



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 30, 2013

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BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Take Notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Beth Tzedec Congregation (“the Congregation”) will be held in the Banquet Hall of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario on Thursday, the 30th day of May, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Congregation held on May 31, 2012;
2. To elect nine members of the Congregation to the Board of Governors for a two-year term;
3. To approve the Annual Financial Statements of the Congregation for the year ended June 30, 2012;
4. To appoint Auditors and Accountants and to authorize the Board of Governors to fix their remuneration;
5. To confirm the amendment to the By-laws of the Congregation passed by the Board of Governors on May 9, 2013, specifically confirmation of the following:
The By-laws of Beth Tzedec Congregation are hereby amended by replacing Sections 21 and 22 of Article V therein with the following:
21. Every member in good standing entitled to vote at a General Meeting may appoint any other member of the Congregation as a proxy holder. A proxy shall be in writing, executed by the member in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board and shall be witnessed by any person who is a member of the Congregation, but excluding any persons employed by the Congregation and all candidates in the election, their spouses, children, siblings and parents. To be valid, a proxy must be delivered to the Congregation no later than 48 hours prior to the General Meeting. This delivery by facsimile transmission or e-mailed file (such as a pdf, TIFF or JPEG) to the Congregation shall be deemed to be equivalent to the delivery of an original executed document; and
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Explanation of purpose number 5 above:

The former section 21 included a requirement that the proxy “shall be witnessed by any person who is a member of the Congregation and who is authorized to witness passport applications, or is a teacher, professor or professional educator, but excluding any such persons employed by the Congregation and all candidates in the election, their spouses, children, siblings and parents”. Witnesses are no longer required in passport applications rendering meaningless the phrase “who is authorized to witness passport applications”. This amendment replaces the passport witness requirement with a requirement that it be witnessed by any person who is a member of the Congregation, but excluding classes of persons that were provided for in the previous section 21. This amendment also brings the Congregation into the 21st Century by permitting delivery to the Congregation by e-mail.

PROXY APPOINTMENTS

A member has the right to appoint a proxy in the manner set forth in the Constitution, to attend the Annual General Meeting and act on his or her behalf to the extent and with such powers as may be conferred by the instrument of proxy.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, proxies, to be valid, must be delivered to Beth Tzedec Congregation at 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3 by no later than 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Delivery by facsimile transmission or e-mailed file (such as pdf, TIFF or JPEG) to the Congregation shall be deemed to be equivalent to the delivery of an original executed document. The Congregation’s fax number is 416-781-0150. The Congregation’s e-mail address is info@beth-tzedec.org

Please read the proxy form and note the qualifications for who can witness the form.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 31, 2012 and the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2012 will be available at the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Congregation and may also be examined by members at the office of the Executive Director of the Congregation at any time during regular office hours during the week preceding the Annual General Meeting.

Please make every effort to attend and participate at the Annual General Meeting.

Dated the 10th day of May, 2013
By order of the Board of Governors
Debbie Rothstein, Secretary

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

2013 Nominees

Arthur Andrews
Geoffrey Brockman
Jennifer Joseph
Allan Kanee
Shelley Levine
Dena Libman
Shira Liquornik
Naomi Pascoe-Dales
Danny Richmond
Patti Rotman
Ken Shapiro
Lawrence Wallach
Ted Zittell

The following were elected last year for a two-year term and will therefore be serving the second year of their term:

Sharon Bacal
Leonard Cappe
Gary Elman
Hene Flatt
Carolyn Kolers
Debbie Rothstein
Sheldon Rotman
Alan Sless
Sally Swadron
S. Blake Teichman
Peter Weinstein

Schedule "A" – Biographies

Arthur Andrews

Our family has been members of Beth Tzedec for 45 years, and our three children had their B'nei Mitzvah and weddings in our Shul. Today, our eight grandchildren follow in this tradition. I have been on the Board for four years and am Co-Chair of the Cemetery Committee. I have been Chairman of the Board of the Men's Club and continue to be an active member. I began my printing company in 1970, and I continue to work in this field. I believe that having more experienced businessmen on the Board is beneficial to the Synagogue in these trying times.



Jennifer Joseph

Jennifer is a third generation member of Beth Tzedec. She has been a member of the Families and Festivals Committee, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee and currently serves on the Adult Education Committee. Jennifer has served as a member of the Board of Camp Ramah and is a current member of the CHAT Education Committee. Jennifer has a degree from the University of Toronto in Economics and Psychology and currently works as a trainer specializing in Older Adults and Special Populations. Jennifer has been married to Bernie Good for 21 years and they have 3 children who attend CHAT and RHA.



