culminating on Tisha B'Av itself, we will gather virtually to learn and sing some of these *kinot* together.

These pre-recorded clips will be posted on Beth Tzedec's [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel each day.



### Wise Aging—High Holy Day Edition: Exploring Serene Older Years with Wisdom and Optimism

Wednesdays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10:30 AM

Facilitated by Lorraine Sandler and Elaine Cooper, this four week series is being offered via Zoom before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to encourage us to look inward and toward the Yamim Noraim with optimism, clarity and renewal. We will explore together the following themes connected to *teshuvah*—repentance—and renewal.

No charge; Registration information coming soon.

## Celebrate



### Shabbat Shel Ahava Celebration with Cantor Ezer and Asher Farber

Friday, July 23 at 5:30 PM

Roses are red  
This Shabbat is Tu B'Av  
On this Friday night  
We'll sing Songs of love

Join Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat and pre-service concert featuring liturgical and secular songs of love. This special musical celebration will be livestreamed prior to Kabbalat Shabbat services on our [Daily Services](#) page.

## Yizkor Memorial Book

It is time to send information to include the names of your loved ones in the annual Yizkor Memorial Book used at Yizkor Services on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach and Shavuot for the year 5782. The cost is \$18.00 per memorialized name per household. Submission deadline: **Thursday, July 15.**

You can submit your Yizkor Memorial Book listing by completing this online form or you can phone or contact Terri Humphries at 416-436-9960 or [thumphries@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org).

### Yizkor Memorial Book Donation

Make cheques payable to: Beth Tzedec Congregation  
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3  
Phone: 416-781-3514 ext. 213 Fax: 416-781-0150

**Deadline: Please complete and return this form with your payment no later than 5:00 PM on July 15, 2021.**

## Single Seniors

### Speed Friending: Kindling the Fires of Friendship for Tu B'Av

Thursday, July 22 at 4:00 PM

Presented by Beth Tzedec Hazak for Seniors and Adath Israel's Club L'Chayim, single seniors are invited to join us for a special speed friending event for Tu B'Av, the holiday of friendship and love! Meet other single seniors over Zoom with quick, five-minute conversations to help spark connections with new friends and familiar faces.

Limited spaces available. Registration information coming soon.



## It's Time to Renew Your Membership

It's easier than ever for Beth Tzedec members to access, updates 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 your ShulCloud account 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](mailto:kromm@beth-tzedec.org).





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## A New-ish Jewish Parent

"It's not about programs," writes Dr. Ron Wolfson in Relational Judaism. "It's not about marketing. It's not about branding, labels, logos, clever titles, websites, or smartphone apps. It's not even about institutions. It's about relationships."

This ethos is the foundation of **BT Small Groups**, an initiative where many small groups consisting of eight to 15 people meet monthly from October to June with a shared goal, project or interest.

In what has been for many of us the most isolating period of our lives, Small Groups is an inoculation against disconnection.

It isn't a class—it's about people.

My partner, Leah Mauer, is an English and History teacher at Forest Hill CI. She's also the group leader for the **20s and 30s Social Justice Book Club**.

"I love my job," she said to me, "but the last thing I'd ever want to do with my free time is assign a book report. My small group is about building a community of fellow book-lovers, and getting to know wonderful people who want to ask tough questions about social issues."

Other small groups include a multi-generational stitch club, a seniors' cultural heritage tour, an exploration of Jewish genealogy, the cookbook club challenge, a Musar practice group and many more.

I'm a member of the '**New-ish Jewish Parents**' group, and Leah's experience echoes mine entirely. The worst feeling for me at shul has always been showing up for an event, perhaps with my toddler in tow, and realizing I don't know anyone else. Or worse, seeing the same few dozen faces who show up for everything but not quite remembering exactly who they are.

New-ish Jewish Parents started just after the first lockdown with about a dozen Beth Tzedec parents of babies and toddlers. It isn't a parenting class. It's a community where we share highs and lows, tell stories, explore our own traditions, and have fun together. And when, in due course, it's safe to reopen our building, I can't wait for the first BT Family Program knowing that my new friends from Small Groups will be there.

