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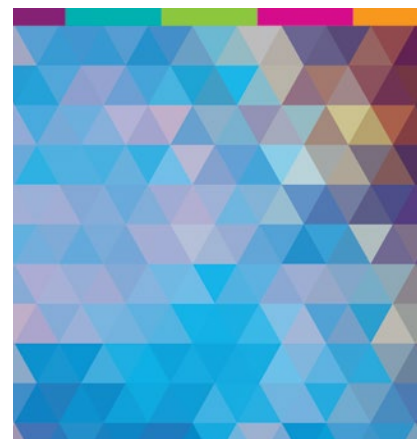
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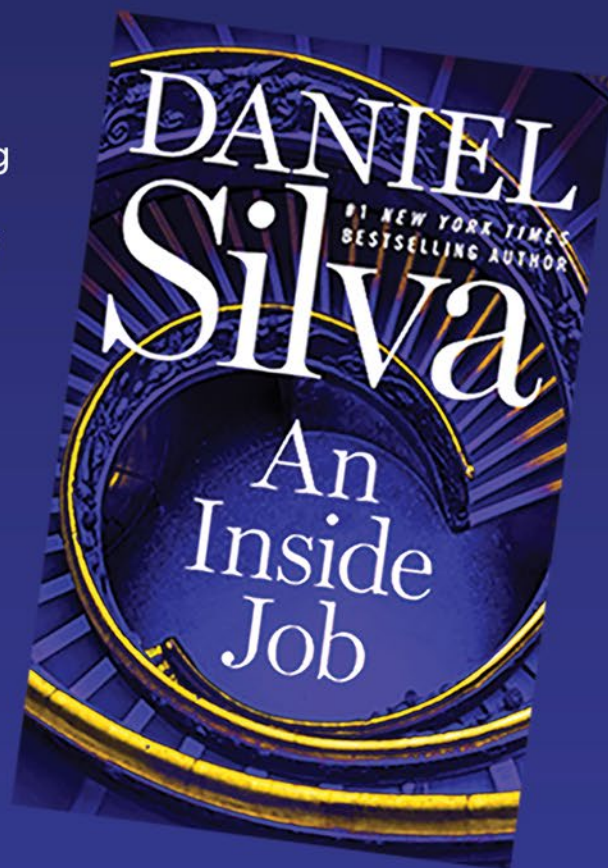
An Inside Job:

Daniel Silva

Sunday, July 27 at 4:00 PM

at Beth Tzedec

Internationally renowned and best-selling author Daniel Silva comes back to Beth Tzedec to speak about and sign copies of his latest book, *An Inside Job*.



*Sometimes the only way to
recover a stolen masterpiece
is to steal it back . . .*

Tickets on sale now.
(Includes a copy of An Inside Job.)



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Rabbi Steven Wernick

Every summer, the rhythm of life slows just enough to allow space for deeper reading, whether at the cottage, on a porch or in the stillness of a quiet study.

Summer Jewish Reading List

Jews are the People of the Book, not just because we read, but because we believe reading changes us. Our texts are not only ancient and sacred; they are also urgent and contemporary. Every summer, the rhythm of life slows just enough to allow space for deeper reading, whether at the cottage, on a porch or in the stillness of a quiet study.

The following is my summer reading list. It brings together books that challenge, uplift, provoke and inform. They ask questions that matter: How do we live ethically? What does justice demand of us? How do memory and narrative shape our future? Whether through fiction, memoir, theology, or politics, these books help us think Jewishly about a chaotic world.

What's on your list? Let's grab coffee and discuss! Happy reading!

1. The Genius of Israel: The Surprising Resilience of a Divided Nation in a Turbulent World

Dan Senor and Saul Singer (2023)

An uplifting exploration of Israel's social cohesion and adaptability in times of crisis. It identifies the values—family, national service, tradition, and identity—that help explain Israeli resilience.

Beth Tzedec is honoured to host Dan Senor on November 4 as part of our 70th Anniversary celebrations.

2. The Gates of Gaza: A Story of Betrayal, Survival, and Hope in Israel's Borderlands

Amir Tibon (2025)

A deeply personal account of surviving the October 7 Hamas attack, woven with sharp political critique of Israel's leadership and security failures.

3. The War of Return: How Western Indulgence of the Palestinian Dream Has Obstructed the Path to Peace

Adi Schwartz and Einat Wilf (2020)

A bold argument that the Palestinian insistence on the 'right of return' is the central obstacle to peace. The authors, liberals themselves, challenge liberal assumptions and advocate a new framework for justice and coexistence.

4. Can We Talk About Israel? A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted

Daniel Sokatch (2021)

Written by the head of the New Israel Fund, this approachable, often humorous book gives voice to both Israeli and Palestinian narratives. Sokatch doesn't flatten complexity but equips readers to engage honestly with one of the most divisive issues in Jewish life today.

5. The Triumph of Life: A Narrative Theology of Judaism

Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg (2025)

A powerful summation of Greenberg's theological vision: that Jewish history after the Holocaust demands a life-affirming, covenantal partnership with God, rooted in dignity, freedom and hope.

6. The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (2002)

In this timeless work, Rabbi Sacks champions a theology of pluralism and mutual respect, asserting that difference is not a threat but a divine gift.



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7. We Stand Divided: The Rift Between American Jews and Israel

Daniel Gordis (2019)

A sobering diagnosis of the cultural and ideological divide growing between American Jews and Israelis. Gordis offers both critique and hope for a renewed shared Jewish story.

8. The New Jewish Canon: Ideas and Debates, 1980–2015

Edited by Yehuda Kurtzer and Claire Sufrin (2020)

This anthology brings together defining texts of modern Jewish life—on Zionism, feminism, pluralism, theology and more—paired with insightful contemporary commentaries.

9. Believe: The Christian Case for Faith

Ross Douhat (2025)

Though written from a Christian perspective, Douhat's nuanced defence of belief in a secular age resonates with broader questions of tradition, doubt and spiritual hunger.