Geoffrey Brockman

Managing partner of Fruitman Kates LLP, a firm of chartered accountants, located in mid-town Toronto. With more than 30 years' experience in public practice, Mr. Brockman's clientele includes, privately held corporations, as well as several not-for-profit public associations and private charities. Mr. Brockman served on and chaired Beth Tzedec's Audit Committee prior to becoming a Board member. Mr. Brockman is completing his third year acting as Treasurer and is also a member of the Executive and currently chairs the Budget and Finance Committees for the Congregation. The Brockman families have been members of Beth Tzedec since 1972.



Allan Kanee

I have been a practicing Obstetrician-Gynecologist for the past 17 years. I joined Beth Tzedec in 2000, with my wife, Thea Weisdorf, a practicing Family Physician, and our children, both of whom are graduates of RHA. In addition to participating in the Little Minyan, I chair the Adult Education Committee and sit on the Ritual Committee. Thea has been involved in the continuing success of the Young Emissary Program and also sits on the Executive Board for Jewish Family and Child. I look forward to serving our Shul.



Shelley Levine

A CA, recently retired KPMG Tax Partner, and lifelong member of Beth Tzedec, Shelley has been dedicated to Beth Tzedec serving as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee; a long-term member of Personnel, Audit and Budget & Finance Committees and served as Secretary and Treasurer. Shelley served on the Board and Executive of USDS and on the BJE Fiscal and CHAT Tuition Committees. Educated at Beth Tzedec, the Shul is an important part of her family's spiritual and social life. Shelley is committed to the success of Beth Tzedec as a Jewish institution meeting the lifelong needs of all its members.

**Dena Libman**

A lifelong member of Beth Tzedec, Dena has served three terms on the Board, including three years as Parnos, and is currently Vice President. In addition to co-chairing the Ritual and Siddur Search committees, she has served on Adult Education, Rabbinic Search, Synaplex, Membership, Board Development and Communications Committees, and has served on numerous community boards. A seasoned not-for-profit executive, Dena worked for UJA Federation for 9 years in a variety of roles, was Regional Director of BBYO and a Fellow in Hillel's International offices. Dena has an MSW and a Certificate in Jewish Communal Service from Yeshiva University.

**Shira Liguornik**

I have been an active member of our Shul since my family moved to Cedarvale in 2001. I chair the Family and Festivals Committee, and have been a member of that committee for over 3 years. I also sat on the Youth Committee last year, and have had the pleasure of planning numerous events including last year's Purim Carnival and Sukkah Hop. My husband Robert Garmaise and I are thrilled to see our 3 children grow up at Beth Tzedec. I am a lawyer by training and look forward to helping Beth Tzedec take on the challenges of our time.

**Naomi Pascoe-Dales**

Naomi Pascoe-Dales, life-long member of Beth Tzedec, has a strong family tradition of involvement and volunteerism. On the Family Committee, Naomi has brought tikkun olam activities to the young family events. If elected, Naomi wants to identify and implement more initiatives that bring in people, members and non-members, who would otherwise not be in shul. By adding activities that make people feel welcome and connected, Beth Tzedec can speak to a range of Jewish experience. Naomi is married to Richard Sherman. They have two children attending Associated and Camp Ramah.

**Danny Richmond**

Danny Richmond is a relatively recent and active member of Beth Tzedec. He has served in various volunteer and professional roles within the Jewish community including National Program Director of Canadian Young Judaea (CYJ) and a core staff at The House, a Jewish young adult centre on Eglinton Ave. In addition, he has worked in Tzedek, Interfaith and youth leadership initiatives on five continents including recently returning from England where he was the Campaign Manager for the Tony Blair Faith Foundation. His main passion is to make Beth Tzedec an accessible, relevant and exciting space for people of all ages.

**Patti Rotman**

Patti is a dental hygienist and has been married to Sheldon since 1981. Patti sat on the Shaareh Haim Board and served as President of Alpha Omega Auxiliary. Patti's Beth Tzedec involvement includes: Catering, Chai Tea & Fashion Show and Music committees, Paul Kowarsky/Lorne Hanick recognition dinners, Beth Tzedec's 50th Anniversary, "Lottery for Learning", Mitzvah 613/ "BARuch Mitvah" weekend, Rabbi Tanenbaum retirement luncheon, Scotch Night, annual Lulav & Etrog distribution, "Dead Sea Scrolls" and participation in all eight Purim Musicals. Patti volunteers with Out of the Cold, attends weekly Shabbat services and is the proud mother of four USDS/CHAT graduates.



Ken Shapiro

Ken Shapiro has been an active member of Beth Tzedec 20+ years. He currently Co-Chairs the Cemetery Committee and is a member of the House Committee. Ken, Clare and their sons, Noah and Jakob z"l participated in the Beth Tzedec Purim Musical for four years. Ken is a health consultant and educator, and has worked in sales and marketing of health foods, supplements and equipment for the past 34 years. As a member of the Board, he plans to continue the important work required to shape our Synagogue now and for the future.