Our pilot year of BT Small Groups has been a success and I can't wait to take what we've learned this past year and use it to make Small Groups even more meaningful for 2021-2022. If you want to learn, have fun and build meaningful relationships that deepen connections within our Jewish community here at Beth Tzedec, I encourage you to join us.

—Josh Zelikovitz

*Josh Zelikovitz is a Beth Tzedec volunteer and a member of the BT Small Groups Leadership Team.*



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## A Kehillah of Inclusion

The REDI Committee was assembled to champion the inclusion of all members of the Jewish community at Beth Tzedec. Our mission is to promote and support actions of equity and anti-racism within our *kehilah*, to foster a reputation of diversity and inclusion for all Jews.

### What does REDI stand for?

REDI stands for anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Our committee consists of members of the Beth Tzedec community who work passionately to promote an inclusive, anti-racist, safe and welcoming environment for all.

### Who are the Co-Chairs?

The co-chairs are Leah Mauer and Nicole Yuen. Leah (*she/her*) is a member of the Families Committee, an active group leader and participant in the Small Groups Initiative, and can be found in Little Minyan and family programming at shul. Nicole (*she/her*) has been a member of Beth Tzedec for about a decade and can be found attending family services.

### Where do you see big changes that need to be made in our community?

Beth Tzedec is a large, legacy institution in Toronto's Jewish community. While many members feel at home here, we recognize that it can be intimidating to walk through the doors of our shul if you don't already have a connection to the *kehilah*. Some members, even those with a connection, don't feel accepted by the Congregation for who they are. We need to listen to the lived experiences of these members, hear some hard truths about our community, and do some learning (and re-learning) together in order for everyone to be safe here.

We also recognize the prominent role Beth Tzedec plays in the larger Toronto

Jewish community and within the North American Conservative movement. As such, we see it as our responsibility as a congregation to be a leader in this work.

### Why is this work important?

In the news, we hear about anti-Black racism, anti-Asian racism and hate against other groups. In 2021, this is not acceptable. We as a congregation need to be part of the solution. We need to be champions of inclusivity. We need to reflect the diversity that is the Jewish community and to set an example for future generations.

### What do you see as your role in our kehillah as a co-chairs?

Our committee is laying the foundation for important cultural changes. We will be engaging in REDI training with our professional staff and lay leadership. The two of us will be working with the Executive, the Board and the Spiritual Leadership Team to bring learning opportunities to different segments of the Congregation as well. At our committee meetings, we will be engaging in important learning ourselves.

If there are any areas of learning that our Congregants would like to see in the Congregation, we'd like to hear about it!

### When does the committee meet?

The committee meets online every six weeks. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15.

### How can people get in touch or get involved?

We invite anyone who is interested in contributing to this meaningful work to join us. If interested, please get in touch with Reb Steve, who will connect you with us.

## TAKE CHARGE & OPHELIA BY NORMAN BACAL

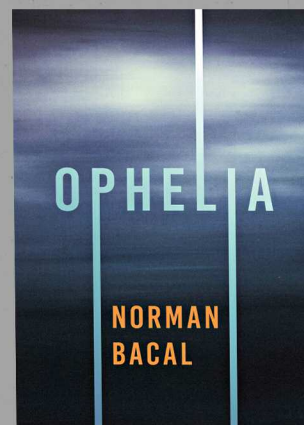
Do the double mitzvah and enjoy two great reads!

Beth Tzedec member and bestselling author Norman Bacal is generously donating the proceeds of book sales of his two recent releases, which we are making available to you at discounted prices.

Available to the first four hundred purchases only.

Curl up with the epic saga of *Ophelia* or inspire a young person in your life with *Take Charge: The Skills that Drive Professional Success*, all while helping to support programs and experiences at Beth Tzedec.

[Click here to order>](#)



## Share a Story!

Do you know someone in our community who's living the Beth Tzedec values? Someone making the world better who can inspire and empower all of us to care, connect, learn, pray, celebrate or give & get? Contact Linda at [Imdow@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:Imdow@beth-tzedec.org) and let us know who you would like to see profiled in the next Beth Tzedec Bulletin.





## Hesed from a Distance

### Out of the Cold Initiative

Because of the pandemic, the 2020-2021 season Our Out of the Cold program was unable to operate as we have in past years because of the pandemic but thanks to the vision of Reverend James Keenan from St. Luke's United Church, our OOTC played an integral role in helping to feed the homeless during the pandemic.

At the end of April, we completed the 20-week program of offering a hot dinner at St. Luke's United Church and served roughly 500 meals each week (on Sunday and Wednesday evenings). We also partnered with Holy Blossom who supplied a portion of the dinners on Wednesday evenings. This undertaking was a herculean effort considering that the strictest health and safety protocols as determined by Toronto Public Health had to be followed.

We would like to thank Reverend James Keenan from St. Luke's for his

unwavering compassion towards the homeless population and for providing us with the opportunity to work together in solidarity with many faith-based groups to help those in need.

The second program OOTC supported was Haven Toronto, located at Jarvis and Shuter Street. It is the only drop-in centre in Canada that services men aged 50 and older who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and social isolation. COVID-19 caused a dramatic increase in the number of men who visited the centre this past winter. In its attempt to meet the additional demand for meals, Haven incurred substantial increased costs, and we are proud that our OOTC could help them meet their needs by providing funding for 1,500 lunches.

An integral part of Beth Tzedec/Beth Sholom's Out of the Cold program has always included providing much needed warm winter clothing and boots/shoes to the homeless. Our goal was to deliver

these goods to the homeless in the various shelters and encampments in the downtown area. To accomplish this goal, Cathy Weinberg-Beallor, her son Adam Beallor and Julie Greenspoon itemized and packed up everything in our entire clothing room, which was an enormous undertaking. We were unable to deliver these essentials due to the constraints of the pandemic, but now everything is well-organized for next year!

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to my Beth Sholom co-chair Rafi Aaron who worked tirelessly both behind the scenes and in person every Wednesday and Sunday night at St. Luke's United Church. He ensured that every safety protocol was followed and that every guest, staff and volunteer felt safe and protected. He never let an unused meal go to waste and ensured that any left-over dinners were delivered to those living in the encampments. His devotion and compassion to the homeless knows no bounds. A true mensch.

### Kindness to Others During the Pandemic

If you have some spare time, consider calling someone who you know is shut-in and may be lonely. A quick phone chat can really make a big difference in someone else's life. Now that the weather is beautiful, a socially distanced outdoor visit may also brighten their day.

—Maureen Tanz,  
Chair Hesed  
Committee

## Panim el Panim—Face to Face

What makes the High Holy Days at Beth Tzedec so remarkable is that they truly are a community celebration. Not only are we coming together to pray and celebrate, but we use the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, break bread with our families and volunteer our time and energy to make the season special.

This year, no matter what the Holy Days look like, we want to capture that feeling of panim el panim, being face to face with our loved ones and our kehillah.

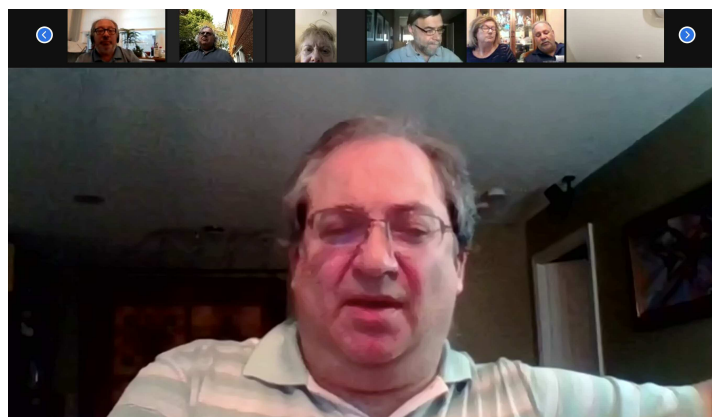
So share and connect with our community by contributing your creative work to our annual **HHD Reader** or our first-ever Face to **Face photo book**. Whether we celebrate the High Holy Days in person or online, sharing your selfies, stories and experiences over the last year will allow us to rejoice in being *panim el panim* for the High Holy Days and the year to come.



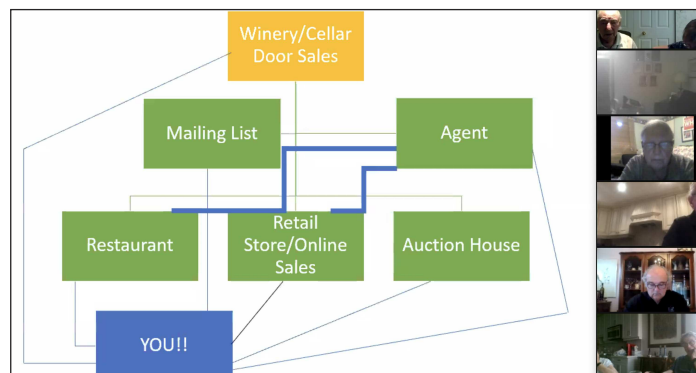


## SHARING A GLASS AND CONVERSATION

On May 20, the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) and the Men's Clubs/Brotherhoods of Aduth Israel, Beth David, Beth Emeth and Beth Tzedec met virtually for a "Dinner, Tapas and Wine Tasting" evening hosted by Michael Grammer. While tasting three wonderful, kosher wines and enjoying a delicious tapas menu from Apex Catering, Michael explained the history of wines and winemaking while sharing stories from his journeys as an oenophile.



### A (VERY) BRIEF HISTORY OF WINE



## NOW ... MORE THAN EVER ... BETH TZEDEC NEEDS A STRONG MEN'S CLUB



## Men's Club Makes a Difference



### Men's Club Scholarship Breakfast

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is proud to announce that the scholarship program which was suspended last year due to COVID-19 has resumed this year. We have received a large number of worthy applications which the Scholarship Committee has reviewed.

The following young people have been selected as recipients this year. With the current Public Health restrictions, this year's annual Scholarship Breakfast will be streamed via Zoom.

**Tzicel Bracha Newmark:** Pursuing a career in special Jewish education

with an emphasis on reaching children in the Jewish community.

**Rachel Karasentv Saltoun:** Pursuing a career as a professor combining Psychology and Jewish Studies. She is enrolled in a M.A. program in Education specializing in Jewish education.

**Noam Blauer:** Seeking a career as a professor in Jewish Studies or a Rabbi. He is currently working toward a Masters degree in Jewish Studies.

**Tiffany Cinotti:** The Orenstein Fund Scholarship recipient, awarded to those who are studying the Arts. Tiffany plans to use her education to

locate artwork stolen by the Nazis and return them to their rightful owners.

**Samantha Chariat:** Pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work. Her career goal is to work with children and adolescents in Jewish schools.

**Tyler Bergman:** His goals are to finish his M.A Honours thesis on Hannah Arendt and to conduct further Holocaust research to provide governments and school boards with a Genocide and Holocaust-based curriculum.

### A Message from the Men's Club of Beth Tzedec

These indeed are difficult times in which it is often so easy to head in the direction of fear, pessimism and doom and gloom when listening to the news on the radio, watching on TV or on social media. Social distancing between families, relatives, friends and neighbours also can lead to feelings of isolation.

However with every downturn, misfortune or loss there also arises an opportunity and we have choices. Do we consider the glass half empty or half full? It is important to grasp the opportunistic and positive side which allows us to gain hope and confidence that things will improve and that life will go on and return to more "normal" times when we can again complain about the traffic, the weather, the Leafs, the price of gas and too high taxes.