10. The Ethics of Memory

Avishai Margalit (2002)

A philosophical meditation on when remembering is a moral obligation—and when forgetting may be. Relevant to Holocaust memory, justice and historical responsibility.

11. Mom's Diary: A Story of Loss, Reflection, and Hope

Michael R. West (2023)

A moving memoir of a son's discovery of his mother's diary during her battle with cancer. West's reflections explore grief, healing and the legacy of love.

12. For Such a Time as This: On Being Jewish Today

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove (2025)

In this timely and poignant work, my friend and colleague Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, senior rabbi at Park Avenue Synagogue, reflects on the challenges and responsibilities of Jewish identity in the contemporary world. Drawing inspiration from the Book of Esther, he explores themes of antisemitism, Israel-Diaspora relations, and the evolving nature of liberal Judaism, particularly in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel. Cosgrove urges readers to embrace their Jewishness with courage and commitment, emphasizing the importance of community, tradition, and moral clarity in navigating today's complexities.



Please refrain from wearing scented products like perfumes, colognes, moisturizers, hair products, etc. Scented products can cause migraines and asthma attacks.



Don Smith

Bringing the Light

Beth Tzedec has dozens of programs and events on an ongoing basis. With prayer, study, meditation, grieving support, food insecurity and so many others related to almost every aspect of our lives, embodied in our six core values.

I went to the Family Shabbat Experience and Dinner a few weeks ago. There I was tasked with “security” as it relates to young children. My job was to prevent them from running and ensure no one got hurt during play. I’ll get back to that in a moment.

Kabbalat Shabbat was, as expected, loud and raucous and full of energy. I checked out the service but my place was at the greeting table. As someone with a short attention span, I love welcoming and focusing on being helpful; it’s a great way to meet people.

The first lesson for me at the check-in/welcome table is that almost everyone who came was very familiar with the Family Shabbat Experience and Dinner. Many were large family groups or met up with other families for an evening out. I didn’t need to be a fountain of information. This crowd was very comfortable and at home everywhere in the shul.

That was an eye-opener. The area around the Herman Hall was jammed and there were hundreds of people in the building and kids buzzing around, enjoying the space as only kids can.

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insecurity and so many others related to almost every aspect of our lives, embodied in our six core values. They all have one thing in common: they are being lived and enjoyed from a Jewish perspective. The dinner exemplified that.

Back to my security detail that Friday night. Dinner was fabulous—we are blessed to have Apex Catering—and after dinner, the parents were still at the tables, chatting and relaxing while the children were at various activities.

This is the point of this brief narrative. There were activities with toys, props and games, which must have taken hours and hours to prepare.

Penina, Cantor Audrey and Shirel were down on their hands and knees right in the middle of the action, having as much fun as the kids. That’s when I realized that I didn’t really need to watch out for anything. All the children were having a great time: the joy of seeing children play told the whole story. Everyone who was there, from toddlers to grandparents, was as comfortable and happy as in their own homes.

We are truly a destination for Jewish community living (and fun)!

—Don

Inspiring and enabling our community to live meaningful Jewish lives.

Call us for information!

For information about membership, contact Klara at 416-781-3514, ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.



Milestones and Celebrations

We can't share your good news unless you tell us about it. Send an email to thumphries@beth-tzedec.org or call 416-781-3514, ext. 212. The deadline for the next *Bulletin* covering September 1 through November 30 is July 15.



Births

Magnolia Lilith, daughter of Michael Lipton & Rachel Karstadt, granddaughter of Rhonda Safer and Mitch Lipton and Sheri Hirschberg & Charles Karstadt, great-granddaughter of Reva Karstadt and Zelda Safer, **born February 1**.

Augustus Stone, son of Ashley & Ilan Bahar, brother of Sebastian Max, Mackenzie Luna and Theodore Ryan, grandson of Geni & Eli Bahar and Dr. Ricky & Diana Kochman, nephew of Maya & Steve Castle and cousin of Dylan Jacob Castle, **born February 19**.

Nitzan Sultana, daughter of Jess Burke & Shani Gil, granddaughter of Ilana & Michael Gil and Todd & Suzette Burke, **born March 25**.

Beatrice Annette, daughter of Becca & Jared Lindzon, granddaughter of Susan & Paul Lindzon and Karen & Steven Gill (of St. Catharines), great-granddaughter of Phyllis Flatt and Phyllis Lindzon, **born April 23**.



Theo Rowan, daughter of Rachel Wallach & Carin Ferdowsian, granddaughter of Nina & Larry Wallach, Laura Wiseman and Barry Rubinoff and Linda & Fred Ferdowsian, great-granddaughter of Toby Wallach, **born May 23**.

Congratulations

Lev Bar-Isaac, son of Yeheskel & Marcee Bar-Isaac, who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on July 5.

Mark Lapedus, who celebrated his 78th birthday on April 5.

Marvin & Barbara Miller, who will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 7.

Weddings

Jeremy Kay, son of Risa & Michael Kay, grandson of Phil & Fauna Lidsky and Shelly and the late Frances Kay, and **Sophie Shief**, daughter of Shelley Shief and Colin Shief, who were married on March 9 (in London England).

Many Thanks

Prof. Bruce & Nancy Elman, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on March 8 honouring their granddaughter **Maya Elman** on her Bat Mitzvah.

Phyllis Flatt and Harold & Carole Wolfe, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on March 8, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Wolfe**.

Mitch Lipton & Rhonda Safer and Sheri Hirschberg & Charles Karstadt, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 5 honouring the naming of their granddaughter **Magnolia Lilith Lipton**.

Howard Simmons & Joyce Nesker Simmons, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 12 honouring their granddaughter **Nora Simmons** on her Bat Mitzvah.

The Tanenbaum Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 13 commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Tanenbaum**.

Manny Snyder and the late Marilyn Snyder and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 10 honouring the naming of **Reese Blake Friedlich**.

Renee Kaufman, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 22 honouring her son **Reed Kaufman** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Franklin & Lisa Gwartz and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 24 honouring **Lisa** on her 60th birthday.

Marc & Sloane Freeman, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 31 honouring their son **Bobby Freeman** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Michael & Brooke Yasskin, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 31 honouring their son **Asher Yasskin** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Andria & Greg Rodin and Beth Gamulka & Wally Levitt, who who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 2 honouring **Rabbi Lara Rodin** on her ordination and installation as Assistant Rabbi.

Stephen & Stephanie Shulman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 14 honouring **Aaron Shulman & Catarina Stabile Leite** on their upcoming marriage.

Karen & Peter Wolanski, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 21 honouring **Lauren Wolanski & Brenden Livshits** on their upcoming marriage.

Mazal Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



May 22
Reed Kaufman
son Jesse &
Renee Kaufman

ראובן בן אברהם ורוחמה



May 31
Bobby Freeman
son of Marc and
Sloane Freeman

הלל עזרא בן משה הלוי וישראלה



May 31
Asher Yasskin
son of Michael and
Brooke Yasskin

אברהם יונה בן משה ושמחה



August 30
Oscar Lipkus
son of Nathaniel Lipkus
& Amanda Steiman

יודל בן נתן ושרה

The Kaplan Family Fund for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program

Beth Tzedec Congregation is pleased to be able to offer two financial assistance awards of \$450 each to qualifying students. These awards are made possible thanks to the Kaplan Family in memory of Charles and Pearl Kaplan and Robert and Estherelke Kaplan. Applications will be confidentially reviewed and decisions will be made based on financial need. Questions regarding confidentiality may be discussed with Phil David, Executive Director, prior to submission.

To access the application form, visit <https://bit.ly/kaplan-bbm-assist-award>.

To read Michael Kaplan's message about the his family's connection to Beth Tzedec and the Kaplan Family Fund, visit <https://bit.ly/kaplan-family-fund>



Yeheskel & Marcee Bar-Isaac, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on July 5 honouring their son **Lev** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Laura Lesser, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on July 19 honouring her special birthday.

Rabbi Lara Rodin and Jonah Levitt, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on July 19 honouring **Rabbi Lara** on her 30th birthday.

Nathaniel Lipkus & Amanda Steiman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on August 30 honouring their son **Oscar Lipkus** on his Bar Mitzvah.

BODY AND SOUL

SUMMER WALKING GROUP

Wednesday mornings 9:00 to 10:30 AM
July 2, 9, 16 & 23

Exercise your body and soul with Rabbi Fryer Bodzin for a bit of Torah and some brisk walking. Please remember to bring water, sunscreen and a hat.



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Chai-er LEARNING:

York U @ BT Speaker Series The Contemporary Jewish Experience

October 22, December 11, January 26, March 11, April 16 and June 3 at 7:45 PM

Chai-er Learning will feature six insightful presentations by leading academics, examining how Jewish communities interact with Israeli society and with diverse cultural and social groups.

There is no charge, but registration is required. To Register via <https://bit.ly/chai-er-learning>.





Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

*We are inheritors
of a rich tradition
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culture.*

LEARN at Beth Tzedec

Dear friends,

It is such a delight to share that beginning in the fall, Beth Tzedec will attempt to offer 70 unique learning opportunities to honour our 70th anniversary.

Ongoing successful learning opportunities such as Lishma, the Book and Film Club and Torah Through the Ages will continue to inspire our community to think and learn. Torah Through a Mindfulness Lens, Na'aleh and Torah and Tree Pose will continue to open our minds, hearts and spirits. We will bring in excellent guest speakers, including Dan Senor.

One of the ways we will infuse the Beth Tzedec value of **LEARN** into the rhythm of our community will be by offering new learning prompts and texts during the breakfast that follows Daily Minyan. The Spiritual Leader responsible for each day's minyan will choose the texts.

In the fall, with the help of our member Norman Kahn, we are offering a one-time class for the Kohanim in our community on how to properly carry out some of their sacred tasks, including *pidyon haben*.

We are beyond excited to be entering into new partnerships. As of this publication, we will offer learning programs together with York University and UHN. York will bring their teachers and their Torah to us. Our Spiritual Leaders will share our unique Torah with the UHN network.

Our most ambitious offering will start this fall. Once the High Holy Days season is completed and our sukkot are disassembled, our new Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class will begin. The class will meet twice a month for two years on Sunday mornings, with a big break in the summer. While I will be the lead teacher and curriculum designer, Rabbi Steve Wernick, Rabbi Lara Rodin

and Yacov Fruchter will also teach the cohort.

This class is for adults in our community who did not have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age 12 or 13. It will be a marvelous opportunity for people who converted to Judaism, as well as men and women who were not offered the opportunity when they were younger.

Topics in the first year will include Jewish time, kosher dietary laws, prayer, family obligations, Shabbat and Jewish pride. After two years, at the conclusion of the course, we anticipate that participants will deliver a *d'var Torah*, read a short Torah reading and come up to the Torah for an aliyah.

The Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class will elevate the Beth Tzedec values of **LEARN** and **CONNECT**. Registration will be ready over the summer. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Pirkei Avot begins with:

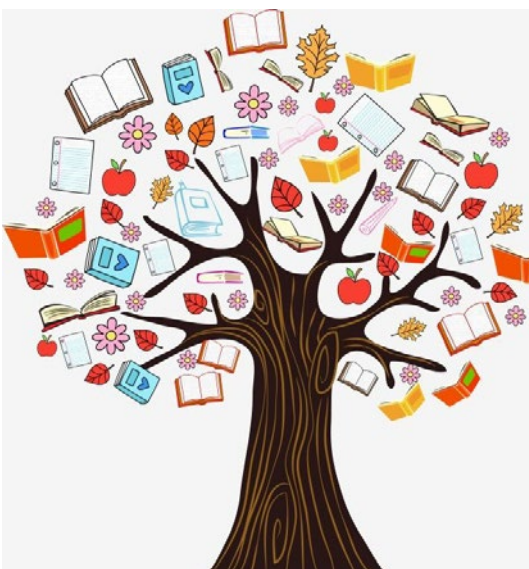
"Moses received the Torah at Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua, Joshua to the elders, and the elders to the prophets, and the prophets to the Men of the Great Assembly."

We are inheritors of a rich tradition of text, history and culture. Our Torah and teachings have been transmitted from generation to generation since Sinai.

May you find an opportunity to learn in our offerings during our 70th anniversary year.

Many blessings,

Rabbi Fryer Bodzin





Cantor Sidney Ezer

The right nusach at the right time puts the worshipper in a receptive mood to appreciate the special flavour at that time of year.

Nusach a la “Mode”

When I was a cantorial student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, one of the requirements each year was a *nusach* presentation. It entailed preparing a section of a given service to be performed in front of the students and faculty. In the initial year, when I was in Israel, we had to present a section of the weekday service. Upon the return to New York, the second year at JTS involved Shabbat liturgy. The third and fourth years covered the High Holy Days and *Shalosh Regalim* (pilgrimage festivals), respectively. Though in the final year there was no *nusach* presentation, each student underwent a formal oral examination on all the liturgical prayer modes.

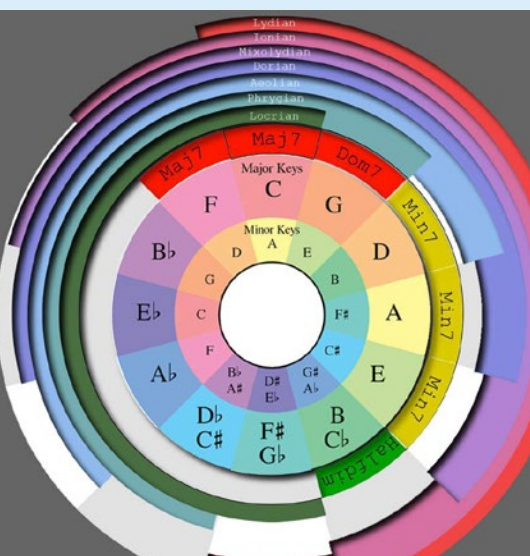
In addition to properly demonstrating the correct prayer modes of a given service, when curating these *nusach* presentations, one had to incorporate congregational melodies. To further enhance the experience, there was also the option of recruiting fellow students as choristers, if one desired. Each student would meet weekly with a member of the faculty for cantorial coaching. The faculty member also served as an advisor, helping the student in curating and preparing the *nusach* presentation. On the day of these presentations, the individual student’s cantorial coach and other members of the faculty would give critical feedback on the choice of repertoire and its delivery. With some of the comments, however, it often felt like an old episode of American Idol in the days of Simon Cowell. Among the students, the *nusach* presentation soon became jokingly known as the “you suck” presentation.

All kidding aside, *nusach* constitutes the heart and soul of Jewish musical tradition. In the current age, when it is often neglected, cantors are the last bastion of hope in its

preservation. *Nusach* literally means “formula” or “usage”. Each service has its appropriate *nusach* so that each service will have its distinctive sound. *Nusach* acts as a *leitmotiv*—an important and characteristic melody that is identified with a particular season or service. For each piece, there is an appropriate time of day or season associated with it. A prime example is the *Hatzi Kaddish* (half kaddish) prior to the *Amidah* (standing prayer). For weekdays, Shabbat, High Holy Days and *Shalosh Regalim*, there is a different *Hatzi Kaddish* for each of the four services: *Ma’ariv*, *Shacharit*, *Musaf* and *Mincha*. For the conclusion of Yom Kippur, there is even a fifth special kaddish for *Neilah*. I remember one year at Beth Tzedec, Cantor Meir Finkelstein demonstrating the various settings of kaddish used throughout the Jewish liturgical year.

The right *nusach* at the right time puts the worshipper in a receptive mood to appreciate the special flavour at that time of year. However, if one attends shul only on High Holy Days or on Shabbat, one is exposed to only that *nusach* and melodies and will erroneously import these into regular services. A case in point is weekday *Shacharit*, beginning at *Yishtabach* on page 29 of the weekday Sim Shalom Siddur. The traditional *nusach* from *Yishtabach* until the beginning of the *Amidah* on weekdays is the *Ahavah Rabbah* mode. This mode is named after the prayer in *Shacharit* which precedes the *Shema*.

Thinking in terms of a musical scale, the fundamental characteristics of the *Ahavah Rabbah* mode are a minor second and major third. In other words, there is a semitone interval between the first note and the second note, and an augmented second (an interval of three semitones) between the second note and the third note.



You may have heard the term “*freygish*”, a scale that is prominently used in Klezmer music. Chazzan and composer Hirsh Weintraub (1811-1881) coined this expression for *Ahava Rabbah* because of the semitone between the first and second note. The name was taken from the Phrygian mode, one of the church modes, which also begins with a semitone. Popular examples of melodies in the *Ahava Rabbah* mode are “Tradition” from Fiddler on the Roof as well as “Hava Nagilah”.

However, nine out of ten *daveners* will chant weekday *Shacharit* using the *nusach* for Shabbat morning. This is because most Jews do not attend weekday services and will erroneously employ what they are accustomed to hearing at Shabbat services. The *nusach* for Shabbat morning is the *Magen Avot* mode, the characteristics of which are comparable to a natural minor scale. The Torah blessings before

and after an aliyah are an example of this minor/*Magen Avot* mode. Weekday *Ma'ariv* is another instance where force of habit interferes with tradition. The proper *nusach* for weekday *Ma'ariv* from the *Barchu* until the private *amidah* is *Ahava Rabbah*, as it is in weekday *Shacharit*. Yet you will often hear people who lead weekday *Ma'ariv* chanting it in the minor mode, the way one chants the Torah blessings before and after an aliyah.

When I work with adults and teens on *davening* skills, I try to encourage learning and employing the correct *nusach*. As a cantor in the modern world where traditional *nusach* is gradually disappearing and going out of fashion, I consider it my responsibility to uphold and share the musical legacies passed down to us over the generations. Recently, there have been a few congregants in the year of mourning who attend weekday and Shabbat services

regularly and who have taken it upon themselves to honour the memory of their loved ones by learning to lead weekday services. I began the path to the cantorate by learning to daven when I was saying *Kaddish* for my late father. Learning to *daven* is a very rewarding experience.