**Lawrence Wallach**

Lawyer admitted to Ontario, New York and Florida Bars; Certified Specialist (Civil Litigation); Deputy Judge (Small Claims Court); graduated Joint Program between Columbia University and Jewish Theological Seminary; graduated Syracuse and Osgoode Hall Law Schools; Camp Ramah Alumni; taught Hebrew School at Beth Tzedec and Syracuse, N.Y.; youth group leader in Syracuse and N.J.; numerous trips to Israel; two children - graduates of U.S.D.S. and C.H.A.T - attended Ramah and visited Israel; Bouncer in Roaring 20s Megillah; participant in Spiro's Eastern Europe trip; Ritual and Siddur Selection Committees past member; currently on Music Committee.

**Ted Zittell**

Engaged members for 13 years, our family's Israel connections have grown through our Young Emissaries program at Beth Tzedec and UJA/Federation. Zach, our youngest, spent Grade 10 spring semester at Ramah Jerusalem High School, and is currently co-President of our Teen Activity Committee. In addition to my synagogue board and committee work, I devote time to CIJA and to the Jewish Agency for Israel. I look forward to continuing the crucial work of strategically evolving our landmark congregation, to which I bring my contacts in the community and the Conservative movement, and a life-long passion for Jewish learning and practice.



**Schedule “B”
Standing Committee Chairpersons 2012/2013**

COMMITTEE

Adult Education
Archives, Museum and Tours
Audit
Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Budget and Finance
Catering
Cemetery
Communications
Concert/Music
Education
Fundraising
Hesed
House and Security
Investment
Legal and Estates
Library
Membership
Personnel
Ritual and Religious Services
Strategic Planning
Ushering
Young Families
Youth Activities

CHAIRPERSONS

Allan Kanee

Lorne Shillinger
Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth & Laura Orzy
Geoffrey Brockman
Bruce Glazer & Patti Rotman
Arthur Andrews & Ken Shapiro
Debbie Rothstein & Ted Zittell
Roger Goldstein & Sheldon Rotman
Mary Johnston Abbott
Norman Bacal
Maureen Tanz & Sharon Yale
Bob Cohen
Ron Faust
Blake Teichman
Elaine Glassman & Yvette Lerner
Ilene Flatt & Sharon Yale
Alan Sless
Norman Kahn, Dena Libman & Ted Zittell
Norman Kahn, Carolyn Kolers & Ted Zittell
Lawrie Lubin & Barry Phillips
Shira Liquornik
Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth & Laura Orzy

**Schedule “C”
Attendance at Board Meetings**

	May 31/12	Jun 26/12	*Jul 4/12	Jul 24/12	Aug 21/12	Sep 20/12	Oct 23/12	Nov 12/12	Dec 11/12	Jan 22/13	Mar 6/13	Mar 19/13	Apr 22/13	*May 9/13	TOTAL
Andrews, Art	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1		11
Bacal, Sharon	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1			11
Black, Howard															0
Brockman, Geoff	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	13
Cappe, Leonard	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	11
Elman, Gary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			12
Flatt, Ilene	1			1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		10
Kahn, Norman	1			1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	10
Kanee, Allan	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11
Kolers, Carolyn	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Levine, Shelley	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Libman, Dena	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Orzy, Laura	1	1	1	1	1		1			1	1		1	1	10
Rosenbluth, Ellen	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1		11
Rothstein, Debbie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	13
Rotman, Sheldon	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Shapiro, Ken			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		10
Sless, Alan	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	12
Swadron, Sally	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1			9
Teichman, Blake	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Weinstein, Peter	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		11
Zittell, Ted	1			1		1		1	1	1	1		1		8

*Special Board Meeting

Beth Tzedec Congregation

PROXY FORM

complete and return to Beth Tzedec Congregation

The undersigned member of Beth Tzedec Congregation (“the Congregation”) hereby appoints

(print name of proxyholder:) _____

as proxy of the undersigned, to attend, vote and act for and on behalf of the undersigned at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation, to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and at all adjournments thereof. The proxy may use his/her discretion to vote on any issue that may take place in the course of the meeting, or at any and all adjournments thereof.

Dated the (print date:) _____ day of May, 2013.

Signature of Member giving Proxy _____

Printed name of Member giving Proxy _____

Address of Member giving Proxy _____

*The constitution of Beth Tzedec Congregation (“the Congregation”) states:
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The election referred to in this provision is the election to the Congregation’s Board of Governors.

The witness signing below represents that s/he is eligible to witness this proxy within these terms.

Signature of Witness (member of Beth Tzedec Congregation) _____

Printed name of Witness _____

NOTE: Proxies must be delivered, emailed or faxed to the Congregation no later than May 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. You are requested to deliver, email or fax proxies as early as possible so that the Congregation’s staff has adequate time to process the proxies.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR RESTRICTIONS, if any: