



*A springtime of  
connecting, learning  
and praying*

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# PURIM FAMILY FUN



## PJ Library presents: "Purim!"

*For families with children  
up to age 5*

**Sunday, March 6 at 10:30 AM**

Let's get into our costumes and enjoy all the spirit and fun of Purim! Join us at Beth Tzedec for a Purim story, mask-making and a costume parade with your friends!

## Purim Fun For Grades 1 to 5

**Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 PM**

We will retell the Purim story together, acting it out as if it took place during the COVID-19 pandemic with all the restrictions we faced! Let's see what modern Purim story we invent!

## Parking Lot Purim Carnival

**Sunday, March 13  
from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**

Grab your costumes, maybe throw on your winter coat over it and head to Beth Tzedec for a fun, festive Purim carnival in our parking lot!



## Abridged Family Megillah Reading

**Wednesday, March 16 at 5:00 PM**

Come together either in-person or online (in your best costume, of course) for an early and abridged Megillah reading. Perfect for little ones and older ones too. We'll retell the Purim story, listen to parts of Megillat Esther, and make lots and lots of noise!



We all long for  
in-person panim el  
panim relationships.  
We've learned just  
how essential they  
are to our lives.

# The Kotel Agreement

*“Last night a violent arrest was made. ... The crime? Reciting the Shema aloud in a prayer shawl!”*

In what country would you think such an arrest occurred? Iran? Russia?

Unfortunately, it was Israel, October 2012 at the Kotel, in Jerusalem. The perpetrator? Anat Hoffman, one of the leaders of Women of the Wall, a pluralistic group of women who have been gathering in the Women's section of the Kotel for more than three decades to pray *Rosh Hodesh* services together. This arrest, and one a month later, for the crime of carrying a *Sefer Torah* into the Kotel Plaza, outraged world Jewry. (Rabbi Fryer Bodzin was arrested a year later with others as Women of the Wall continued to pray in the Women's section and to advocate for their rights.)

The response of our 1.7-million-member Masorti/Conservative Movement, the Reform Movement and others of shared values was swift. Thousands of messages poured into Prime Minister Netanyahu's office demanding an end to Orthodox exclusivity of prayer at the Kotel and the long overdue recognition of Jewish pluralism in Israel. *The New York Times*

ran a front-page story about the arrests as did every major Israeli news outlet. What had been major simmering beneath the surface for years boiled over. If Israel was to be the homeland of the Jewish people, it could no longer ignore nor subjugate non-Orthodox Jews, especially not at our holiest site, the Kotel.

I was leading USCJ at the time and was a newer member of the Board of Governors of The Jewish Agency. Many of the leaders of Federation and the Jewish Agency are from Conservative and Reform Communities. We began an advocacy campaign that successfully raised the profile of this issue such that the Prime Minister asked his friend and Chair of The Jewish Agency Executive, Natan Sharansky, to solve the Kotel problem. Sharansky convened the leaders of the Conservative and Reform Movements, Women of the Wall, and the Jewish Federations of North America to negotiate a solution with Avichai Mendelblitt (who was then the Cabinet Secretary and just completed his service as Attorney General) to get to work.

Sharansky's vision was “one Wall for one people”. It was a difficult negotiation that lasted four and a half years. We had to negotiate among ourselves a set of common goals and understandings and negotiate with the Government which had to negotiate with us, the Archeological Society, the Waqf and the Western Wall Heritage Society led by the Rabbi of the Wall and the Haredi parties.

Ultimately, Sharansky's vision prevailed. We concluded the Kotel Agreement that expanded the Kotel and had three main understandings. The first to extend the notion of the Kotel to include the area known as Robinson's Arch, renamed Ezrat Yisrael, and to designate the Northern section for Orthodox prayer and the Southern section for Pluralistic prayer. Prior to that the Kotel was not a designated synagogue. It is a National Site of Israel and the Jewish People. That



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prayer occurs there under the supervision of the Rabbi of the Wall is custom, not law. Our agreement would give up our legal right to pray there in a pluralistic manner for the official designation of Ezrat Yisrael as a pluralistic synagogue at the Kotel.

The second understanding was that the Kotel plaza would be expanded so that when one entered it, they would clearly have a choice between Orthodox prayer in the Northern section and pluralistic prayer in the Southern section. The entrance and security stations would have to be modified to accommodate this. Related to the plaza was also an understanding that the entire section would have to be built out, maintained, and have signage appropriate to a National Historical Site of the Jewish People.

The third and final understanding was that the groups who used each section would have a role in the governance of the site. The Prime Minister was to establish a new committee for the pluralistic section that would be chaired by the head of The Jewish Agency and include two members each of the Conservative and Reform Movements, and Women of the Wall. Other members would include a representative of the Archeologist Society and four at-large members appointed by the Prime Minister. This understanding was most important because it meant de facto recognition of the pluralistic movements in Israel.

In January 2016, the Israeli Government accepted the Kotel Agreement by a vote of 15:5. It was a historic day. We who had worked so hard for such an agreement celebrated. Our joy, however, quickly turned to anger. In short order the Haredi parties started to threaten the viability of the government coalition over the Kotel Agreement, even though they were aware of it and tacitly approved of it. As a result of their political gamesmanship the Kotel Agreement was tabled a year later.

Since then, tensions have only risen at the Kotel. Women of the Wall, the Conservative and Reform Movements and others continue to gather monthly for Rosh Hodesh services. Efforts are made to smuggle a Torah into the Women's Section for Torah Reading. Most months they are successful.

—Yet, the Haredi parties send busloads of Yeshiva students—men and women—to harass the worshippers. Often, it's very ugly with name calling, yelling, whistle blowing and spitting. Sometimes there is pushing and shoving.

It's a shame really, because the Kotel Agreement is really a good compromise for all. The Orthodox gain a legally recognized synagogue in the Northern section and Women of the Wall and the Movements get “out of their hair and sight.” The pluralistic section is South of the Maghrabi Ramp and several meters below. We gain a beautiful site for our prayer services without harassment and recognition.

Prime Minister Bennett and Prime Minister designate Yair Lapid placed the Kotel Agreement on their official platform and as a part of their written Coalition Agreement. That's why Bennet's recent comments in which he said he will not implement the agreement is so disappointing. (Bennet was Diaspora Minister when we negotiated the agreement and supported it.) When government refuses to keep their agreements how

are we to have trust in their promises? It's one thing for campaign promises to be left unfulfilled. It's another for written agreements, that were ratified by Cabinet, to be unfulfilled.

I still have hope that Prime Minister Designate Lapid, who has been the most consistent and outspoken about supporting the Kotel Agreement, will implement it when he becomes Prime Minister. (If he becomes Prime Minister. It is Israel after all.)

But as the Talmud tells us, *al tifros al hanes*—don't rely on miracles. Until the Kotel Agreement is implemented, and likely even afterwards, we must continue to advocate for it. When you visit Israel, pray at *Ezrat Yisrael*. Write the Prime Minister and demand that the Kotel Agreement is implemented. Support the Masorti Movement in Israel. These simple actions will continue to put pressure on the Prime Minister to keep his word to world Jewry. And they will



ensure that Israel, if it is to be the homeland of the Jewish People, will be the homeland of all the Jewish People, no matter their religious identification and denomination.

As we approach Israel's 74<sup>th</sup> Yom Ha'atzmaut this is what's on my mind. I hope that next year, when we are in Israel with UJA Federations Mission in honour of its 75<sup>th</sup> Yom Ha'atzmaut, we will be able to celebrate the implementation of the Kotel Agreement and pray at *Ezrat Yisrael* with full joy.

## 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 5783. The cost is \$18.00 per memorialized name per household. Submission deadline: **Thursday, June 30.**

You can submit your Yizkor Memorial Book listing by completing this online form or you can phone or contact Terri Humphries at 416-781-3514 ext. 212 or [thumphries@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org).

### Yizkor Memorial Book Donation

Make cheques payable to: Beth Tzedec Congregation  
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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 Thursday, June 30, 2022.



# Passing the Gavel

*This place is in my bones, and it is as much a part of my own Jewish identity as reading from the Torah or celebrating Shabbat.*

After three years, hundreds of meetings, countless emails and a worldwide pandemic, it's hard to believe that this is my final *Bulletin* article as President of Beth Tzedec.

One of the most important resources I've had during these busy years, both personally and professionally, has been the leadership and dedication of Executive Director Randy Spiegel.

Over 11 years, he led transformational changes to our physical space, managed an incredible team of professional and support staff and his fundraising efforts have helped position Beth Tzedec as one of the most financially stable synagogues in North America. When caring for the well-being of our Congregation meant transitioning to a hybrid of in-person and online supports for our members, Randy's leadership helped ensure that we could continue to **Care, Connect, Pray, Learn, Celebrate** and **Give & Get** as a united *kehillah*. We wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavours.

I've also been energized by the efforts, feedback and commitment of our members. While it hasn't always been easy to hear what you told me, and it can be difficult to face criticism, I've been reminded again and again just how deeply our community cares about Beth Tzedec. I'm so fortunate to have gotten to lead a congregation full of people willing to put in the work to ensure that we can continue to inspire and enable our community to live meaningful Jewish lives.

And there is still so much work to do. While we've made incredible progress, even when focused on nourishing our *kehillah* through an ongoing global crisis, the list of ways we want to improve the spiritual, emotional and

overall well-being of our members continues to grow. In her essay "Upstream", Mary Oliver shared a wish that I want to extend to each of you: "May I be the tiniest nail in the house of the universe, tiny but useful."

Beth Tzedec, our house of *tzedec*—justice, righteousness—calls on each of us to support and sustain the work of those who have come before us and those who will follow after us. I'm excited to see the many ways that our members' care and talents will continue to support our shared home, and I'd encourage each and every one of you to find your own "tiny but useful" way to contribute to this incredible community. I hope it is as rewarding an experience for you as it has been for me.

As I've said many, many times, I love Beth Tzedec. This place is in my bones and it is as much a part of my Jewish identity as reading from the Torah or celebrating Shabbat. I grew up at 1700 Bathurst Street, from attending services with my grandfather to Junior Congregation to my bat mitzvah and my wedding, my family has marked some of our biggest milestones in this beautiful building. The roadmap of my life flows in and out of Beth Tzedec. Serving as President—especially during such a difficult time—has been and will remain one of the greatest honours of my life. Thank you for putting your trust in me.

There are far too many people to thank—Rabbis Wernick, Fryer Bodzin and Frydman-Kohl and Yacov Fruchter for always checking in on my well-being and providing much needed support.

To our entire professional staff and SLT—thank you for all that you have done, most especially since

March 2020. You are the glue that holds Beth Tzedec together.

And thank you to all the lay leaders I have been privileged to work with, most especially Sheldon Rotman, Bernie Gropper and Patti Rotman and my COVID-Executive Consiglieres, Gary Elman, Jamie Golombek, Mitch Max, Aaron Wine, Cecile Zaifman and

Oscar Zimmerman. Thank you for helping to steer Beth Tzedec so smoothly through some very rough waters, and for keeping me sane while doing it.

I could not have held this position without the abundance of love, support and patience shown by my family, particularly Michael, Emma and Zach.

This has been an enormous undertaking, but so gratifying and fulfilling. Don't worry, I'm not going anywhere—you'll still see me around for Shabbat and *haggim*. A little less stressed, a little better rested and maybe with the time to finally learn to speak Italian. But Beth Tzedec will always be my second home.



**L'Chaim!**

Friday afternoons  
Check website for times

**A BT Opportunity to Raise a Glass**

Join us every Friday afternoon for an opportunity to share a *l'chaim* and kick off Shabbat with a few minutes of community with the Beth Tzedec community.

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82957760474>

## Board of Directors Meetings

In adherence to Toronto Public Health guidelines and Beth Tzedec's safety protocols regarding COVID-19, the Board of Directors meetings will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Members are welcome to participate, but must pre-register for link information. Upcoming dates: **Tuesdays, March 15, April 12 and May 10 at 7:30 PM.**

For information or to pre-register for a Board meeting, contact Klara Romm at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or email [kromm@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:kromm@beth-tzedec.org).

## Annual Meeting

All members are encouraged to participate in our Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 PM.**

Watch for information to be shared with members via email in the coming days and weeks.



# Shul of Rock: Megillat Esther



A VIRTUAL PURIM EVENT

Thursday, March 17 AT 7:30 PM

This year's Purim event brings together legendary songs, legendary artists and legendary performances as the soundtrack to *Megillat Esther*. Conceived as a Virtual Live Concert using the artists' original performances, you will eventually give in to the urge to sing and dance along. You'll also gain a deeper understanding of the *Megillah's* characters and events through party songs, drinking songs, break-up songs, advice songs, relationship songs, fighting-back songs and celebratory songs from a 70-year-old catalogue of rock, pop, ballads, anthems, country & western and more, presented by the same international ensemble that gave us *Motown Megillat Esther* and *Megillat Ruth: The Musical*.



## Jerusalem Love Songs and Stories

Sunday, May 29 at 7:30 PM

Celebrate Yom Yerushalayim with a coffee-house experience featuring music, poetry, songs and stories about Jerusalem. We will hear how the city has impacted poets and writers, as well as some members of our Beth Tzedec community.



# Milestones and Celebrations

We can't share your good news unless you tell us about it. Send an email to [thumphries@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org) or call 416-781-3514, ext. 212. Deadline for the next *Bulletin* covering June through August is July 8.



## Births

**Mara Rose**, son of Howie Katz & Sydney Lashko, grandson of Janet & Neil Katz and Catherine Lashko and Peter Lashko, great-grandson of Harry Katz, born **January 1**.



**Hayley Rose**, daughter of Risa Reisman & Eric Jacobs, granddaughter of Gloria & Ron Jacobs, Linda Reisman and Howard Reisman, great-granddaughter of Danny & Thelma Weisbrod, born **February 13**.

## Weddings

**Brittany Shay Sud**, daughter of Reesa & Avrom Sud, granddaughter of David<sup>z1</sup> & Martha Sud and Louis<sup>z1</sup> & Yetta Hotz, and **Justin Leo Hennick**, son of Karrie & David Hennick, who were married on **September 12**.

## Congratulations to

**Bryon & Lani Alexandroff**, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 19.

**Sarah Joanna Garbe**, daughter of Alby & Ruth Garbe, granddaughter of Irving & the late Esther Matlow and the late William & Lorna Garbe, and **Daniel Lawrence Mandel**, son of Harvey & Joyce Mandel, grandson of the late Manny & Hilda Ezrin and Joseph & Toby Mandel, on their engagement.

**Lana Liss**, daughter of Greta Coopersmith and Howard & Susan Liss, and **Daniel Perlin**, son of Zina & George Perlin, on their engagement.

**Sara Kachuck**, who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on **March 8**.



**Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**, who was appointed to the Order of Canada.



**David Grossman**, who was awarded the prestigious Fred Sgambati Media Award by USports, an honour of distinction for his contribution to university sports in Canada.



## 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 of post-secondary graduation notices in the next edition of the *Bulletin*. Use [this form](#) to upload your graduate's name, parents' names, degree earned and university/college they attend. We'd also be happy to include a digital photo. Deadline for submissions is **Friday, July 8**.

# Mazal Tov

## to our B'nei Mitzvah

### WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



December 9  
**Jacob Weinstock**  
son of Dr. David &  
Lauren Weinstock  
יעקב אברהם בן דוד יעקב  
וביילה שיינה



March 5 (Minhah)  
**Maya Agulnik**  
child of Adam Agulnik &  
Galit Zupnik  
מיה שנולדה לאדם וגלית



April 7  
**Noah Levine**  
son of Darren &  
Jennifer Levine  
אשר זעליג בן גבריאל  
דב בער ויהודית דבורה



May 5  
**Jonathan Kraft**  
son of Michael Kraft &  
Lesli Marcus  
יונתן אלי משה בן מנחם  
מענדל פינחס וחיה חוה



May 7  
**Georgia Riv Hewson**  
Ruth Promislow &  
Shawn Hewson  
רבקה בת רות



May 12  
**Aiden Kaufman**  
son of Jesse &  
Renee Kaufman  
ארי לב בן יעקב ורוחמה



May 14  
**Mia Wolfe**  
daughter of Jeffrey &  
Debra Wolfe  
מיה שיינא בת ניסן אבא  
ודבורה אלישבע



May 14  
**Emma Jacobs**  
daughter of Jeremy Jacobs  
& Carrie Lindzon-Jacobs  
חנה בת יהודה ורחל



May 23  
**Solomon Levy**  
son of Ira Levy &  
Shari Zinman-Levy  
פריידה שלמה בן יחיאל  
וחיה מלכה



May 28  
**Henry Stein**  
son of Jared Stein &  
Naomi Zittell  
נתן שלמה בן לב  
ונעמי טובה



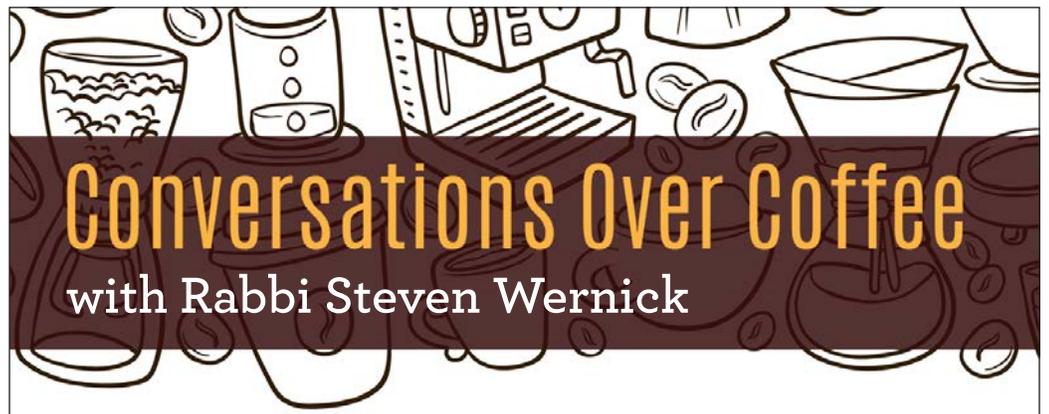
April 2 (Minḥah)  
**Chloe Rapoport**  
 daughter of Adam &  
 Mia Rapoport  
 שרה בת אדם ומאירה



May 12  
**Oliver Rethazy**  
 son of Daniel Rethazy &  
 Lauren Greisman  
 חיים בן גדליה הלוי ולבנה



May 28 (Minḥah)  
**Aidan Sugarman**  
 son of Lorne Sugarman &  
 Vanessa Pinsky-Sugarman  
 אברהם בן זלמן ויהודית



## Monday afternoons 12:30 PM

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

### UPCOMING GUESTS

#### March 7: Sabrina Malach

Sabrina Malach, Director of Engagement for Shoresh, will discuss Shoresh's Reforestation Project at Bela Farm where they have planted 11,000 native trees.

#### March 14: Mike Katz

Mike Katz, former head coach of the University of Toronto's Varsity Blues, the Humber College men's basketball team and an assistant coach of Team Canada's men's basketball squad at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney will talk about Jews in basketball.

#### March 21: Joel Chasnoff

Joel Chasnoff, a stand-up comedian, TV and podcast host, and author of three books, including the bestselling memoir *The 188<sup>th</sup> Crybaby Brigade*, will discuss comedy as a coping and healing strategy.

#### March 28: Judy Librach

Judy Librach, television host, journalist and author of *The Toronto Wedding Handbook* and *Love, Mommy: Writing Love Letters To Your Baby*, will talk about finding and following your bliss.

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

# L'Dor Va Dor Pirkei Avot

Wednesdays, April 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 and June 1  
at 11:00 AM

*Pirkei Avot* is a tractate of the Mishnah that details the Torah's views on ethics and interpersonal relationships. During this six-week learning series, we will examine how the Rabbis of *Pirkei Avot* shared wisdom with each other.

We will reference the Rabbinic Assembly's edition of *Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem*. All participants will be required to have a copy on-hand. Copies can be purchased through Beth Tzedec for \$40.

This learning series will be offered both for in-person and virtual participation. Pre-registration is required for all; those attending in person must provide proof of full vaccination.

To register and to purchase a copy of *Pirkei Avot* (if needed), [click here](#)>>>



Presented as part of The Institute for Jewish Learning in memory of Anne and Max Tanenbaum



## Shabbat at the Floor Service

Fridays, March 4, April 1  
and May 6 at 6:00 PM

Join us in person or via livestream at <https://www.bethtzedec.tv/> for a high-energy service with Cantor Sidney Ezer, Yacov Fruchter and Aviva Chernick. Prepare your spirit for Shabbat with song, comfort and community *Minhah*.

Bar/Bat  
Mitzvah

CLUB



### Beth Tzedec Congregation continues the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club, a program for children with difficulty in social situations.

We are looking for students with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 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.

For information, contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514, ext. 231 or [dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org).

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*I celebrate Judith Kaplan and lift up the decision that her family and community made in March 1922, which has created seismic shifts and change in the Jewish community.*



Judith Kaplan



## Our Place on the Bimah

Before it was revealed that my destiny was to become a rabbi, I worked with Jewish university students. In that role, I was privileged to be a staff member on the first ever Birthright Israel trip. Video cameras followed us everywhere and it was a memorable Israel experience.

In those early years, the ten-day trip was strictly reserved for young Jewish adults who had never been to Israel. When you accompany a bus full of first timers, you see Israel again for the first time. It really was a privilege.

Our itinerary had us scheduled to climb Masada early Thursday morning, a Torah reading day. We held a minyan on Masada. Many in the group did not know their Hebrew names and quite a few never had a formal bar or bat mitzvah. With that in mind, we offered the opportunity to have a first aliyah to the Torah. We would call it their bar or bat mitzvah—and as there were video cameras everywhere, the moment would live on forever.

At the time, I was 25 or 26 years old—not much older than the group—working on a MSW and Certificate in Jewish Communal Service and was firmly ensconced as a Jewish professional. And, I hadn't had a bat mitzvah! Did I know how to have an aliyah? Of course. Had I ever said the words *barkhu et Adonai hamvorakh* while holding onto a Torah? Never in my life. In the mid-'80s when I was 12 and 13 years old, most girls were not called to the Torah, did not read Torah or *Haftorah* and did not lead *davening* here in Toronto.

I still remember during a staff meeting, in the wee hours of the morning telling colleagues that I also wanted to have my bat mitzvah the next morning, with the participants. Then I started to cry.

The next morning, we climbed Masada and I, along with ten or so others, was called to the Torah, outdoors. That was my bat mitzvah. It was *Parashat Bo*.

The year 2022 marks the centennial of



the first public bat mitzvah ceremony in North America. Judith Kaplan, daughter of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, became the first North American girl to have a bat mitzvah ceremony on March 18, 1922 at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ). I wonder if that young girl knew that her actions would change Jewish communal life forever!

That moment was pivotal. I would argue it was the catalyst to women's participation in Jewish ritual life. As increasing numbers of girls ascended the *bimah*, girls and women began to expect access to ritual honours and synagogue leadership. Said differently, had Judith Kaplan not had her bat mitzvah 100 years ago, Debbie Rothstein would not be president, Patti Rotman would not be your chair of the Board and I would not be one of your rabbis.

I celebrate Judith Kaplan and lift up the decision that her family and community made in March 1922, which has created seismic shifts and change in the Jewish community. Nowadays, it is expected that all children will be called to the Torah at the age of *mitzvot*.

As we are a multi-generational congregation, there are still countless women in our community who have not been called up to the Torah. To these women I say: Imagine the meaning it would have if during this year, when we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the bat mitzvah, you came to shul on a Shabbat morning and had your first aliyah to the Torah?

There is always an opportunity to get closer to *mitzvot*. If not now, when?



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## What's in a Name

Cancer, Coronavirus, COVID.

These are euphemistic C-words that are now a part of our lexicon. In a Jewish liturgical context, I will venture to add another one—Choir.

Choirs and Cantors (another c-word, for that matter) have historically been blamed for inhibiting congregational participation. The word “choir” gives an intrinsic notion of formality, of concert performance. With the decline of the golden age of cantors and *hazzanut*, what musically spoke to the previous generations unfortunately no longer speaks to the younger generation, the future on which synagogues depend for their survival.

In many synagogues, choirs are becoming increasingly rare, often relegated to the High Holy Days. Add to this the new reality of COVID, where group singing in proximity is not possible and the likelihood of large choirs making a comeback diminishes.

Beth Tzedec claims a long-standing cantorial and choral tradition. Having grown up in the Congregation, I was privileged to hear Cantor Paul Kowarsky and the Beth Tzedec Choir under the direction of Gordon Kushner <sup>z"l</sup>. I also had the fortune to join the choir and sing under the accomplished guidance and mentorship of Cantors Meir Finkelstein and Simon Spiro.

As Beth Tzedec's current cantor, I was given the opportunity to reconstitute a new choir for Shabbat services once a month, the *Shir Hadash* Ensemble, a choir of ten to 12 voices under the direction of Ezra Burke.

Aside from services, the Ensemble presented a successful set of concerts. With the onset of COVID and Ezra's return to England, things came to a grinding halt and Beth Tzedec took the opportunity to explore a different direction. The aim was to find three or four singers to accompany me for one Shabbat a month to elevate the *davening* and encourage congregational singing.

Enter Asher Farber, a tenor from the *Shir Hadash* Ensemble and an accomplished pianist and choir conductor who has since collaborated with me on a variety of musical programs.

Asher formed part of the quartet of singers for the Sanctuary Service during the High Holy Days this year under the direction of Maestro Meir Briskman. He recruited three singers—Ilana Zarankin, Laura Fishman and Josh Goldman—for the new small vocal ensemble experiment. With Asher conducting, they accompanied me for our Shabbat of Remembrance service and at *Hanukkah* Shabbat.

There were several suggestions what to name this new ensemble.

## Musical Participatory Shabbat

with Cantor Sidney Ezer, Asher Farber and the HarmonEzers

**Shabbat mornings, March 26, April 30 and May 28**

Join us for a musically engaging *Shaharit* service that welcomes and encourages participation! Led by Cantor Sidney Ezer, Asher Farber and the HarmonEzers, our small vocal ensemble, we will introduce new melodies and revive some older and familiar ones in a way that will be sure to get our toes tapping and our voices singing in harmony.



Unofficially, they were dubbed “The Ezerettes” or “The Asherettes”! Finally, Asher came up with “The HarmonEzers” alluding to the goal of the ensemble.

Asher’s simple and accessible musical arrangements leave open the opportunity for the Congregation to participate. So far, the response has been positive. The surge of the Omicron variant was a temporary setback but by the time you read this article, we will—please God—be on the other side of this wave.

Frankly speaking, I enjoy choral music and I miss having a choir. I do not see “choir” as a “c-word.” I do not

believe that choirs inhibit congregational participation. Congregants with Hebrew reading skills, familiarity with the meaning and structure of the prayer service and musical prayer modes should not be intimidated by a choir.

In his *Guide of the Perplexed* 2:6, Rambam wrote: “And let it be deeply known to you that the essential powers of humankind and of nature and of the soul are called angels (*malakhim*), which are spoken of in many places. Their purpose is explained in *Bereisheet Rabbah*, that every day the Holy Blessed One creates a choir/class of angels that

say song before Him and then move on.” The essence of our beings is that we are indeed singing angels. This applies to the Congregation as much as it does to any choir. I do not know what the future holds for choral music at Beth Tzedec after COVID and beyond. For this year though, why not join me, Asher, and the Beth Tzedec HarmonEzers for a musically engaging Shaḥarit service in which we will introduce new melodies and revive older familiar ones. (See, we did not call them a “choir,” but what’s in a name?) Upcoming dates are March 26, April 30, and May 28.

“I was asleep but my heart was awake...the voice of my Beloved is knocking, let me in.” —(Shir Hashirim 5:2.)

# OPEN MY HEART

SONGS OF LOVE FROM SHIR HASHIRIM

A Pre-Shabbat Concert

**Friday, April 8 at 5:00 PM**

On this Shabbat before Pesah, we warm up our prayer space, our homes and our hearts with this pre-Shabbat concert highlighting the beautiful poetry of *Shir Hashirim*—Song of Songs. This musical event features Aviva Chernick, Beth Tzedec Artist in Residence, together with Cantor Sidney and an accomplished musical ensemble. Shabbat services to follow.

This event will be presented for both in-person and virtual audiences. Pre-registration is required to attend in-person. To register, [click here](#) or visit our [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org).

# Refugee Awareness Shabbat

**Saturday, March 5;  
Services begin at 9:30 AM**



Refugee Awareness Shabbat is a moment for our *kehillah* to turn outward and dedicate a Shabbat experience to the millions of refugees around the world fleeing persecution and violence. For many of us, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the past refugee experiences within our own families.

Our guest speaker is **Adam Hummel**, a South African-born immigration lawyer. He will reflect on *Parashat Pekudei* and how it relates to the experiences of modern-day refugees. Much like the Israelites building the *Mishkan* in the desert, refugees are in unfamiliar countries trying to build a new home and life, with entire communities coming together to help them establish themselves.

Please consider making a donation to the Beth Tzedec Refugee Fund, our partnership with JIAS in supporting refugee families. Click [here](#) or visit our website.

## Love Thy Neighbour Give and Get



Beth Tzedec Congregation will once again support the St. Michael's All Angels Anglican Church's Out of the Cold Program on Sunday, March 6 & 20 and April 10 at 12:00 NOON. St. Michael's provides a warm meal to 70 of our hungry neighbours, and we are honoured to be able to participate in this mitzvah.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Sign up for a shift to help serve hot meals.  
(All servers must be double-vaccinated; limit of five servers per shift)
- Create handwritten cards or drawings to be included with the meals
- Contribute to Beth Tzedec's Food Insecurity Fund to help provide assistance for this program.

To register for this program—either to help serve hot meals, submit artwork or make a contribution—please complete this form.

For information or to register for the Love Thy Neighbour program, contact Avital Narvey at 416-781-3511.



# Rise (raise up) As You Are Able

*It is through small actions—or sometimes brave ones—that we find ways to rise to the occasion.*

As you have undoubtedly noticed, Jewish prayer services include a great deal of choreography. Notably, we often ask you to stand up at various times, and with a hint of empathy, inform you when sitting is acceptable or expected. As a way of being inclusive to those who can't stand or have difficulty doing so, I, like many colleagues, often invite you to “please rise if you are able to”.

In a recent Beth Tzedec Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) meeting, our Artist in Residence Aviva Chernick suggested an alternative way of making this announcement that she had encountered in other communities. The new language which I hope you are now hearing in services is “please rise as you are able”. Rather than giving those who are unable to stand an “out”, Aviva suggested we think differently about what “rising” looks like.

This slight shift from “if” to “as” really resonated with me. Admittedly, I first heard the suggestion as purely about semantics but I believe this shift is at the core of what the Jewish experience is really all about.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks <sup>z”l</sup> famously taught that Judaism prioritizes making the mundane holy. We add spirituality to everyday living through ritual and intention. It is in small actions that we increase holiness in the world. Hillel the sage, in contrast to the House of Shamai, argued that we increase the number of candles that we light on each night of Hanukkah, and his reason is that we believe in the concept of *ma’alin bakodesh*—increasing the holiness and the light in the world.

This word for “increasing” in holiness truly means to go up and is derived from the same root as the word *aliyah* that we use both for someone who moves to Israel as well as one who gets called to the Torah. In these cases, there is a choice to increase spiritual

connection and bring holiness to the world actively and deliberately. ing holiness to the world.

It is through small actions—or sometimes brave ones—that we find ways to rise to the occasion. This slight shift in how we invite people to “rise” for particular points in the service demonstrates our belief that there are multiple ways that we can “rise” and that we all ought to be invited to find our way of completing this task as we are best able.

We have brought together some Beth Tzedec folks to create a Volunteer Engagement Leadership team, chaired by Judy Libman, tasked with determining how we can make the shul accessible and meaningful for all members, to find a way to volunteer through the shul, and in so doing, raise up others while also feeling spiritually raised. We look forward to sharing more in the months to come.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Randy Spiegel for his leadership in his role as Executive Director. He always strives to raise up the people around him and the Jewish people, and I benefited from his kindness and wisdom.

As we approach Pesah, I invite you to consider the freedom that we celebrate and the power that exists in all of us to rise up and raise up. With each cup we raise up in the seder, we acknowledge this possibility as the Psalmist wrote “*kos yeshuot esa- I raise up this cup of salvation*”.

May we all rise up as we are able to meet the challenges and opportunities of this moment.

For bonus inspiration, check out “We Rise” by Batya Levine by clicking [here](#).





# A Community Pivots

*One of the greatest successes of Rabbinic Judaism was how Jewish life pivoted from a central place of worship—the Temple in Jerusalem—to worship as a smaller-scale activity built around community, family and the individual.*

One of our best-known psalms is Psalm 137, which opens with “By The Rivers of Babylon...” Bob Marley tune aside, verse 4 of this psalm asks one of the most critical and provocative questions in all of *Tanakh* (Bible): “How can we sing a song of the Lord on foreign soil?”

The Israelites, recently exiled to Babylonia after the destruction of the first Temple, are in a state of upheaval and radical change. They are confronted with the existential question of how to worship God now that the Temple is gone and God’s chosen people are not in God’s chosen land.

The answer to the Psalmist’s question was to establish the synagogue as the central Jewish institution, a move that was further entrenched after the destruction of the second Temple and the shift from sacrificial Judaism to rabbinic Judaism. The synagogue and the home became the focal points of Jewish living.

The different names we’ve developed for our community institutions show how important it is and how diverse its use has been: synagogue, from a Greek origin meaning ‘to bring together; *Beit Knesset*, *Beit Tefillah* and *Beit Midrash*, each from Hebrew and meaning

respectively ‘the house of gathering’, ‘the house of prayer’ and ‘the house of study’; Temple, from a Latin origin meaning ‘consecrated piece of ground’.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began and we had to shutter public spaces, we suddenly were confronted with a similar question that faced our ancient ancestors in Babylon: “How can we maintain a synagogue community when we cannot safely gather?” The words we use for the synagogue are literally words that connect to assembling.

As we all know, the answers have come through the combination of technology and refocussing Jewish living on home life. Thanks to livestreams, Facetime, Zoom and so many more, we’ve been able to see and hear each other in one-on-one conversations and large group events from the safety—and dare I say comfort—of our homes.

While COVID remains a difficult, isolating experience, it is far less isolating than it would have been even a generation ago. Technology has been the tool by which we’ve essentially continued as normal. Instead of coming together in person, we do so online. It has been incredibly helpful, even lifesaving and emotionally necessary, but it is not a radical transformation of Jewish living.

The reinvigoration of Jewish home life, however, is becoming a transformational place. How many do you know who now bake their own *hallah* every Shabbat but didn’t before COVID? Or who is engaging more deeply in Jewish holiday celebrations? Or who is reading more Jewish books? Attending more Jewish programming? Bringing more Jewish ritual and meaning into their lives?

The pandemic has shown us that Beth Tzedec—and all synagogues—are not



about the physical space. When forced to retreat to our other centre of Jewish living, our homes, we've found that community exists through the phone, through video, through a renewed focus on family and friends, through offering help, through deeper engagement in that which we find most meaningful and with whom we have connections.

One of the greatest successes of Rabbinic Judaism was how Jewish life pivoted from a central place of

worship— the Temple in Jerusalem—to worship as a smaller-scale activity built around community, family and the individual. Jewish life no longer needed a physical centre. We created *Mishdashei Me'at*, small sanctuaries—synagogues, study halls and Jewish activities within our homes. Rituals like the Passover seder, set in our home around a family table, designed to prompt questions from the next generation, are perfect examples of this shift.

Beth Tzedec is not and never has been 1700 Bathurst Street. Beth Tzedec is the act of community that we have all continued to engage in from a distance since March 2020. So long as we continue to remember this and allow for Jewish living and connection to infuse our day-to-day lives, wherever we physically find ourselves, Jewish living will surely continue and strengthen for centuries to come.



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# A Dedication to Community



*“I would rather think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to come together and make sense.”*

–Rabbi Harold Kushner



You have heard him speak. Prayed with him. Had occasion to talk at *smaḥot* (*simḥahs*) as well as during challenging times. Even heard his humour before a sermon.

He likes to chat and if you listen carefully, every word that is shared has a message that is meaningful in many ways. Put those words and messages together, and it's like reading a book and getting a coherent and distinct understanding.

At birth, he was given the name Byron Cyril Kohl. You know him as Baruch, the Hebrew word which begins almost every Jewish prayer.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, who for more than a quarter of a century was the spiritual leader at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, has been and continues to be a luminary pioneer in the community-at-large.

Honest, respectful, hard-working, skilled and approachable. These are just a few of the many characteristics that make up a good leader. A person with integrity, who believes in the people he leads.

So, what is leadership? The *Talmud* is loaded with wisdom on how to be a good leader. Taking responsibility begins with leadership, something that

is often emotionally demanding and stressful. Leaders learn from many days of study. In short, leadership also means believing in the people you lead.

That is Rabbi Frydman-Kohl.

Little did he know, growing up in a rough neighborhood just blocks away from baseball's famous Wrigley Field on the north side of Chicago,

that one day this American-born, (Israeli resident as often as he can), and Canadian citizen, would one day be the recipient of something very special.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl credits his mother, who suffered from mental illness, for maintaining Jewish life as an anchor of stability. Growing up, he lived near an Orthodox synagogue, attended a Reform congregation and was involved in Conservative and Zionist youth groups in high school.

“I was heavily influenced by the civil rights movement, the anti-war demonstrations in the United States, Israel's Six-Day War, getting Jewish people out of the Soviet Union, the two Kennedy assassinations (John F. and Bobby) and the words of Dr. Martin Luther King,” he said. “I knew that community work was essential and something had to be done to build a better society.”

He entered Northwestern University with plans of one day becoming a high school social studies teacher in marginalized neighborhoods, and at one time was invited to work with Jewish educational leaders in Chicago. But a developing interest in philosophy and political science, as well as concern for the community, gradually led to the rabbinate. Many days, months and years of community work would follow.

It's not uncommon to see him shrug off recognition for most things.

As for his latest honour, it was something exceptional and appropriate. It was a form of beauty that registered in his soul.

The Order of Canada, the highest civilian honour, is presented to people who exemplify the motto “*Desiderantes meliorem patriam*”. That's Latin and means “(those) desiring a better country”. It's known to be Canada's way of paying tribute to individuals who have made extraordinary improvements and contributions to the country.





“It’s quite humbling to be part of this group and it’s something that I honestly didn’t anticipate,” said Rabbi Frydman-Kohl. “I was in Jerusalem when I received a note from the Office of the Governor General of Canada.

“As on other occasions, I thought they were asking references for people getting a passport or nominated for a committee. When I was informed of the honour, I remember saying, woah, hold on, were they talking about me getting the Order of Canada?”