As Beth Tzedec marks its 70th anniversary, perhaps more of you will consider joining us at weekday minyan and taking up a ritual skill like leading weekday services. Both Lorne Hanick and I are available to teach you the basics. Feel free to reach out to either of us.

I realize it can be intimidating but I promise you the experience will not be like another *nusach* presentation (or “you suck” presentation). Rather, it will be *nusach* a la “mode.”

Renew Your Commitment to Beth Tzedec

Our annual Member renewal drive kicks off on July 3! Watch your inbox and mail box for details coming soon.

To renew or become a Beth Tzedec member, or to learn more about our Generations Membership initiative, contact Klara Romm at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.



Cantor Audrey Klein

Seize the Summer... and Shabbat

The warm weather and long hours of daylight in the summer lend themselves perfectly to Shabbat: a time when we are instructed to slow down, pause the busyness of life, and spend time with the people who are special to us

In a recent Spiritual Leadership Team meeting, someone posed the question, “Now that the weather is getting nicer, what are you most looking forward to?” Without hesitation, I answered, “Dining *al fresco*” (“outside” or literally “in the fresh air” in Italian). To me, there is something so quintessentially summer about long meals while sitting on a patio, enjoying delicious food and drink, and having great conversation with beloved friends and family (bonus points if there are twinkle lights—who doesn’t love twinkle lights?).

In the summer of 2021, still in the throes of COVID, social bubbles and only seeing friends outside, my husband and I decided we had had enough of only seeing one another, especially on Shabbat, so we invited our dear friend Greg over for Shabbat lunch on our balcony. We lucked out and it was one of those perfect summer afternoons with no humidity and a slight breeze, where we sat out there for many hours, eating colourful summer salads and fresh fruit and, eventually, popsicles and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

While drinking crisp white wine, we talked and laughed—Greg has the uncanny ability to make me laugh so hard I cry, which he managed to do several times that afternoon. Maybe because it had been over a year since we had someone over for Shabbat, or maybe because it was my textbook definition of an ideal summer day, that simple lunch is a memory I know I will cherish for a long time. And yes, there were twinkle lights—we have some on a timer along our balcony railing.

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And there are so many ways you can seize the summer and Shabbat at the same time! Bring your favourite board game outside and play on the back deck (just be mindful of playing cards or small game pieces and the breeze). Get everyone in the house to grab a book and a cold drink and sit in the backyard, reading together (also a great way to get that required summer reading out of the way). Take the dog for an extra-long walk in your neighbourhood, or venture down a path you haven’t taken yet (you both could probably use the exercise). Plan a potluck picnic in a local park with friends (pro-tip: a muffin tin makes for an excellent cup holder to keep drinks upright while sitting on the ground). Go to the local splash pad (a bunch of Beth Tzedec families often end up at the one in Cedarvale Park on Shabbat afternoons, come stop by!)

Although in Judaism, it seems like there are blessings for almost every aspect of life, there is no prescribed



blessing for summer. Of course, there is *Shehechyanu*, the *bracha* (blessing) we say, often upon doing something for the first time, thanking God for life and bringing us to the present moment. While appropriate, it doesn't capture the specialness of a perfect summer day.

I hope this blessing, penned by master Jewish poet-liturgist Alden Solovy, helps set the tone for a summer filled with delicious sustenance, meaningful connection and a breath of fresh air (and maybe some twinkle lights).

For Summer

Heat and light,
Day overtakes night,
Warm air settles over the earth,
The land vibrant with growth.
Your creatures build and thrive.
Mornings, alive with motion,
As warmth surrenders to heat.
Nights, bursting forth with wonder.
Bless this day, God of seasons,
Bless the summer with energy and vitality
So that all of Your creatures
Enter the coming seasons
With the fullness of Your bounty.
God of time and space,
May this season be a blessing and a teacher.
Make me like the land,
Fertile with sustenance and beauty.
Make me like the midnight sky,
Sparkling with ancient gifts.
Bless my days with service
And my evenings with rest.
Make me like the summer dawn,
Vibrant, awake, vital and ready.

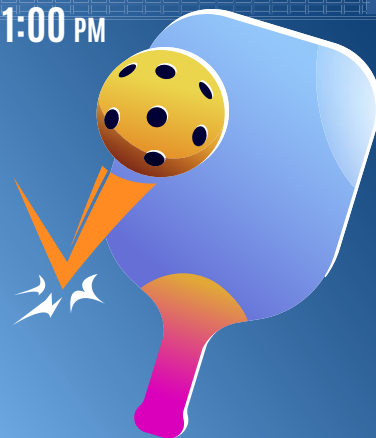
—From *The Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day* by Alden Solovy (www.tobendlight.com)

20s and 30s

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Aviva Chernick

On Being a Director

I am a director by training. I graduated from university with an Honours BFA in directing theatre. Contrary to what you might think, the bulk of the training did not have us up on our feet making plays happen.

We trained for set, lighting, costume design, playwriting and theatre history. I honed my acting craft and began my professional movement and dance training. When I finally approached my first script, I was well-equipped. My toolkit was full and the breadth of my knowledge was expansive.

After six years as the inaugural Artist-in-Residence and a member of the Spiritual Leadership Team at Beth Tzedec, I am stepping into a new role, the first dedicated Director of the Centre for Spiritual Well-Being. Although these two director contexts are different, there is some similarity in the way I have gathered experience, tools and knowledge in preparation for this new adventure.

This is the current description of the purpose and goals of the Centre:

“The Centre for Spiritual Well-Being is a shift in the way we approach personal and community well-being at Beth Tzedec.

We are doing this by focusing on the ancient idea of *shlaymoot*. Shlaymoot refers to the peace and contentment that comes from caring for your mental, emotional and physical health, along with your relationship to the values and beliefs that give life purpose.

Those values and beliefs are particularly important today because we are living in a time of historic paradigm shifts impacting the very nature of the human experience.

The Beth Tzedec Centre for Spiritual Well-Being will create a community of shared Jewish language and practices to reconnect us to ourselves, to each other and to the sacred in new and traditional ways.”

The majority of my programs already fall under the heading of the Centre—Torah Through a Mindfulness Lens, Bree-Ah: Practices of Prayer and Creativity, Song Circles, Let’s Sit/LGBTQ+ meditation gatherings for Sukkot and Pride and, most recently, co-creating *Na’aleh*—Toronto Jewish Mindfulness Collective to nurture a Jewish Mindfulness community’s

I pray that, together, we will find much delight and comfort in the offerings of the Centre, and that the Centre will prove to be a support for those at Beth Tzedec and in the greater community as well as a hub for spiritual practice across the country.

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For information about membership, contact Klara at 416-781-3514, ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.

practices here in Toronto and surrounding areas.

My colleagues on the Spiritual Leadership Team have also created and facilitated incredible programming through the Centre—Torah and Tree Pose, Body and Soul Walking Group, Grieving Together, Wise Aging, A Seat at the Table and much more.

I have been tasked with discovering what the vision for the Centre will be going forward and what, specifically, we will offer as the content to help realize that vision.

I will not be doing any of this alone. This coming year, I will engage in

strategic planning, meeting with colleagues and congregants, and seeking out advice and feedback.

Concurrently, I will continue to lead my programs listed above and be the staff person on the REDI Committee, co-leading Shabbat at the Floor, helping to build and organize our LGBTQ+ community, and offering mentoring and spiritual care.

I come to this role humbly, unsure of the exact path ahead. I understand, however, that with a commitment to learning together with you what is required, a successful path will unfold.

At the same time, I feel confident that I am bringing to my new position

six years of an ever-deepening relationship with our Beth Tzedec community, over 20 years of Jewish leadership and 25-plus years as a professional artist engaged with audiences and congregations worldwide.

I am honoured to step into this role and grateful to be entrusted with it. I pray that, together, we will find much delight and comfort in the offerings of the Centre, and that the Centre will prove to be a support for those at Beth Tzedec and in the greater community as well as a hub for spiritual practice across the country.

Let's meet lakeside for some Torah in Cottage Country!

Muskoka Scholar Brunch

With Rabbi Lara Rodin

Sunday, July 20

Join friends from Beth Tzedec at the first-ever Muskoka Scholar Brunch. While you're enjoying time away from the city, make your way to a cottage on a lake in Muskoka near Bala where Rabbi Lara Rodin will lead a learning session followed by lunch.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/muskoka-scholar-brunch>



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

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Bequest and Estate Giving



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- Confirm Your Gift**
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All information is confidential. No legal or financial commitment is required to begin.



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- Create a lasting Jewish legacy

Your gift ensures Beth Tzedec remains strong, relevant, and resilient for generations to come.

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For more information, contact Jonathan Ain, Director of Development
at 416.781.3514 ext. 229 or jain@beth-tzedec.org

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



Beth Tzedec's ChazaKits: A Hug from the Beth Tzedec Community

Beth Tzedec is the place where we share our lives' journeys—the ups and the downs. We'll all go through them; no one's immune. We're introducing a way to help our friends and families get through the most intense and challenging times: a collective Beth Tzedec hug in the form of a box with a handle.

ChazaKits have been carefully curated around life events such as the birth of a sibling, divorce and separation, a death of a loved one, when a loved one has a mental health challenge or disease, a newly blended family, a major change in living arrangements.

Recipients can keep the ChazaKits for as long as they find them helpful, and return them when they're ready so other families can use them.

If you know of a family who could benefit from receiving a ChazaKit—just call the office or send an email to any Beth Tzedec staff member, tell them the family and the situation, and we'll get a ChazaKit to them. It's that simple.

For more information or to request a ChazaKit, contact Penina Hoffnung at phoffnung@beth-tzedec.org.



Making a Minyan: WhatsApp Group Saturday and Weekday Services

We need your help to make a minyan for morning and evening services. *Daveners* can use our WhatsApp reservation system to see which services require additional attendance to form a minyan.

To register for the WhatsApp group, visit <https://www.bethtzedec.tv/book>.

Connect



Thursday Games Afternoons Thursday afternoons

12:30 to 3:30 PM

Join us for a social afternoon of Mahjong, Bridge and Canasta. For beginners and seasoned veterans alike. Light refreshments will be available.

Cost: \$2, supporting our *chesed* initiatives.



Shabbat Morning Fun

(For children ages 0 to 12)

Saturday mornings 9:30 AM

Join us for a children's Shabbat experience that builds Jewish knowledge and community.

- 9:30 am — Free Shabbat play
- 10:30 am — Age appropriate Tefillah/prayer experiences, participation permitting. With special guests like our *shinshinim* to tell us about life in Israel, and other guests as well.
- 11:30 am — Blessings and snacks

Children ages 3 and younger require adult accompaniment; those ages 4 and up can be dropped off.



Shabbat Afternoon Games Café and Open Gym

For the summer, the Shabbat Games Cafe will only open on rainy days so that families can get outside and enjoy the sunshine.



BT 20s & 30s at the Jays Game Monday, July 21 6:30 PM

Hey 20s & 30s sports fans, do you love going to the Rogers Centre and watching baseball? Been jonesing for a kosher hotdog? Or maybe just love a theme and look really cute in blue? Join us for an evening out watching the Jays take on division rivals, the New York Yankees.

Purchase an Outfield District ticket online (\$20). via <https://bit.ly/outfield-district-TM>; **RSVP via** <https://bit.ly/20s-30s-blue-jays>



Tzingles Shabbat Dinner Friday, June 13 at 7:15 PM

Turn your Friday into a spiritual, social delight for all your senses. Delicious food from Apex Catering, lovely company and new friends and old. Join us! Our Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 6:00 pm.

Cost for dinner. Pre-registration required by Monday, June 9 via <https://bit.ly/Tzingles-June-2025>.

TZINGLES CONNECTIONS IS OUR GROUP FOR GEN-X AND BOOMER SINGLES, AGES 55 TO 74.



Community-Wide Pride Shabbat Friday, June 20 at 6:00 PM

With queer and allied clergy leading a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service, a delicious kosher dinner and opportunities to celebrate both our LGBTQ+ and Jewish identities, this is a night you won't want to miss.

This event is organized by a coalition of organizations who are working towards LGBTQ+ inclusion in all aspects of Jewish life. This event centers LGBTQ+ Jewish community members and allies to both Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities are more than welcome to join us.

Cost for dinner. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit <https://app.amilia.com/store/en/miles-nadal-jcc/shop/activities/5751982>.

Please Return Our *Sim Shalom Siddurim*



Over the past few years, Beth Tzedec has loaned copies of our *Sim Shalom Siddurim* for those following weekday services via Zoom. Our supply has been depleted to the point that we are short for our in-person daveners.

If you borrowed copies of *Sim Shalom* or our other *siddurim* and *machzorim*, please return them to Beth Tzedec at your earliest opportunity. They can be left with our security staff at any time.



YESH: Youth, Energy, Shabbat, Happiness: End of Year Celebration (For Grades 5 to 8)

Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 AM

As we close out the year, join us for a special YESH "Shabbaton"! We'll start with our Shabbat morning program then head to Kiddush. Afterwards, we'll spend the afternoon and evening playing games, participating in fun activities and hanging out with our friends. We'll conclude with Havdalah and a graduation for our Grade 8s, as well as creating new traditions for welcoming in our newest YESH friends—next year's Grade 5 class.

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Family Shabbat Experience and Dinner

Friday, June 20 at 5:15 PM

Join us for our fabulous Family Shabbat experience and dinner. Pre-registration is required, and it is recommended that families register well in advance.

Registration is now closed. The 2025-2026 Family Shabbat Experience and Dinner information will be included in the September Bulletin.

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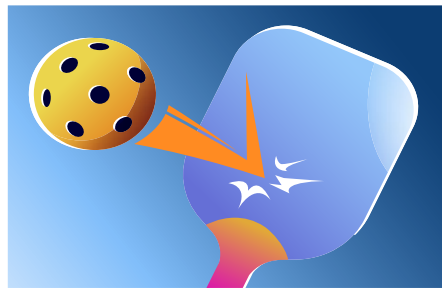
Body and Soul Summer Walking Group

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16 & 23

9:00 to 10:30 AM

Wednesday mornings, exercise your body and soul with Rabbi Fryer Bodzin for a bit of Torah and some brisk walking. We will meet at in Beth Tzedec's lower parking lot. Please remember to bring water, sunscreen and a hat. We will not meet on rainy days.

No charge but registration is requested via <https://bit.ly/body-and-soul-2025>.



20s & 30s Pickle Party! Pickleball Drop-In at Branksome Hall

Sunday, July 6

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join us for a fun and social Pickleball drop-in event at the Branksome Hall courts, designed especially for players who are familiar with the game but not quite experts or brand new. Expect friendly, competitive games with others who enjoy pickleball and want to keep improving.

Bring your paddle if you have one—extras will be available. Spaces are limited, so please **register by June 27** to secure your spot!

Cost: \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required via <https://bit.ly/20s-30s-pickleball>.



Babies, Blessings and Shabbat Fun

Fridays, July 18 & 25 and August 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM

Welcome Shabbat with a class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *challah* and lots of fun. We have partnered with L'Dance Classes for for children up to 18 months old, accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$90 for Beth Tzedec members; \$135 for the community.

To register, visit, <https://bit.ly/babies-blessings-summer-2025>.

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An Inside Job: Daniel Silva Returns to Bathurst Street

Sunday, July 27 at 4:00 PM

Sometimes the only way to recover a stolen masterpiece is to steal it back...

Beth Tzedec welcomes internationally renowned and best-selling author **Daniel Silva** who joins us to speak about his latest book, *An Inside Job*. Ticket purchase includes a copy of *An Inside Job*. Following the presentation, he will be available to sign books.

Cost: \$30 per person; \$50 for two people. One copy of *An Inside Job* (retail value \$25.99) will be provided with every ticket purchase of one or two tickets. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/An-Inside-Job-At-BTZ>.



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Cost: \$15 per person. Pre-registration is required via <https://bit.ly/20s-30s-tu-bav-picnic>.



Men's Club Annual Blue Jays Night

Tuesday, August 12;

Time TBC

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is planning their annual Blue Jays Night, when the Jays host the red-hot Chicago Cubs. There are a limited number of tickets, and it sells out every year.

Watch for registration links coming soon.



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

Learn



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program Beginning in October 2025

Our most ambitious offering will start this fall. Once the High Holy Days season is completed and our sukkot are disassembled, our new Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class will begin. The class will meet twice a month for two years on Sunday mornings, with a big break in the summer. While Rabbi Fryer Bodzin will be the lead teacher and curriculum designer, Rabbi Wernick, Rabbi Lara and Yacov will also teach the cohort.

This class is for adults in our community who did not have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age 12 or 13. It will be a marvelous opportunity for people who converted to Judaism, as well as men and women who were not offered the opportunity when they were younger.

Topics in the first year will include Jewish time, kosher dietary laws, prayer, family obligations, Shabbat and Jewish pride. After two years, at the conclusion of the course, we anticipate that participants will deliver a d'var Torah, read a short Torah reading and come up to the Torah for an aliyah.

Watch for registration information in the September Bulletin.



Learn Talmud with Rabbi Steven Wernick

Mondays, June 16 & 23 at 7:30 PM

We will continue our exploration of Tractate Megillah that focuses on the rituals and reading of Megillat Esther and on the public reading of Torah and other sacred texts. No previous experience is required.

Registration is closed.



Torah Through the Ages with Rabbi Fryer Bodzin

**Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM
(Continues through June 19)**

Rabbi Fryer Bodzin leads an in-depth look at the book of Deuteronomy/ Sefer Devarim with traditional and modern commentaries. Having an Etz Chaim chumash is beneficial; other materials will be provided.