**Considerations and Suggestions:** Finally I have time to read the

book that I bought but that has been sitting on my book shelf. Wow, I can attack the "stuff" in the basement that I couldn't find time to deal with before. I will finally call and speak to the people that I had intended to contact in the past but the time was never quite right.

I will be a positive force and support for others, e.g., family, friends, colleagues. Appreciate those on the front lines, not only in the medical facilities but also in government (federal, provincial and municipal) who have to step up to the plate and assume leadership roles and also those in religious and other organizations. Dig into your old CDs, tapes and records and find your old favorites and play them. Look at old picture albums and scrapbooks.

Do get outside and use all your senses. Although it is too early to smell the roses, look at the new buds on the trees, the early snow drops on the lawns, listen to the bird songs and sounds—

the sweet call of the cardinal and the rat-tat-tat of the woodpecker. Appreciate the sun and the rain. The yearly cycle of life is returning as will "normal life" to us, hopefully sooner rather than later.

We in the Men's Club of Beth Tzedec are optimistic and are planning for the future when things return to normal as they most surely will. The Men's Club wishes you and your family health and optimism and if you have any ideas for us please share them with us. Email the shul office at [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).

Along with our clergy and staff at Beth Tzedec, we all form part of a large family and as a family, we wish to stand together at times of stress.

—Perry Cooper, MD  
Vice President,  
Beth Tzedec Men's Club





Our incoming  
shinshiniot send  
their regards to the  
entire Beth Tzedec  
community.

## Greetings from Our Incoming Shinshiniot

Each year, Beth Tzedec welcomes two incredible young volunteers from Israel to join us for a year of holidays, celebration and programming. They share their stories, talents and lived experiences with our community and help keep us connected to life in the Holy Land.

Are you interested in learning more about the *shinshinim* program, or possibly hosting one of our guests for part of their visit? Email [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org) and we'll put you in touch with someone who can tell you more about getting involved with this exciting initiative.

### Greetings from Aya

Shalom everyone!

I cannot even explain how excited I am to write this down. My name is Aya Haimovich, and I am about to be one of the next *shinshiniot* at Beth Tzedec and RHA!

I live in Petah Tikva and study in *HaKfar HaYarok*—an agricultural school in Ramat Hasharon. My majors in high school are biology, law, Jewish philosophy and environmental leadership.

I am a dancer, instructor and team leader in the Scouts, and I love to travel, draw and bake. In addition, in recent years I have participated in the Young Entrepreneurs program and was the CEO of a company!

I am delighted to contribute, help and volunteer in Jewish communities outside of Israel this year, before I join the IDF. My dream was to be a *shinshinit*, and now that it is coming true—I want to tell you why it all started.

I think Israel is a complex and special

country, and I love it very much. The landscapes, the people, the food, the culture and the atmosphere—are simply irreplaceable, and I can't wait to tell you all about it.

I'm intrigued by the history and culture of Toronto and looking forward to being there, where the Jewish community is big, embracing and wonderful. I'm counting down the weeks until I get to work at the institutions which will become my second home—Beth Tzedec and RHA. I think they do fascinating and important sacred work.

I wish to be a connecting link in the chain between Israel and Toronto. As a *shinshinit*, I would like to share my Israeli experiences and stories with you, your families and your children. You can ask me anything about Israel and I'd be happy to tell you! Furthermore, I hope to give you a glimpse of Israel through an Israeli teenager's eyes.

But until then, I wish you health and happiness. Can't wait to meet you soon!

—Aya



### Greetings from Liel

Hello everyone!

My name is Liel Nachmani and I am so happy and excited to say that I'm going to be one of the next *shinshiniot* in Beth Tzedec and RHA!

I'm 18 years old and I live in Pardes Hana Karkur. I'm the eldest sister and have two younger siblings: a 15-year-old sister named Alon and a little brother named Ram, who is about to turn 9.

I study at the Haklai High School and my majors are computer science and physics. I love to read books, draw, watch movies, travel and spend time with my family and friends.

I'm part of the *Mashatzim* youth group. For a few years now, I've

volunteered in many places such as a nursing home and special education schools. I spent time with Holocaust survivors, cleaned the beaches of Israel and did many other special things that I would love to tell you more about.

I've guided a lot of field-days and yearly trips at my school through my youth group, and those experiences made me fall in love with my country.

It is such a small country, yet so special—I love the warmth of the people, and that everybody comes from different backgrounds and brings their cultures and traditions with them. I couldn't ever forget the Israeli landscape—so many beautiful places to see, even though the country is tiny!

I have thought about doing a *shinshin* year since I was little. In the summer of 2019, I participated in a *shlihut* on the behalf of the Jewish Agency. During this *shlihut*, I hosted an American teen at my house and showed her Israel, then flew to her community. I got involved and it helped me made me understand the importance of the connection between Jews who live in Israel and Jews abroad—that we are one big community. I chose to take part in the *shinshin* program because I believe this bond is important for us as Jews and for Israel.

I'm so excited to get to know your community!

—Liel



We are looking for host families for our new *shinshiniot*, Aya Haimovich and Liel Nachmani. Our two enthusiastic young Israelis can't wait to get to know the Beth Tzedec family and spend time with you and your children. Can you make a five-month commitment to welcome Aya and Liel into your home? To learn more about the opportunity to be a host family, please contact **Michael Friedman** at [michael.friedman@rogers.com](mailto:michael.friedman@rogers.com).

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





# 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.

### Camp Ramah Fund

Bayla and Leo Chaikof, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Israel Appel**.

Leo and Bayla Chaikof, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mary Mania Chaikoff**.

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

### Cantor Sidney Ezer Discretionary Fund

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

Donnie Friedman, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** for the wonderful Havdalah concert.

Jimmy Shekarchi, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Saleh Jacob Shakarchi**.

Jerry Silver, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** for his support and help.

### Food Insecurity Fund

An anonymous contribution, honouring **Bonnie Greenberg** for leading the “BT Hazak Zentangle” group.

An anonymos contribution, honouring **the cast and crew "The Motown Megillah"**.

An anonymous contribution, honouring the memory of **Hermina Weiszhaus**.

An anonymous contribution, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick and family** for hosting the “Second Seder with the Wernicks”.

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

Dorion, Judi and Sharon, Rachel, Joanna, Jennifer and Benjamin, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Patricia Angel**.

Albina Backman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Steve Rozencwajg**.

Jack and Elaine Barkin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Boris Barkin**.

Liddy Beck and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Tom Beck**.

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harold Albert Green**.

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Greenberg**.

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max David Berlin**.

Cheryl Berliner and Susan Milne, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Hertz**.

Esther Bernstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.

Judith Betel and Marvin Goldstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Betel**.

Aaron Bodzin and Robyn Fryer Bodzin, honouring **Larry and Nina Wallach** on an amazing evening of fun, wonderful music and community building.

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

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

Joyce and Paul Chapnik

Gene and Peter, Adam and Stephen Chodos, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Granat**.

Jeffrey Citron, Rochelle Citron, Sharon Citron Himel and families, honouring the **Daily Minyan participants and the Spiritual Leadership Team**.

Anne Clavir, commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit of **Etta Clavir**.

Terry and Jeffrey Cummings, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gertrude Campbell**.

Terry and Jeffrey Cummings, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Campbell**.

Marilyn Debora, honouring the memory of **Sam Litwack**.

Jennifer Dorfman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marian Dorfman**.

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

Andrea Fine and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Leo Fine**.

Lorraine Gangbar, honouring **Bonnie Greenberg** for leading the “BT Hazak Zentangle” group.

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** for a year of inspiration and community with the weekly “L’Chaim” group.

Martie Gidon and Robert Wald, commemorating yahrtzeiten of **Eva and Charles Gidon**.

Orly and Jeffrey Glatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Glatt**.

Diane Grafstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Grafstein**.

Hon. Jerry & Carole Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Simcha Shlomo Ben Yerahmiel**.

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

Roz and Bill Halman, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Dr. Harold (Husky) Hamer** and **Joseph Hamer**.

Eileen Hersey

Trudy Hurvitz, acknowledging **Diane Sandler** in memory of **Jean Sandler**.

Esther Hussman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dov Hussman**.

Esther Hussman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miriam Mizrachi**.

Edna Hussman, Ayal Lesh and Dori Hussman-Lesh, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arie Leszsz**.

Edna Hussman, Ayal Lesh and Dori Hussman-Lesh, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dov Hussman**.

Ava Kanner and Norman Tobias, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rabbi Joseph Kanner**.

Phyllis Kaplan and Earl Miller, commemorating the yahrtzeit **Lillian Miller**.

Sean Karp and Lea Ann Mallett, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Sean Karp and Lea Ann Mallett, honouring their son **Noah Karp** on his bar mitzvah.

Sean Karp and Lea Ann Mallett, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

Stephen Kauffman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Judith Kauffman**.

Wendy Koblin and Charles Radzinsk, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Koblin**.

Jerry and Esther Kravice, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Elimelech and Esther Kravice**.

Susan Laufer and Barry Greenberg, commemoartaing the yahrtzeit of **Pia Berlin**.

Brad and Corinne Lester and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Marvin G. Lester**.

Jill and Jeffrey Levine and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Rose Pearlstein**.

Irving Matlow and family

Sharon and Paul Merrick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sophie Zeldin**.

Elaine and Marvin Mintz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mary Mintz**.

The Orenstein and Pollock Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Libby Orenstein**.

Amy Phillips and Paul Sheldon, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Phillips**.

Gary and Patti Pollock and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ricky Pollock**.

Ian and Janet Roher, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dorothy Roher**.

Ian and Janet Roher, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Howard Roher**.

Ellen and Allan Rosenbluth, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Kachuck**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Alan Sless and family** in memory of **Gerda Sless**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Karen Hersh and family** in memory of **Morton Hersh**.

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Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring the **Marans Family** on **Isaac’s** bar mitzvah.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Karen Schwartz Weiss** in memory of **Francine Schwartz**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Connie Zwingerman** in memory of **Esther Glickman**.

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Lorraine and Alan Sandler, honouring **Daniel Silverman and Rachel Hindel**.

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Anna-Lynne Taradash, honouring **Toby Saltzman**.

Lyle Teichman, commemorating yahrtzeit of **Dr. Bernard Teichman**.

Arlene Travis and Ryan Stone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Roselle Stone**.

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Howard Shogilev, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Shogilev**.

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

Melvin and Sandra Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Joseph Tanzman**.

Denise Chriqui and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Moshe Chriqui**.

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Susan and Barry Philips, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arnold Phillips**.

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Diane and Ron Ennis, wishing **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** a happy Passover.  
Vera and Larry Finkelstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Saul Glassman**.

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Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Rebecca Greenberg** and **Carole Greenberg**.  
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Robert Milne and family, acknowledging **Tamir and Randi Shanel** in memory of **Bernard Tishman**.  
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Phyllis Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rocha Rivka Wolfe**.

Phyllis Flatt and family, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on his birthday.  
Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl  
Phyllis Flatt, wishing **Lynn Sigel** a *refuah shleleimah*.  
Diane Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Slavin**.  
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Bonnie and Saul Greenberg and Robert Farber, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shaynka Farber**.  
Maagal Havurah, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.  
Rayna Jolley, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman**.  
Claire and Newton Markus, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on his special birthday.  
Phyllis and Jeffrey Miller, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.  
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Jeffrey, Susan, Jamie and Taylor Milne, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harold Milne**.  
The Mozes Family, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
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Jill, Jack, Cynthia and Daniel Spitz and Carly Hill, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eric Spitz**.  
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Mel and Ruth Steinhart, acknowledging **John Singer and family** in memory of **Sylvia Singer**.



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The Giddens Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rabbi Isaac Freeman**.