Known for his involvement in promoting women as leaders, interfaith, working with the gay community, numerous multicultural events and standing for equality for people with colour, Christians, Muslims and Jews, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl knew he was making an impact on a large part of society that went beyond the walls of the largest Conservative synagogue in Canada.

“The Order of Canada is different, not coming from one group, it’s a statement that my work matters to Canada and makes it a better place,” he said. “That’s quite meaningful to me. This is a privilege.”

Not one who is big on putting awards, of which he has many, on his walls, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl recalled that it took him 20 years to frame his Certificate of Ordination. In case you were wondering, what he does fill his walls with are books and artwork.

After serving Congregation Ohav

Shalom in Albany, N.Y. for 16 years, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl came to Canada in 1993 with his wife Josette and three sons.

Committed to opening up Beth Tzedec to new ritual and program ideas, as well as increased congregational involvement and engagement with the larger community, he was well on the way to making a lifetime contribution to humanity.

Several years later, he would be a member of an exceptional group of individuals. Presented by the Governor General of Canada on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II, the award is more than a white enamelled badge with a snowflake-like design, a maple leaf containing a ribbon with red stripes and a white border. Similar, indeed, to the Canadian flag.

There is a prayer recited on the occasion of good news shared with others:

Praised are You, Eternal our God,  
Sovereign of Space/Time;  
You are good and do good

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
הַטוֹב וְהַמְּטִיב.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said he shares his honour with the Congregation, which has supported his efforts and with other educators and rabbis who work with devotion and diligence for the Congregation and community.

For many of us, memorable,

personable and exceptional are words that clearly fit Beth Tzedec’s Rabbi Emeritus. When in need, the telephone call comes from him—whether he’s at his home not far from Beth Tzedec or at his other home in Israel.

Many times unexpected, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl shows up at a community activity, an event, offering support, prayer and attention that is hard to put into words. His pledge to comfort, and that of a foundation for comfort, is guaranteed.

With the Jewish community having grown, paradoxically both more inclusive and exclusionary, there is also an opportunity to continue building a life that still carries the importance of faith. It is very much what Rabbi Frydman-Kohl continues to do.

“Caring for others and humility are key elements to a person in leadership,” he said. “It’s about doing things and not just saying them. I have tried to bring others along in a quiet and persistent way. I hope we have done this and continue to do this at Beth Tzedec, throughout the community and the country.”

There is a reference in the Book of Proverbs that says to answer before listening is folly and shame. Too many leaders are quick to jump into action, but slow to listen. Great leaders, like Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, know they have to listen and to listen more than they talk or act.

—David Grossman

*David Grossman is a multi award-winning communicator and story-teller 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.

## Care



**Grieving Together: A Virtual Support Group with Yacov Fruchter and Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**

**Mondays, March 14 & 28, April 18, May 2, 16 & 30 and June 13 at 7:45 PM**

The loss of a loved one, at any time, is challenging. Judaism has a clear set of mourning rituals that help us relearn to be in the world after our significant loss. For many of us these rituals have been altered or limited, just as the rest of life has been full of uncertainties. Loss during the time of COVID-19 brings a host of other issues that may complicate our grief and bereavement.

What has not changed is our desire to support you at this time, and our belief in the power of coming together. We are here to provide an opportunity for you to meet, support and share—together.

**Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).**

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**An Empty Place at Seder with Rabbi Naomi Kalish and Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**

**Sunday, April 10 at 7:45 PM**

For many of us this will be the first time in two years that we are joining with friends and family for Pesah. With the passing of time came the passing of some of the people we love and cherished as well.

We invite you to take some time out of your physical Pesah preparation and focus on your emotional needs as Pesah approaches.

Join Rabbi Naomi Kalish, the Harold and Carole Wolfe Director of the Center for Pastoral Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin as they help you get ready for a meaningful and heartfelt Pesah with Jewish wisdom texts, as well as tools and imagery for resilience and coping.

**Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).**

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## Connect



**Ess Gezunterheit (Eat in Good Health): BT Hazak Tea Time for Seniors with Judy Libman**

**Thursday afternoons at 4:00 PM**

What's new? What's cooking? What did your Bubby teach you about chicken soup? How come bialys never made it to Canada? What did you recently read or watch that's worth sharing? What brings you joy right now? We usually watch a short cooking lesson in Yiddish and other videos sometimes pop up, too. It's all for fun and companionship. Link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86029230745>.



**L'Chaim!**

**Friday evenings, check website for times**

Join us Friday afternoons on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82957760474> for an opportunity to share a *l'chaim* and kick off Shabbat with a few minutes of connection.



**Our program and event opportunities continue to expand each week. Be sure to check our website regularly for updated information.**



**The PJ Library Presents Program**  
(For toddlers ages 1 to 5 with a parent or caregiver)

**Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 AM**

Meet some new friends while enjoying Jewish story-time and free play.

**March 6—Let's Celebrate Purim!**

There is no better way to get a start on all the fun than with a Purim story, mask-making and a costume parade!

**April 3—It's Passover Time!**

Let's get together with friends and family to enjoy a special Passover book, games and a craft project.

**May 1—Yom Ha'atzmaut!**

Join us to move, dance and celebrate Israel with a delightful story, music and crafts.

**Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).**

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**Crafts and Fun for Kids!**

(For kids in Grades 1 to 5)

**Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM**

Let's get together with friends at shul (or online) for fun projects and games.

**March 6—Purim Fun!**

We will retell the Purim story together, acting it out as if it took place during the COVID-19 pandemic with all the restrictions we faced. Let's see what modern Purim story we invent!!

**April 3—Celebrate Passover!**

Frogs! Bugs! Boils! Hail! The Passover story is a heck of an adventure. Let's see what fun activities we can create for ourselves and our friends.

**May 1—It's Israel's Day!**

Break out the blue & white and let's celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut and Israel.

**Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).**



**Shabbat Teen Lounge with Sylvie Moscovitz**

(For teens in Grades 7 to 12)

**Saturdays, April 9 and May 28 at 11:00 AM**

Come hang out with Sylvie and other teens at BT for games, snacks, and interesting discussions about Judaism on topic of your choice!

**Registration required to [Sylvie Moscovitz](#). Those attending must provide proof of vaccination status and identity.**



**BT Riders Small Group**

**Sundays, April 3 & 24 and May 22 at 8:45 AM**

The BT Riders brings together people interested in cycling to build community and connection. With Reb Steve and Alan Sless as team captains, the 'team' with head outdoors to get some exercise and reconnect with neighbours after a long winter.

In inclement weather, this group can 'gather' virtually utilizing Zwift or Discord apps with a stationary bike, treadmill or other device.

This group is open to all, regardless of cycling experience. Contact **Reb Steve** with any questions you may have, including information about the Zwift or Discord apps.

**Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).**



### The Great Chocolate Seder!

(For kids in Grades 1 to 8)

**Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM**

Join us at Beth Tzedec for the return of our amazing chocolate seder! We will be going through the seder with all chocolate and candy ingredients!

This program is planned for in-person participation. Participants must wear a mask when not eating or drinking. Limited spaces available; register early to avoid disappointment.

**Cost: \$15 for Beth Tzedec members; \$18 for non-members; Pre-registration is required via ShulCloud.**



### ECRUSY Spring Convention

(For pre-teens and teens in Grades 6 to 12)

**Friday, May 20 to Monday, May 23**

Calling all Jewish kids and teens in the Eastern Canadian Region in Grades 6 to 12! Join our annual Spring Convention—three days of fun programs, social action projects and opportunities to connect and chat with friends from near and far.

Registration details, cost and itineraries are being confirmed. Check **our website** periodically for updates.

**For information, email Sylvie Moscovitz.**

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### USY Summer Experience

(For teens in Grades 9 to 12)

For over 60 years, USY has provided Jewish teens with transformative travel experiences, opening their eyes to new places, different ways of life, and some of the world's most spectacular sights. Now, it's YOUR turn to have the summer of a lifetime in the U.S., Canada, Israel, Europe, or the Dominican Republic. See where USY Summer Experience takes you ... and register today.

For information or to register, visit <https://www.usy.org/summer/>.

## Learn



### Conversations Over Coffee with Rabbi Steven Wernick

**Monday afternoons at 12:30 PM**

Reb Steve gathers a cadre of community personalities Mondays at lunch for conversations on politics, culture, social existence and Jewish life. Grab a coffee and join us on **Facebook** or **YouTube**.

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

- March 7: **Sabrina Mallach**
- March 14: **Mike Katz**
- March 21: **Joel Chasnoff**
- March 28: **Judy Librach**



### Day Trips in Jewish History with Hana Werner

**Monday afternoons at 1:30 PM**

Back by popular demand, lecturer and educator Hana Werner presents snapshots of Biblical and modern-day stories, scrolls and characters.

WINTER SESSIONS—

#### Biblical Heroes

March 7—**Jonathan**

March 14—**Queen Esther**

SPRING SESSIONS—

#### Modern-Day Heroes

April 25—**Shimon Peres**

May 2—**Al Schwimmer**

May 9—**Theodore Herzl**

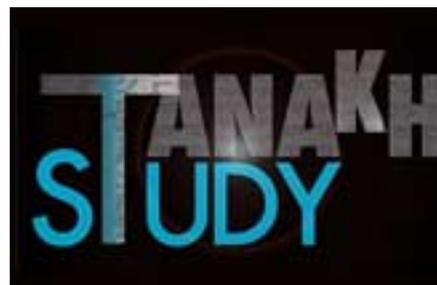
May 16—**Technological Innovators**

May 30—**Natan Sharansky**

**Pre-registration required for each series via ShulCloud.**

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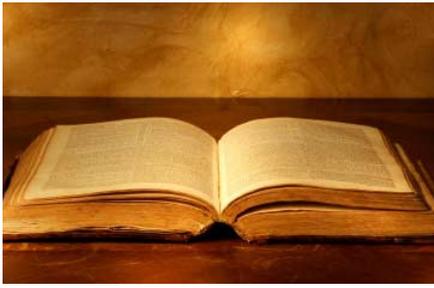
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### Daily Tanakh Study

**Weekday afternoons at 3:00 PM**

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



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

**Monday evenings at 7:30 PM**

The study of *Talmud* can seem overwhelming. In this weekly Zoom series, we will learn at a slow and deliberate pace, studying a single page of *Talmud* each week with Shabbat designated for personal review. This fall we will study *Tractate Berakhot*, the very first tractate of the *Talmud*.

No previous experience is necessary and students are invited to participate and drop in to our *shiur* as they are available. Sessions begin November 1.

For information or to pre-register, email [Sheri Federman](mailto:Sheri.Federman@shulcloud.com).

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### Torah Through the Ages with *Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin*

**Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM**

Rabbi Fryer Bodzin leads an in-depth look at the weekly Torah portion with traditional and modern commentaries. It will be beneficial to have an *Etz Chaim humash* on hand; other materials will be provided.

Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](https://shulcloud.com).

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

**Mondays, March 1, April 5 and May 3 at 7:30 PM**

Please join Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber as we explore many Jewish musical themes and genres revolving around Rosh Hodesh. Each month, we will explore many musical themes and genres associated with that month, streamed to our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mizmormonthly) page and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) channel.



### Reb Steve's Salon with *Rabbi Steven Wernick*

**Thursdays, March 10, April 7 and May 12 at 7:30 PM**

Difficult conversations should not be ignored but laid on the table and tossed and turned, understood and respected, unity without unanimity.

In *The Zionist Ideas*, author Gil Troy explores backstories, dreams and legacies of more than 170 Jewish visionaries. Referencing Troy's text, Rabbi Wernick will lead a discussion focusing on the different elements within the Zionist conversation. Participants must have a copy of *The Zionist Ideas*.

Pre-registration required for each series via [ShulCloud](https://shulcloud.com).

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### Megillah Moments

**Monday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 15 at 8:45 AM**

Join the Spiritual Leadership Team and a few guests as we take a new look at the *megillot* and their connection to festivals and holidays. Rabbi Fryer Bodzin and Reb Steve will unlock secrets of Esther following morning minyan.

This program will be offered via Zoom, though those who come to the morning service on Monday will be able to join the Rabbis in the Lounge following services.

Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](https://shulcloud.com).



### Seder Strategies: A Workshop on Designing Child-Centric Seder Experiences

**Thursday, March 31 at 7:45 PM**

Reb Steve leads a special workshop helping you create an engaging and exciting Passover Seder for all kinds of participants: adults, children, and even guests on Zoom. You will walk away from this program with plenty of tangible tools and ideas to uplift your Passover celebration.

Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](https://shulcloud.com).



## BT Book & Film Club Series

Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM

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March 30—*The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. **Led by Harriet Morris.**

April 27—*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. **Led by Cathy Tile.**

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May 18—Film title TBC

Check the [Beth Tzedec website](#) for confirmation of the film coming soon. **Led by Dr. Gillian Helfield.**

[Pre-registration required via Shulcloud.](#)



## L'Dor Va Dor Pirkei Avot

Wednesdays, April 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 and June 1 at 11:00 AM

*Pirkei Avot* is a tractate of the Mishnah that details the Torah's views on ethics and interpersonal relationships. During this six-week learning series, we will examine how the Rabbis of *Pirkei Avot* shared wisdom with each other.

We will reference the Rabbinic Assembly's edition of *Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem*. All participants will be required to have a copy on-hand. Copies can be purchased through Beth Tzedec for \$40.

This learning series will be offered both for in-person and virtual participation. Pre-registration is required for all; those attending in person must provide proof of full vaccination.

[Pre-registration required via Shulcloud.](#)



## Notable Speakers Series

Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM

SPRING SESSIONS

April 13—**Toby Saltzman, Travel Writer: *Exploring Germany as a Jewish Travel Writer***

Award-winning travel journalist Toby Saltzman will present a visual tour of Germany along with her experiences as a Jewish travel writer exploring the country. Highlights will include her visit to the recently refurbished Gornitz Synagogue, the only synagogue in the Saxony region to survive Kristallnacht.

May 11—**Laurence Siegel, Filmmaker *Footprints/Lábnyomok***

Laurence Siegel is director and producer of this dance short film that commemorates the 1944 murder of Budapest Jews by the Hungarian Arrow Cross Militia. Laurence will screen the film and discuss its creation, reception and meaning, including its goal to honour the memories of the hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews murdered in the Holocaust towards the end of World War II.

[Pre-registration required via Shulcloud.](#)

## Panim El Panim

# Pre-Shavuot Evening of Learning & Connection

Saturday evening, June 4

The evening of Shavuot is traditionally spent learning until late into the night. Following our Festival Minhah / Seudah Shlisheet / Ma'ariv services offered in-person or via livestream, join members of our Spiritual Leadership and special guests as we connect for learning sessions exploring themes related to the concept of *Panim El Panim*—Face to Face. Pre-registration for learning sessions is required to access the Zoom link information.





**Mother-Daughter Rosh Hodesh  
with Rabbi Fryer Bodzin and  
Sylvie Moscovitz Librach**

**Sunday, April 3 at 5:30 PM**

Join Rabbi Fryer Bodzin and Sylvie for a special celebration for mothers and their pre-teen and teen daughters (ages 10 to 18). We will eat dinner, explore the meaning of Rosh Hodesh and our relationships with each other.

**Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).**

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**Iran: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow  
with Professor Stephen Berk**

**Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 PM**

In conclusion of the 2021-2022 lecture series, Professor Stephen Berk speaks about Iran from a historical perspective to the current situation and toward a future influence.

Pending the continued relaxation of COVID protocols and restrictions, this lecture may be offered as an in-person weekend lecture series.

**Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).**

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# Pray



## Weekday Shaḥarit Services

**Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM  
Weekday mornings at 7:30 AM**

Begin your day with our morning minyan Sundays through Fridays. Our morning Shaḥarit services are streamed via Zoom. (Visit our [website](#) for Zoom links.) We are also happy to announce that you can attend in person every Sunday, Monday and Thursday morning.

**Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).**



## Minḥah-Ma'ariv Services

**Every Sunday to Thursday evening;  
check website for times**

At the end of the day, join us on Zoom for our evening services via <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. At present, we are not able to offer in-person evening *davening* but check our website for updates and changes as Public Health recommendations are revised over the coming weeks.



## Friday Early Minḥah Services

**Friday afternoons, March 4 & 11;  
check website for times**

During the winter months, before the clocks 'spring forward', join our Minḥah-only service via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/668598809>.



## 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, either in person in the Hendeles Chapel or streamed to our new <https://www.bethtzedec.tv/> livestream hub.

**Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).**



**For candle-lighting and service times, refer to our website calendar.**



### Shabbat at the Floor Services

**Fridays, March 4, April 1 and May 6 at 6:00 PM**

Once a month, join us in-person or on our <https://www.bethtzedec.tv/> livestream for a musically-infused Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv experience. Led by **Yacov Fruchter**, **Cantor Sidney Ezer**, artist-in-residence **Aviva Chernick** and our Rabbis, this intimate service will help prepare your spirit for Shabbat with song, comfort and community.

Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).



### Sanctuary Services

**Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM**

Our Shabbat service offers the energy and inspiration of a liturgical and spiritual Shabbat experience as you sing along with **Cantor Sidney Ezer**. **Rabbis Steven Wernick** and **Robyn Fryer Bodzin** offer insights into our Torah reading.

Join us in person in the Sanctuary or at <https://www.bethtzedec.tv/> for our musical and spiritual *davening* experience.

Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).



### Little Minyan Services

**Saturday mornings, March 5, 12 & 26, April 9 & 30 and May 14 & 28 at 9:30 AM**

Looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience? The Little Minyan offers a traditional service in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere full of song, spirit and warmth. Participants lead portions of the service and Torah readers, *daveners* and those wishing to deliver a *D'var Torah* are always welcome. Contact **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin** to arrange to lead portions or for an aliyah.

Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).



### Musical Participatory Services

**Saturday mornings, March 26, April 30 and May 28 at 9:30 AM**

Join us for a musically engaging *Shaharit* service that welcomes and encourages participation! Led by Cantor Sidney Ezer, Asher Farber, and the HarmonEzers, our new vocal ensemble, we will introduce new melodies and revive some older and familiar ones in a way that will be sure to get our toes tapping and our voices singing in harmony.

Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).



### 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. We hope this experience together can continue to help create spiritual nearness in the midst of our physical distancing.



### Refugee Awareness Shabbat

**Saturday, March 5 at 9:30 AM**

Refugee Awareness Shabbat is a moment for our *kehillah* to turn outward and dedicate a Shabbat experience to the millions of refugees worldwide fleeing persecution and violence. For many, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the refugee experiences of our own families.

South African-born immigration lawyer **Adam Hummel** will reflect on *Parashat Pekudei* and how it relates to the experiences of modern-day refugees. Much like the Israelites building the *Mishkan* in the desert, refugees are in unfamiliar countries trying to build a new home and life, with entire communities coming together to help them.

Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).



### Megillah Readings @ Beth Tzedec

Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM  
and Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 AM

Join our festive Purim *Minhah-Ma'ariv* and *Shaharit* services, including a fun, full reading of the *Megillah*, for in-person and livestream *daveners*. Get in costume, grab the groggers and join us at BT or via livestream at <https://www.bethtzedec.tv/>.

Those attending to hear megillah reading in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Upload vaccine verification via [ShulCloud](#).

## Celebrate



### Parking Lot Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 13  
from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Grab your costumes, maybe throw on a winter coat and head on over to Beth Tzedec for fun, festive Purim carnival in our parking lot!

For information, email [Daniel Silverman](#).



### Abridged Family Megillah Reading

Wednesday, March 16 at 5:00 PM

Come together in-person or online (in your best costume, of course) for an early, abridged *Megillah* reading. Perfect for little ones and older ones, too. We'll retell the Purim story, listen to parts of *Megillat Esther* and make lots and lots of noise!

Pre-registration required for both in-person and online participation via [ShulCloud](#).



### Open My Heart: Songs of Love from Shir Hashirim

Tuesday, April 8 at 5:00 PM

*"I was asleep but my heart was aware... the voice of my Beloved is in me."* (*Shir Hashirim* 5:2)

On this Shabbat before Pesah, we warm up our prayer space, our homes and our hearts with this pre-Kabbalat Shabbat concert highlighting the beautiful poetry of *Shir Hashirim*—Song of Songs.

This musical event features **Aviva Chernick** together with **Cantor Sidney Ezer** and an accomplished musical ensemble. Join us in-person or via Zoom as we prepare to welcome Shabbat together with song.

Those attending in-person must provide proof of identity and full vaccination status. Pre-registration required for both in-person and online participation via [ShulCloud](#).



### Shul of Rock: Megillat Esther

Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 PM

This year's Purim event brings together legendary songs, legendary artists and legendary performances as the soundtrack to *Megillat Esther*.

Conceived as a virtual live concert using the artists' original performances, you'll give in to the urge to sing and dance along, and gain a deeper understanding of the characters and events through party songs, drinking songs, break-up songs, relationship songs, fighting-back songs and celebratory songs from a 70-year catalogue of rock, pop, ballads, anthems, country & western and more, presented by the same international ensemble that gave us *Motown Megillat Esther* and *Megillat Ruth: The Musical*.

Dress in the spirit of the event, whether it's Shushan Royal business casual from 400 BCE or dressed for your favourite concert or theatre venue from the 1950s onward (that also makes a really good virtual background). And save a little time for a special Purim *seudah* together!

For a little inspiration, you can stream our **"Shul of Rock"** video.

Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).



**Second Seder with the Wernicks**  
**Saturday evening, April 16 at 7:30 PM**

Whether you're celebrating alone this year or hoping to recapture the fun of big, bustling Pesah meals of the past, you're invited to share the second seder with Reb Steve and family for a lively, engaging seder. If COVID protocols allow, a small number will be able to join the Wernicks in their home for the seder on a first-come basis.

Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).



**Yom Ha'atzmaut Family Celebration**  
**Thursday, May 5 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM**

Aya and Liel, our UJA *shinshiniyot*, welcome you to a fantastic Yom Ha'atzmaut family carnival! Join us for carnival games, Israeli food, dancing and more to celebrate Israel's 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. Registration information coming soon.



**Jerusalem Love Songs and Stories: Celebrating Yom Yerushalayim Together**

**Sunday, May 29 at 7:30 PM**

Celebrate Yom Yerushalayim with a coffee-house experience featuring music, poetry, songs and stories about Jerusalem. We will hear how the city has impacted poets and writers, as well as some members of our Beth Tzedec community.

## 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 **Hadassah Bernstein** at 416-781-3514, ext. 244 or [hbernstein@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:hbernstein@beth-tzedec.org).

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 Invites you to...

Get comfy and cozy for a morning filled with fun, new friends, Jewish programming and creative activities.

For Toddlers with a Parent, Grandparent or Caregiver



### PJ Library presents: Purim!

for families with children up to age 5

**Sunday, March 6 at 10:30 AM**

Let's get into our costumes and enjoy all the spirit and fun of Purim! Join us at Beth Tzedec for a Purim story, mask-making and a costume parade with your friends! Register via email to Daniel Silverman at [dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org)



# Give & Get



## Love Thy Neighbour: An Interfaith Mitzvah Project Opportunity

Sundays, March 6 & 20 and April 10 at 12:00 NOON

Beth Tzedec is again supporting the St. Michael's All Angels Anglican Church Out of the Cold lunch program. Each Sunday, St. Michael's provides a warm meal to 70 of hungry neighbours, and this is an opportunity to participate in this mitzvah.

Here is how you can help:

- Sign up for a shift to help serve the hot meals.
- Sign up to bake nut-free treats to be distributed with the warm meals.
- Create handwritten drawings and cards to share some love with meals.
- Donate to the Beth Tzedec Food Insecurity Fund.

To register, email [Avital Narvey](mailto:Avital Narvey).

# Late Additions



## Tachles: A Hebrew Experience with Liel and Aya

Learn

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22 & 29, April 5, 12 & 26, May 10 & 17 and June 7 at 7:45 PM (via Zoom)

Aya and Liel, our UJA *shinshiniyot*, are excited to offer lovers of Hebrew a place to gather together on Zoom and deepen their knowledge.

The Tachles curriculum is perfect for beginners looking to grow their modern Hebrew vocabulary, and a parallel experience will be offered for those wishing to engage in Hebrew at a more advanced level.

To register, email [Daniel Silverman](mailto:Daniel Silverman).

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## ScholarStream Learning Series A Partnership of the Conservative Movement

Learn

Tuesday or Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM (via Zoom)

Following a successful launch of our ScholarStream program in 5781, we are excited to announce the full year of ScholarStream learning in 5782! Beginning in October and spanning all the way up to Shavuot, the Conservative Movement seminaries and institutions are partnering to offer eight series that will bring you face-to-face with the brightest and most engaging scholars our movement has to offer. Scholarstream 5782 features three distinct arcs of learning that stand alone or flow into each other. Our final arc is "Renewing Our Resilience" and will offer an exploration of who we are, where we are in relation to others, and how we move forward in this complicated world.

No charge for Beth Tzedec members; pre-registration required. To register, [click here](#)>> and enter the code **Thornhill21**.

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**PURIM FUN**  
FOR GRADES 1 TO 5

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 FROM 2:00 TO 3:00 PM

We will retell the Purim story together, acting it out as if it took place during the COVID-19 pandemic with all the restrictions we faced! Let's see what modern Purim story we invent!

Register via email to Daniel Silverman at [dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org).

# Passover Guide

## Why This Passover is Different from Last Year

As we return to gathering, we return to seder. We wish everyone a safe and joyous Passover.



### Preparing Our Homes for Passover

This year, as we transition back to 'normal' routines and practices, we can again plan to prepare and celebrate Passover with family, friends and neighbours.

While we are less in a state of *sha'atk'khak*, time of crisis, we must still take care to follow the guidance of our local public health authorities. For guidance on *kashering* your home or hosting or attending sedarim with others, please contact **Sheri Federman** at 416-781-3514 ext. 227 to request an appointment with a member of our Spiritual Leadership.

### Seder

Individuals living alone or those absolutely unable to prepare for Passover are encouraged to **contact us** directly and we will do our best to help you acquire what you need to enjoy a Passover seder.

### Kosher for Passover

We should strive to clean our homes for Passover as we normally would. In the coming weeks, we will make available the Rabbinical Assembly's "Passover Guide" for 2022/5782. In the meantime, you can review last year's recommendations **here**>>.

Vegetarians and vegans are permitted, *l'hathilah*, from the outset, to eat *kitniyot* (legumes).

### Yizkor

As is our tradition, we will mark Yizkor in person and with a livestreamed service on the last day of Pesah. Please note that this service **will begin at 9:30 AM, via our new Beth Tzedec TV livestream hub**. We will record Yizkor and make it available on **Beth Tzedec TV** and social media channels following the service.

### The Sale of Ḥametz

Forms to sell your ḥametz to our Rabbis who will sell it on your behalf may be accessed **here** or found on the Beth Tzedec **website**. Alternately, you can contact our Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or **info@beth-tzedec.org** to make arrangements to sell your ḥametz.

Contributions to Rabbi Wernick's Discretionary Fund in honour of this *mitzvah* are especially appreciated at this time, as there are many people continue to face food insecurity that require *tzedakah* and these contributions will be earmarked to purchase food vouchers.

### The Fast of the Firstborn

Following morning *minyan* on Friday, April 15 at 7:30 AM, we will provide a *siyyum* (completion of a cycle of study) in person and on Zoom. Join us for coffee and a bagel in the comfort of your own home or with our Spiritual Leadership and kehillah at Beth Tzedec as we celebrate this learning together.

### Bidikat and Biur Ḥametz

The search for ḥametz takes place as usual Thursday, April 14, using the formula found in your *Hagaddah*. If you do not have a *Hagaddah*, see one of the resources we have made available on **our website**.

Traditionally, we use a candle, a wooden spoon and a feather to find even the smallest amount of ḥametz. If you don't have these tools handy, you can use any utensil or product in your home that accomplishes the same symbolism.

We will provide an opportunity for people to burn their ḥametz at Beth Tzedec in our parking lot from 10:00 to 10:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact **Lorne Hanick** at 416-781-3514 ext. 240.

We encourage our *kehillah* to do so at home using their barbecue, a metal trashcan or in another safe manner. If that is not possible, then one may crumble the *hametz* and throw it into a flowing body of water or into a natural area where animals are likely to consume it, as in *tashlikh*, the casting away of our sins on Rosh Hashanah

#### Other Resources

We will be posting a variety of Passover resources, downloadable *Hagaddot*, supplemental readings and the like for all ages on [our website](#). Check back regularly to see what's been added.

We pray that each of us celebrates a meaningful, safe and healthy Passover and that God will bless all humanity with health, happiness and *shlaymoot*.

## Selling Your *Hametz*

There are four ways we fulfil the Biblical mitzvah of ridding ourselves of *hametz* before Pesah: we clean our homes; we burn any remaining crumbs; we verbally declare that any *hametz* in our possession is worthless and no longer owned by us; and to ensure that there is no question about our intent to remove *hametz* from our possession, we sell our *hametz* to non-Jews who may own leavened products on Passover.

If you are unable to personally sell your *hametz*, please complete this [form](#) no later than 6:00 PM on **Thursday, April 14**.

You are welcome to join us in the parking lot on Friday, April 15 from 10:00 to 10:30 AM to burn *hametz*. For information, contact [Lorne Hanick](#).



This year, when you

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Choose 'Treasures of Beth Tzedec' Tribute Cards



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

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

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



*In 2021, there were approximately 84 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. Of those, 48 million were internally displaced people and 26.6 million were refugees.*

# An Update from the Refugee Sponsorship Group

The Beth Tzedec Refugee Sponsorship Group invites you to support our Refugee Sponsorship initiative through Canada's unique refugee resettlement program called the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program.

In 1979, the Canadian government created the Private Refugee Sponsorship Programme. Ordinary Canadians could form a group with others; family, neighbours, members of a religious organization, for example, to raise money to bring a refugee family or individual to Canada. The government laid out the rules—the sponsor group had to be approved, had to raise a designated amount of money and agree to be responsible for the resettlement of the refugees for a full calendar year from the day of arrival.

In many cases, the sponsor group had connected with an anchorperson, someone who had come to Canada as a refugee and was now looking for help to bring the family here. The programme was and is a tremendous success. Over the years, Canadians have stepped up: we have supported the Vietnamese refugees, Syrians, the Rohingya, Yazidis, Eritreans and now, Afghans.

So what is the definition of a refugee? A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee their country because of war, persecution or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

Refugees are only eligible for sponsorship if they are no longer in their home country. This often means dangerous travel to another country, sometimes by paying smugglers. It

may mean leaving partners and children behind while one family member, usually the dad, goes ahead to try and find a place to live and a way to earn money. Sometimes it means families being separated for years in different countries.

In 2021, there were approximately 84 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. Of those, 48 million were internally displaced people and 26.6 million were refugees. An estimated 35 million forcibly displaced persons were under 18, and in the last couple of years, about one million kids have been born as refugees.

The members of Beth Tzedec stepped up to sponsor a Syrian family in 2016. That family, the Alhamwis, became Canadian citizens on January 20, 2022. The kids are in school and both parents are working. We are no longer their sponsors; we are now their friends, even family.

Our current family, an Eritrean family of six, fled from their homeland to Ethiopia. There have been many recent news articles about the situation in Ethiopia and the plight of the people in the Tigray Region of northern Ethiopia and Eritrea.

After spending years in a refugee camp in the Tigray Region, the family made a perilous journey to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Each day, they live in fear of being arrested by Ethiopian authorities or kidnapped by Eritrean soldiers and sent back to Eritrea, where they face prison or, even worse, death. The mother and daughter are afraid to go out alone.

A teenage son of their friends was assaulted on the street after being overheard speaking Tigrinya, a Semitic language commonly spoken in Eritrea and Ethiopia's Tigray

Region. However, they continue to teach themselves English and prepare as best they can for their new life in Canada— although nothing will prepare them for a Toronto winter!

The Refugee Sponsorship Group has been working hard, collecting furniture donated by generous Beth Tzedec members and community members. We have also been consulting with an incredibly responsive staffer at an MP's constituency office who has been helping us move our sponsorship application along. We hope our family will receive permission to travel during this calendar year.

How can you help?

- Please consider joining the Beth Tzedec refugee sponsorship group. If you are looking for an incredibly fulfilling volunteer opportunity, look no further. Check out our group members talking about their experiences on our information page.
- Once we know when the family will arrive, we will reach out for household items, linens, kitchen stuff—everything needed to furnish a home.
- Please consider a donation to the refugee sponsorship fund.

- Attend the programs organized by the clergy, staff, and laypeople at Beth Tzedec to learn more about Ethiopia and Eritrea's stories, history, and politics.

Organizations like HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in the U.S., and JIAS, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (which manages our sponsorship committee's relationship with the Government of Canada), were founded to help Jews. We continue to do this work because we are Jews.

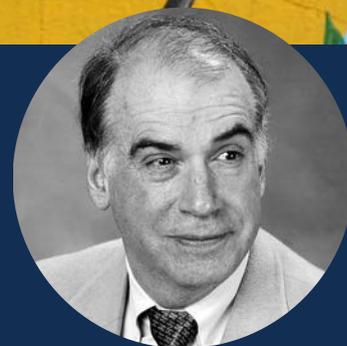
## THE SAM & SARAH KERZNER AND JOSEPH KERZNER HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL INSTITUTE



# Iran: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow with Professor Stephen Berk

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 at 7:00 PM

Professor Stephen Berk returns to speak about Iran from a historical perspective to the current situation and toward a future influence.



Pre-registration required via [ShulCloud](#).  
If Public Health protocols allow, this lecture may be offered as an in-person weekend lecture series.

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# Lyon Wexler: He Does It All



*If you happened to be at Beth Tzedec on a day when no clergy were present, (highly unusual), you need not worry as Lyon Wexler can and will lead the service.*



I have always said there are three certainties in life—death, taxes and change. When I joined Beth Tzedec in 2013, I added a fourth: Lyon Wexler *davening*. His voice and presence are hard to miss and that fact is all the more remarkable given that he is now 87. You would be hard-pressed to believe that if you heard him lead services. He has a distinct style.

Wexler's abilities with the prayer book did not come accidentally. Born and raised in Montreal, Yehuda Leib (his Hebrew name) had the benefit of having a caring grandfather who would take him to synagogue when Lyon was just a toddler. Even then, Wexler felt an attachment to shul. As he puts it, he was attracted to cantorial music. Later, a synagogue was built right across the street from his home where he spent much time.

Wexler was schooled at Herzylia Hebrew High School followed by time at Yeshiva University's High School programme. He was raised in a kosher home and with that background, it was natural for him to prioritize synagogue life where he was often asked to lead services.

Wexler attended Camp Massad, the first Hebrew-speaking camp in Canada, and even had his bar mitzvah there. The Wexler family relocated to Ottawa where Lyon often led services at the Agudath Israel Synagogue until the arrival of a full-time cantor. (Coincidentally, Rabbi J.

Benjamin Friedberg later became Rabbi of Agudath Israel.)

A graduate of Carleton College (now Carleton University), Wexler enrolled at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. Following graduation, he practiced law for many years and was appointed a Q.C. in 1980.

His law career and family connections soon led him to other pursuits. His then father-in-law was involved in the world of horse breeding and racing, pursuits in which Wexler became interested and

enjoyed immensely. One of his horses was entered and raced in the Queen's Plate but unfortunately did not fare too well. However, members of the family present were introduced to the Queen Mother in the paddock before the race which could be considered a "perk" of having a horse running in Canada's oldest and most prestigious race.



Over the years, Wexler's various relationships led him to the business world where he was immersed for many years. That route should not be so surprising given his ease in meeting and talking with people. You notice his smile and humour right away.

Today, Wexler hangs his hat at The Metrontario Group where he has been since 2004. Metrontario is a large business development with ventures in real estate, environmental development, nuclear medicine, marine agriculture and tourism. The company's head office

is in Toronto with satellite offices in Israel. The breadth of what Metrontario offers reminds me of Wexler and the full range of what he provides at each and every service he leads. He can do it all.

If you happened to be at Beth Tzedec on a day when no clergy were present, (highly unusual), you need not worry as Lyon Wexler can and will lead the service. By the way, he does it all in a siddur the size of your hand with a print size readable only by 10-year-old eyes! It matters little to Wexler who does it by heart. I suppose the only aspect of the service I have yet to hear from him is a sermon, but likely he has done that over the years. Truth be told, Wexler enjoys being an integral part of the service.

Wexler traces his connection to Beth Tzedec to 2001 when he became a member of the Congregation. He is appreciative of his association with the synagogue over the past 20 years and has been on various committees in the shul—Ritual, Cantorial Search and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committees.

Many people recall Wexler for his many appearances on stage at the many Purim shpiels the synagogue staged, particularly his roles as both Mordechai and Haman. He was very clear in his gratitude to the people he has been in contact with, including all the rabbis, cantors and staff that have served during his time as a member. What stood out for me about Lyon Wexler when I chatted with him was just how thankful he is for the people he has known at Beth

Tzedec and Metrontario.

In closing, in Lyon Wexler, you have a man who gets full value from his membership at Beth Tzedec and yet, at the same time, he is a man who understands the value of the people he meets and greets each day. With that and his four sons, seven grandchildren (with two more coming this year) Wexler has been blessed. He knows it and appreciates it all.

—Gerry Posner

*Gerry Posner is a retired lawyer from Winnipeg who moved to Toronto in 2012 with his wife Sherna.*



## Maayan Belding-Zidon, Our Tanenbaum Fellow

Introducing Maayan Belding-Zidon, the Anne & Max Tanenbaum Fellow for 5782.

This year marks the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tanenbaum Fellow program. The Fellows receive a significant financial award and the opportunity for a two-week internship at Beth Tzedec, followed by a two-week experience at Camp Ramah Canada. Fellows alternate between rabbinical students with a Canadian connection who study at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Israeli students from the Beit Midrash of the Schechter Institute. While at Beth Tzedec, the Fellow shadows our rabbis, experiencing daily activities in synagogue and community,

participating in lifecycle events, learning about the life of a large congregation, and teaching Torah in various settings.

Maayan is a rabbinical student with the Masorti-Conservative Movement at the Schechter Institutes in Jerusalem. A native of Hyde Park, New York, she graduated from Yale with a degree in Modern Middle East Studies in 2013 and worked with youth at risk in Boston before moving to Israel in 2016. Before starting her rabbinical training, she worked at Israel Experience as an informal educator with Diaspora young adults in Israel.

Maayan lives in Rishon LeZion with her wife and three cats.



# Welcoming Karen and Yuri to Team BT

## Karen Goldstein

We are pleased to officially welcome the newest member to our professional team, Karen Goldstein, in the role of Senior Executive Assistant.

Karen brings many years of working in the Jewish community to Beth Tzedec Congregation. Karen worked at Prosserman Jewish Community Centre for 11 years as their Executive Assistant. Prior to that, she worked for the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism for 18 years as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. And over the past eight months, she has filled a temporary position here as Executive Assistant, working with our professional staff and lay leadership.

Karen will be assisting Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin, planning milestone celebrations and events at Beth Tzedec Congregation. She is very excited to be a part of a great team.

Karen has three wonderful children and three special grandchildren.

## Yuri Vitovsky-Remi

Originally known for heading the Aquatics programs of the Prosserman and Schwartz Reisman JCC's, Yuri leveraged his passion for photography, as well as audio, video, computer, and network engineering to reinvent himself over the course of the pandemic as a broadcast professional.

Yuri is most typically seen streaming Beth Tzedec's services and programs, building AV infrastructure, editing videos, taking photos and flying his drone.

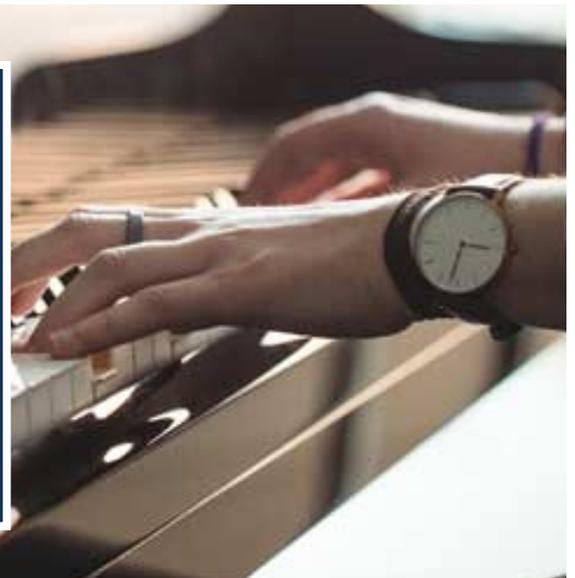
Yuri has been described by his Beth Tzedec peers as "the one who has the most fun."

## Mizmor Monthly

Mizmor Monthly with *Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber*

Mondays, March 1, April 5 and May 3 at 7:30 PM

Please join Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber as we explore many Jewish musical themes and genres revolving around *Rosh Hodesh*. Each month, we will explore many musical themes and genres associated with that month, streamed to our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).



# Men's Club Makes a Difference



## Men's Club Scholarship Program

The Men's Club is pleased to sponsor our long-standing scholarship program to assist young people pursuing programs of higher Jewish education. Applicants need not be a member of Beth Tzedec.

The criteria judge applicants is based on the following and should be given careful consideration when applying:

- The financial need of the candidate.
- The program of study for which the funds will be used.
- The career goals of the candidate and how the program of study relates to it.

• The benefit that may be brought to the Jewish community by the candidate.

- The overall quality of the application.
- Special needs or other consideration.

The information provided is the sole source upon which the scholarship committee will make a decision.

Download an application here or contact Hersh Rosenthal at [hershr@rogers.com](mailto:hershr@rogers.com).

The deadline for applications is **April 8, 2022**. Applications received after that date **will not be considered**.

## Hesed from a Distance

### Out of the Cold Program

Our Out of the Cold program operated out of St. Luke's United Church again this winter due to the pandemic. Once again, Rafi Aaron, my co-chair from Beth Sholom, and Reverend James Keenan from St. Luke's United Church ran our program for the homeless during the winter months.

We completed the 20-week program of offering a hot dinner at St. Luke's and served roughly 550 meals on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. This under-taking was quite challenging, given the strictest health and safety protocols as determined by Toronto Public Health that had to be followed. We thank Reverend James Keenan from for his unwavering compassion toward the homeless population and for providing us with the opportunity to work together in solidarity with other faith-based groups.

This year, we added a new component to our program. Street Outreach

engaged with the homeless on the streets. It was especially impactful for those with disabilities unable to come to the Church to collect meals.

The number of homeless continues to grow exponentially in Toronto. As a result, the outreach will continue to operate year-round, though not as part of the Out of the Cold Program.

A particular debt of gratitude is owed to Rafi Aaron from Beth Sholom. He 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 respected and that every guest, harm reduction worker and volunteer felt safe and protected. Rafi never let an unused meal go to waste; he made sure that left-over meals were delivered to those living in the encampments. His dedication and empathy toward the plight of the homeless in our community know no bounds.

We want to also thank all volunteers who assisted, despite the constraints and dangers inherent in the pandemic. Donations of food offered by Provincial Fruit and Commercial Bakeries were appreciated. Beth Tzedec's Men's Club has been a steadfast supporter of our program and once again has provided a very generous monetary donation. Don Smith, one of our veteran volunteers, did an outstanding job leading the volunteers at our meal program. A huge thank you is owed to Terri Humphries, who always works tirelessly to promote Out of the Cold.

### Our Hesed Tribute Cards

If anyone would like to support the Out of the Cold program, please consider purchasing a Tribute Card in honour or memory of someone special, with the proceeds earmarked for OOTC.

# 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

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

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

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

Gerold and Rosylin Goldlist, honouring **Phyllis Flatt** on the birth of her great-grandson **Asher**.

Rochelle and Michael Kerzner and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norton Lorne Grimson**.

Susan and Paul Lindzon and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ab Flatt**.

Marlene Rattner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ada Starkman**.

Carla and Michael Worb and family, honouring **Stephen and Ilene Flatt** on the birth of their grandson **Ollie Simon**.

## Cantor Sidney Ezer Discretionary Fund

An anonymous contribution, honouring the first yahrtzeit of **Arlene (Etty) Silver**.

Ilana Albert-Novick, honouring **Annette Albert**.

Ellen Band, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

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

J. Lowell Pancer and Dena Pollack, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** for his participation in the bar mitzvah of their son **Lewis**.

Steven Rayson and Elissa Gamus, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** for his participation in the bar mitzvah of their son **Joseph Gamus-Rayson**.

Dara Schwartz, Amir Walden and family, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** for helping their son prepare for his bar mitzvah.

Joseph and Elaine Steiner, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Ellen and David Zworth, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hilda Hindy Davis**.

## Food Insecurity Fund

Shirley Brazer, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman**.

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

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

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

Anne and Mitch Max, honouring **Randy and Debbie Spiegel and family** on the birth of their granddaughters **Eliana Tzofia** and **Yakira Liba**.

Susan and Norman Mogil, acknowledging **Rick Rodney and family** in memory of **Sheila Rodney**.

Richard Seligman, acknowledging **Resa Eisen** in memory of **Sidney Seligman**.

Gary, Jill, Ira and Jonah Stern, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morton Stern**.

## General Fund

Ellen Band, honouring the **Daily Minyan participants**.

Murray and Cheryl Cepler and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Frances Irene Cepler**.

Joyce Chapnick and family, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Dr. Murray Peiser** and **Mollie Peiser**.

Arthur Cole, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Judith Cole**.

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

Perry and Shirley Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Cooper**.

Jeffrey and Tamara Cummings, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Anne Cummings**.

Jeffrey and Tamara Cummings, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael Cummings**.

Ron and Diane Ennis, honouring **Hana Werner**.

Martin Halpern and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Halpern**.

Charles Heller, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Charles Heller, honouring the memories of **Otto Heller** and **Betty Heller**.

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

Shaya and Ziva Izenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Izenberg**.

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

Larry and Karen Leiter, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mildred Leiter**.

Ruth Milne, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernie Tishman**.

Roslyn Nathanson and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Belle Singer**.

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

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

Sandra and Hascal Rosen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leah Rappaport Zatz**.

Gordon and Mona Rosenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Rosenberg**.

Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Abraham Rutman**.

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

Carole and Marvin Sherkin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sari Troister**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, honouring **Brenda Orser** on her bat mitzvah.

Martha Sud and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Sud**.

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

Steve Wernick, honouring **Ziva Wernick**.

Gerald and Lynda White, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry White**.

Mila Zigelman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leon Zigelman**.

David and Ellen Zworth, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mickey Zworth**.

## Hesed Fund

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

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Tennenbaum**.

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Berlin**.

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

Sam and Melissa Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anna Glazer**.

Nathan Greenberg, honouring the **Hallah Brigade**.

Alan and Barbara Sless, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Brian Sless**.

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

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

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, acknowledging the **Reichert Family** in memory of **Toby Reichert**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Steinhart**.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Siegel**.

Dorothy Tassis, honouring the **Hon. Katherine and Brian Feldman** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

Art and Carole Andrews, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Carey Andrews**.

Jonathan Breido, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Zalman Breido**.

Melvyn, Marcia and Sheldon Eisen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Eisen**.

Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on the publication of his book.

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

Ronna Hoffer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Rutman**.

Ronna Hoffer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Hoffer**.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, acknowledging **Yana Brikker** in memory of **Edward Brikker**.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, honouring **Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson **Noah**.

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

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging the **Halpern Family** in memory of **Marcia Halpern**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being appointed to the Order of Canada.

Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal and family, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on the publication of his memoirs, *Decisions: My Memories as a Lawyer and a Judge*.

### Jewish Family Living Fund

Budgie Frieberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Frieberg**.

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

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

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

Larry and Teresa Swern, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Temi Krovblit**.

### Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

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

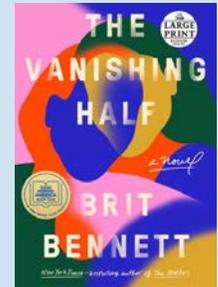
### Kaddish Fund

Maurice Levy, honouring the memory of **Brigitte Levy**.

## BT Book & Film Club Series

Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM

### SPRING SESSIONS



March 30

*The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. **Led by Harriet Morris.**

April 27

*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. **Led by Cathy Tile.**

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY PHYLLIS AND AB<sup>ZL</sup> FLATT AND CAROL AND HAROLD WOLFE, IN MEMORY OF MAX AND BEATRICE WOLFE

May 18

Film title TBC

Check the **Beth Tzedec website** for confirmation of the film coming soon. **Led by Dr. Gillian Helfield.**

Pre-registration required via [Shulcloud](#).

## Kosher Food Bank

Marion Alberga, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eprhaim Zalman Goldberg**.  
Ron and Diane Ennis, honouring **Fred and Jocelynn Engle** on their anniversary.  
Phyllis Fien, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Zavel and Esther Fien**.  
Sally Gallinger, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Gallinger**.  
Nathan Greenberg, acknowledging **Dr. Richard Rodney and family** in memory of **Sheila Rodney**.  
Beverly Kahn, honouring **Ely Cohen and family** on his bar mitzvah.  
Noah Kochman and Brendan Donovan, honouring **Howard Black**.  
Esther Korn, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman**.  
Leah and Israel Liguornik, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Turowicz**.  
Rhoda and Andre Salama, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Florence Kurtz**.  
Teresa and Larry Swern, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruthe Klein**.

## Little Minyan Fund

Bernie Gropper and Elise Stern Gropper, acknowledging **Neil Zworth and Jennifer Wyman** in memory of **Elaine Birnbaum**.  
Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **David Zworth and Neil Zworth** in memory of Elaine Birnbaum.

## Lorne Hanick Website Development Fund

Ellen Band, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.  
Steven Rayson and Elissa Gamus, honouring **Lorne Hanick** for his participation in the bar mitzvah of their son **Joseph Gamus-Rayson**.

## Membership Relief Fund

Stephen Abrams, Rosette Rutman and Tamara Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Abrams**.  
Drew Berman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Valli Jean Berman**.  
Dr. Ira Bernstein, acknowledging **Esther Bernstein** in memory of **Dr. Abraham Bernstein**.  
The Caplan Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Caplan**.  
Lyle Cappe, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Solomon Freedman**.  
Cheryl and Murray Cepler and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Abramson**.

Cleotilde Ceron, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ernestina Valencia de Ceron**.  
Leonard and Merle Eisen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Eisen**.  
Stanley and Genia Elkind, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Elkind**.  
Albert and Dorothy Gellman  
Gianna Glassman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Max Glassman**.  
Sheldon and Judy Godfrey, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Godfrey**.  
Lorne Hanick, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman**.  
Esther Hussman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rahamim Rami Mizrahi**.  
The Hussman Lesh Family, honouring **Ayal Lesh** on his new position at Watersheds Canada.  
Martin and Sandra Karp, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eva Karp**.  
Sandra and Martin Karp, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Weisfield**.  
Helen Lester, honouring the memory of **Dr. Marvin Lester**.  
Murray and Adrienne Levinter, honouring **Stephen Berk**.  
Dena Libman, honouring Patti and **Sheldon Rotman**.  
Nathan and Glennie Lindenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Lindenberg**.  
Glennie Lindenberg and Morland Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Brown**.  
Allan and Rosalynd Pyzer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jerry Pyzer**.  
Mary Richmond, Judi Alter and Susie Sokol, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Andrew Mittelman**.  
The Rogul Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norman Rogul**.  
Hascal and Sandra Rosen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Louis Julius Rosen**.  
Hascal and Sandra Rosen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leah Rappaport Zatz**.  
Lorraine and Morris Rotbard and Gerry and Donna Koffman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Annie Koffman**.  
Lorraine and Morris Rotbard and family and Gerry and Donna Koffman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Koffman**.  
Gella and Paul Rothstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isaac Rothstein**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Rochelle Reichert** in memory of **Toby Reichert**.  
Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, honouring **Debbie and Randy Spiegel** on the birth of their granddaughters **Elaine Sophia and Keira Livia**.  
Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring **Elana Rosenberg and Lorne Birnbaum** on their marriage.  
Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging the **Reichert Family** in memory of **Toby Reichert**.  
Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **David Seligman and family** in memory of **Sylvia Seligman**.  
Sheldon and Patti Rotman, honouring **Randy and Debbie Spiegel** on the birth of their twin granddaughters.  
Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Streiman**.  
Jeanne Salit, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Emmanuel Cooke, Q.C.**  
Marcia Schnoor, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Betty Billinkoff**.  
Joel and Bella Shupack, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Balla Schupack**.  
Lynn and Skip Sigel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ira Kaufman**.  
Don Smith, honouring the memory of his parents.  
Eric Sobel, honouring his birthday.  
Eric Sobel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lilian Fine**.  
Eric Sobel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Meyer Samuel Fine**.  
Lloyd and Deborah Speyer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Speyer**.  
Randy and Debbie Spiegel, acknowledging **Amanda Kohl** in memory of **Yossi Schneider**.  
Reesa and Avrom Sud, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Sud**.  
Reesa and Avrom Sud, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Hotz**.  
Howard and Carole Tanenbaum and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Granick**.  
Fran Giddens and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Giddens**.  
The Valo Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Valo**.  
Felicia Valo, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William Travis**.  
Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Randy and Debbie Spiegel** on the birth of their granddaughters.

Rafi Yablonsky, honouring **Debbie Rothstein** and **Patti Rotman**.

### Men's Club Scholarships Fund

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

### Music Fund

Sharon and Michael Pupko, honouring **Mona Rosen** on her special birthday.

David and Frances Topper and children, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Victor Topper**.

### Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Sephi Band and family, Ellen Band and Ira Band, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Ephraim Band, Q.C.**

Lyle Cappe, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Cappe**.

Larry Chad and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lori Tanzer Chad**.

Janet Cohen, honouring **Eleanor Dover** on her birthday.

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

Arron and Devra Eisen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Eisen**.

Fred and Jocelynn Engle, honouring **Ron and Diane Ennis** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson **Austin**.

Ron and Diane Ennis, honouring **Fred Engle** on his birthday.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman**.

Ruth and Alby Garbe and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jean Matlow**.

Cynthia and Morris Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Etta Glick** and **Julia Zidel**.

Bonnie and David Goldstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gertrude Goldstein**.

Bayla Gross, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Gross**.

Corinne Hart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lazar Glickman**.

Mary Ellen Herman and Phil Markel, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman**.

The Hussman Lesh Family, honouring **Hanna Leszcz** on her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Martin Kelman and Gilda Tanz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mildred Kelman**.

Judith Kostman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Kostman**.

Judith Kostman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Henrietta Kostman**.

The Koven Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dorothy Koven**.

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

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

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

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

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

Bonnie and Larry Moncik, honouring **Eric and Brenda Bornstein** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Charles Radzinski, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fanny Radzinsky**.

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

Rhoda and Andre Salama, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gertrude Paul**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Brenda Orser** on her bat mitzvah.

Mel and Ruth Steinhart, acknowledging **the family of Judy Amsterdam** in her memory.

Gilda Tanz and Marty Kelman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernard Newman**.

Dorothy Tassis, honouring **Larry Moncik** on his birthday.

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

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jerry Freeman**.

### Prayer Book Dedications (Si

Sandra Cohen, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Minnie Clavir** and **Murray Clavir**.

Noreen Kay and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sari Troister**.

Karen Mann, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. John Mann**.

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

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

Renee Sananes, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Sananes**.

Debbie Shecter, honouring **Brenda Orser** on her bat mitzvah.

### Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin Discretionary Fund

Ellen Band, honouring **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin**.

Bruce and Nancy Elman, acknowledging **Rochelle Reichert** in memory of **Toby Reichert**.

Nancy and Sid Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Esther Rosen**.

Nancy and Sid Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isadore Rosen**.

Ronna Hoffer, wishing Rabbi Fryer Bodzin and family a happy Hanukkah.

Norman and Gloria Jacobs, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Alan Jacobs**.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
DONATE TODAY.**

By contributing to Beth Tzedec's many funds, scholarships, and initiatives, you heal and build our community. Click [here](#) for a list of Beth Tzedec Funds.



## Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund

In December 2021, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl was appointed to the Order of Canada, in recognition of his lifetime of service to the Jewish people, the city of Toronto and the citizens of Canada. Rav Baruch has been a spiritual guide to thousands and has represented our *kehillah* (community) with distinction.

We thank all those listed below who honoured Rav Baruch by contributing to The Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund, supporting the Beth Tzedec Centre of Spiritual Well-Being.

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Norman and Gloria Jacobs, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Tillie Jacobs**.

J. Lowell Pancer and Dena Pollack, honouring **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin** for her support of their son **Lewis**' bar mitzvah.

Alison Prosser, acknowledging **Nate Epstein** in memory of **Joy Epstein**.

Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, honouring **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin**.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Esther Westelman** on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Rabbi Steven Wernick Discretionary Fund**

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

Ellen Band, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick**.

Earl Berger and Lou Berger's grandchildren, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Berger**.

Marvin and Mary Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Zvi Cooper**.

The Dorfman Family, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick**.

Norman and Gloria Jacobs, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Alan Jacobs**.

Norman and Gloria Jacobs, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Tillie Jacobs**.

Harold Margles, honouring the memory of **Maurice Margles**.

Steven Rayson and Elissa Gamus, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick** for his participation in the bar mitzvah of their son **Joseph Gamus-Rayson**.

Klara Romm, wishing **Rabbi Steven Wernick and family** *Hag Hanukkah Sameah*.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick** on being honoured by the Jewish National Fund's *Negev 2021: A Night of 100 Dinners* honouring spiritual leaders.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman**.

Marcia Schnoor, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Schnoor**.

The Walters Family, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick**.

Rabbi Steven Wernick, honouring **Gabe Wolofsky and Tammi Hawa** on their marriage.

Faygie Buchman, wishing **Murray Buchman** a *refuah sheleimah* and honouring him on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. honouring him on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum Fund**

Brenda Orser, acknowledging **Barbra Walters and family** in memory of **Manley Walters**.

### **The Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund**

Ron and Diane Ennis, acknowledging **Amanda and Amir Kohl and family** in memory of **Yossi Schneider**.

Ronna Hoffer, wishing **Rabbi Frydman-Kohl and family** a happy *Hanukkah*.

Rochelle Linden and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Risen**.

Elie Haim Malka, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aliyah Malka**.

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

Roslyn Mendelson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fay Frances Bigman**.

Marlene Olyan and Arthur Cole, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Cherlon**.

Dara Schwartz, Amir Walden and family, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** for his support and participation in their son's bar mitzvah.

Skip and Lynn and Deenna Sigel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Kaufman**.

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

Line and Steven Troster, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Madeleine and Jean Veillant**.

Lynda and Jerry White, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Swartz**.

### **Torah Through the Ages Fund**

The Ackerman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **John Ackerman**.

Mona Lee and Dennis Brockman, Jake Brockman and Griffin Brockman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harvey (Hymie) Lee**.

Mona Lee and Dennis Brockman, Jake Brockman and Griffin Brockman, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being appointed to the Order of Canada.

Gloria Houser, honouring **Brenda Orser** on her bat mitzvah.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Gilad and Stephanie Abrahami and Leonora Abrahami and Peter Larmand** in memory of **Gabi Weisfeld**.

### **Yom Hashoah Candle Fund**

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Whitehouse**.

Cathy Surdin, and Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging **Rana Leibowitz** in memory of **Tina Schnipper**.

## Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for contributions made to Beth Tzedec during 2021 have been emailed to all those who have contributed over this trying year. If we do not have an email address on file, the charitable tax receipt has been mailed to your home address.

If you have any questions, email **Aida Adel**. Thank you to all who helped support our community.



## Shabbat Teen Lounge

with *Sylvie Moscovitz*

(For teens in Grades 7 to 12)

Saturdays, April 9 and May 28 at 11:00 AM

Come hang out with Sylvie and other teens at BT for games, snacks, and interesting discussions about Judaism on topic of your choice!

Registration required to *Sylvie Moscovitz*. Those attending must provide proof of vaccination status and identity.

## Inscribe our Siddurim!

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



To inscribe a siddur,  
call 416-781-3511

## Condolences

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

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sara Amir            | Ronald Landsberg     |
| Lia Besunder         | Richard Levy         |
| Elaine Birnbaum      | Mildred Mazin Falk   |
| Freda Blankenstein   | Max Nisker           |
| Dr. Edward Brikker   | Murray Harold Nisker |
| Dr. Murray Buchman   | Donald Pearlston     |
| Marjorie Collis      | David Pullan         |
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| Marilyn Gwartzman    | Vivian Rosen         |
| Alfred Howard Herman | Alan Schwartz        |
| Reva Hertz           | Leslie Singer        |
| Aaron Howard         | Jean Tanny           |
| Michael Jacobs       | Erica Elmine Travis  |
| Robert Lambert       | Ann Zidenberg        |

*“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:

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Robert Bendavid         | Clare Sheldon           |
| Helen Sarah Glazer      | Irving Sheldon          |
| Frances Goodman         | Victor Shiff            |
| Frances Roslyn Phillips | Bernard Emanuel Staiman |
| Murray Phillips         | Fern Sugarman           |
| Bette Risen             | Philip White            |

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.

## Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

Beth Tzedec has a number of opportunities for members wishing to support our *tzedakah* initiatives. Honour the memory of a loved one by making a contribution to one of our funds or inscribing a siddur on a yahrtzeit. For a complete list of Synagogue funds, call 416-781-3511.



Passover Menu 2022 | 5782

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All Orders Must be Received by Sunday April 10th, 2022

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SOUPS & APPETIZERS

- QTY Butternut Squash and Pear Soup \$16 per litre (serves 4)
Chicken Noodle Soup with Brunoise of Carrot, Celery, Onion and Diced Chicken \$20 per litre (serves 4)
Clear Chicken Soup \$12 per litre (serves 4)
Matzah Balls \$2 per piece
Sweet Gefilte Fish With Beet Horseradish \$4 per 4oz portion
Salt and Pepper Gefilte Fish With Beet Horseradish \$4 per 4oz portion

SALAD

- Mixed Green Salad with Orange, Grapefruit, Mandarin Segments, Sweet Pickled Heirloom Carrots, Honey Berry Dressing \$6 per portion
Baby Spinach Salad With Roasted Red and Golden Beets, Balsamic Vinaigrette \$6 per portion

SIDES/STARCH

- Herb Crisp Potato with Garlic Chimichurri \$6 per portion (6oz. portions)
Potato Kugel \$14 per pan (7" x 4")
Apple Kugel \$16 per pan (7" x 4")
Herb Sautéed Mixed Vegetables \$6 per portion (6oz. portions)

SEDER SET MENU

- \$45 per person Minimum 2 People
\$40 per person for set of 10

Seder Set Menu includes:

- Chicken Noodle Matzah Ball Soup
Baby Spinach Salad with Roasted Red and Golden Beets, Balsamic Vinaigrette
Pan Seared Chicken Supreme Served with Mango Peach Salsa with Au Jus
Herb Crisp Potato with Garlic Chimichurri
Sautéed Mixed Vegetables
Choice of Dessert:
frozen lemon cake flourless chocolate cake

MAINS

- QTY Pan Seared Chicken Supreme Served with Mango Peach Salsa and Au Jus \$19 per portion
Citrus Glazed Salmon Served with Citrus Pomegranate Salsa \$22 per 8 oz portion
Montreal Spiced Braised Brisket Served with Au Jus \$28 per 8oz portion cooked weight

ADDITIONAL

- Cajun Spiced Chicken Leg Quarters \$12 for 2 pieces \$25 for 6 pieces
Chicken Fingers with Ketchup and Plum Sauce \$30 per dozen
Crispy Chicken Wings with Smokey BBQ Sauce \$24 per dozen
Charoset \$16 per 500 ml
Seder Plate \$20 per plate
Red Beet Horseradish \$7.50 per 250 ml

PLEASE NOTE:
MINIMUM SPEND
\$90 + HST

INDIVIDUAL DESSERTS

- Frozen Lemon Cake \$7.50 per individual piece \$65 per whole cake
Flourless Chocolate Cake \$7 per individual piece \$60 per whole cake

CLIENT INFORMATION

Name
Address
Phone # ( ) - Date / /
Email

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Expiry Date / CCV
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# Eit Zamir

AN EVENING OF HEALING AND RENEWAL



**Sunday, June 2 at 7:00 PM**

It is the time for song. We have travelled quite a journey through this time of pandemic. On the days leading up to Shavuot, together with an All Star collection of musical guests, join us as we acknowledge the healing that is necessary and celebrate the renewal that is possible.

Artist-in-residence, Aviva Chernick, hosts this special evening of song together with our very own *Hazzan* Sidney Ezer and a host of special guests including, Israeli superstar Achinoam Nini and her musical partner Gil Dor!