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Yvette Lerner, wishing **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin and Aaron Bodzin** a happy Passover.

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Ruth Hyman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Warner**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick** for the sale of their *hametz*.

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An anonymous contribution, honouring **Beth Tzedec Congregation**.

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An anonymous contribution, honouring the memories of my parents and those in my family who did not have the opportunity to be refugees.

Gloria Good Draper

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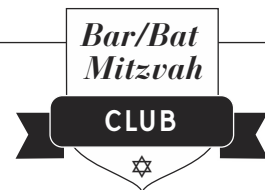


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We are looking for students with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 who are seeking to prepare for this experience with peers in a program suited to their needs.

The program will consist of nine evening sessions with dinner. A valuable and voluntary parent group will run concurrently with the children's sessions. The highly subsidized cost of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club is \$700.

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## Condolences

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

Lawrence A. Brenzel	Betty Kestenberg
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Morton Hersh	Marvin Wolfish

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

## Memorial Plaques

A plaque to honour the following individual will be installed in the Sanctuary:

**Henry Friedman**

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, [click here](#) or contact our Ritual Director Lorne Hanick at 416-781-3514, ext. 240.

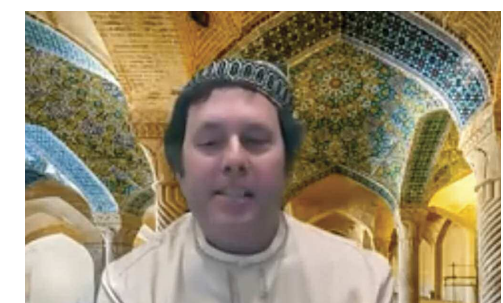
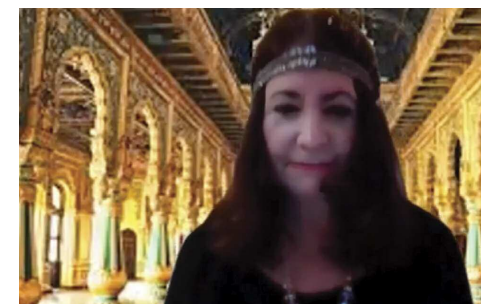
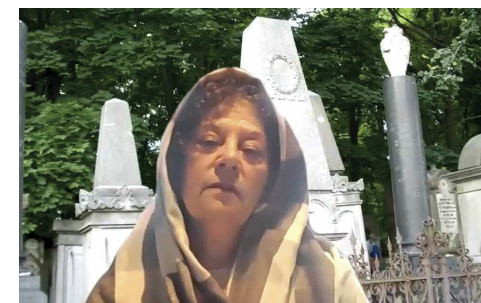
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Beth Tzedec has a number of opportunities for members wishing to support our *tzedakah* initiatives. Honour the memory of a loved one by making a contribution to one of our funds or inscribing a siddur on a yahrtzeit. For a complete list of Synagogue funds, 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. Contact our Executive Director, Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or [rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org) to discuss these opportunities in confidence.

## MEGILLAH MANIA

In our growing library of musical Megillat productions, Beth Tzedec is happy to share links to our two festive and fun presentations, "Motown Megillat Esther", a celebration of the Purim tale, and "Megillat Ruth: The Musical", the story of Shavuot brought to musical life. You can stream "Motown Megillat Esther" [here](#) and "Megillat Ruth: The Musical" [here](#).







# CREATIVES IN conversation

A Pride Month Event

**Tuesday, June 22 at 7:45 PM**

Beth Tzedec artist-in-residence Aviva Chernick hosts this virtual roundtable with an outstanding group of Queer Jewish Canadian Creatives, people working in the arts, each accomplished in their own form. Join this celebration in conversation of the intersection between Jewish, Queer and Creative identities.

In keeping with Public Health recommendations, this program will be presented via Zoom. Pre-registration is required to access the Zoom link information.

To pre-register, click [here](#)

**PRESENTERS**

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- Evan Tapper
- Daniel Sarah Karasik
- Sigal Samuel



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