There is no charge but pre-registration is required. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/torah-through-ages-2024>.

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Weekday Shacharit Services

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

Begin your day with Beth Tzedec's morning minyan, either in person or virtually on Zoom:

Sundays: <https://zoom.us/j/894447868>

Weekdays: <https://zoom.us/j/733141765>

You can also join by phone. Visit www.beth-tzedec.org for the phone numbers and meeting IDs.



Weekday Mincha-Ma'ariv Services

**Sunday to Thursday evenings:
Check website for times**

At the end of the day, join us in person in the Hendeles Chapel or 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.



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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.

Our Friday evening Services are offered in person in the Hendeles Chapel and livestreamed via <https://bethtzedec.tv>.



Shabbat Sanctuary Services

Every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM

Our Shabbat Service offers the energy and inspiration of a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience as you sing along with Cantor Sidney Ezer. Rabbi Steven Wernick and Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin offer insights into our Torah reading, expertly chanted by ritual director Lorne Hanick.

Lift your soul in prayer as you sing with us or close your eyes in meditation and be carried away by the magnificent harmonic sounds of the service.

Services are offered for in person *daveners* and are livestreamed via <https://www.bethtzedec.tv>.



Little Minyan Learning and Service

Saturdays, June 21 at 9:30 AM

For those looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience, the Little Minyan offers a traditional service in a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere. Participants lead portions of the service, read Torah and Haftarah and share Torah insights. Torah readers, *daveners* and those wishing to give a *d'var Torah* are welcome and are offered skills, support and encouragement. Come to participate or to experience a Shabbat service full of song, spirit and warmth.

Prior to each Little Minyan Service, join Rabbi Fryer Bodzin for our Little Minyan Learning session. Engage your mind before we engage our souls.



Musical Participatory Services

Saturday, June 14 at 9:00 AM

Join us for a Musical Participatory Service led by Cantor Sidney Ezer and the HarmonEzers, our a cappella choir, conducted by Asher Farber. We will explore many classic and familiar melodies, as well as new and modern ones. With inspiring arrangements and innovative harmonies, we welcome you to sing along with us. Services are offered for in person *daveners* and are livestreamed via <https://www.bethtzedec.tv>.



Mincha-Seudah Shlisheet-Ma'ariv

**Every Saturday evening;
check website for times**

Join us for Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheet (the third Sabbath meal) and Torah study. We will then return to the Chapel for Ma'ariv and Havdalah following. This Service is offered in-person only.

Celebrate



Community Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 20 6:00 PM

Please join us at the Miles Nadal JCC for a Pride Shabbat service followed by a vegetarian dinner.

This event centres LGBTQ+ Jewish community members. Allies to both Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities are welcome to join us. Families are encouraged to bring children, with programming offered by *Machane Lev* for ages 7 to 17. Services will be led by Cantor Cheryl Wunch, Kohenet Annie Matan and Aviva Chernick.

Tickets: \$25 for adults; \$10 for children. To register for the program, visit <https://app.amilia.com/store/en/miles-nadal-jcc/shop/activities/5202304>.

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Shirel Barken-Slater

New-ish Faces

Beth Tzedec is thrilled to welcome back Shirel Barken-Slater, who has returned with her family from Israel to take on the role of our Youth and Teen Engagement Specialist.

With a deep-rooted connection to Israel and a lifelong commitment to the Jewish people, Shirel brings extensive experience in education, mentorship, and community leadership. She holds degrees in Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience, as well as a one-year certification in Judaism studies from Midrasha Machon Ora (2007–2008), enriching her knowledge of Jewish heritage and traditions.

Her professional journey includes serving as Youth Engagement Director at Beth Tzedec Congregation (2017–2021), where she led impactful programs fostering Jewish identity and community engagement. Before

that, she worked as an Educational Leader for School Children at Kibbutz Ein Zurim (2011–2016), creating and implementing educational initiatives that promoted growth and learning.

She has also mentored at Hackathons with JNF, supporting youth in their creative and technological endeavors to serve the Jewish community. Her work reflects a dedication to nurturing the next Jewish generation with knowledge, pride, and a sense of belonging.

Shirel views her role in the community not simply as a job, but as a *shlichut* (mission) to the Jewish nation—an opportunity to strengthen and uplift the people through education, engagement, and unwavering commitment to their shared heritage.

Welcome back, Shirel!

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Michael Goodbaum

Candied Flowers

In my first full-time job, I worked as a Pâtissier and Chocolatier for a large caterer downtown. One of my favourite tasks from that time was making the candied flowers that we used to adorn Mother's Day and wedding cakes.

Making candied flowers is an easy way to decorate any cake or pastry (or perhaps, cheesecake?) I thought it would make a perfect addition to celebrating spring and summer.

Cake decorating may be a challenging art, but these flowers are quite simple to make!

Recipe:

- 1 egg white
- 3 drops of vodka (or flavoured vodka)
- Caster sugar*
- Fresh, edible flowers which have not been sprayed with pesticides. You can use whole flowers, such as nasturtiums or lavender, or use the individual petals of varieties like lilacs, pansies, violets and roses. Nasturtiums can have a very sharp, mustardy flavour, or a milder flavour depending on the variety, so taste them before using.

Tools:

- An unused artist's paintbrush
- A mesh cooling rack
- A large bowl
- Wire whisk

Directions:

Separate one egg white from yolk, ensuring no yolk gets in. In a large bowl, whisk the egg white until frothy, but not until it forms soft peaks. Fold in 3 drops of vodka, which will help the flowers dry quicker. To do so, just dip a skewer into the vodka and let the drops run off it.

Gather fresh-picked flowers. Using the artist's paintbrush, lightly paint each flower's petals individually with the froth from the top of the beaten egg white. If you run out of froth or the froth settles, just quickly whisk up the egg again. Don't dip the brush into the liquid at the bottom, you just want the froth to be able to lightly coat the flower.

Working one at a time, sprinkle caster sugar onto the egg-coated flower, coating all sides, and place it on the wire rack to dry. This is best done in a room with some air flow, like an open window or a small fan turned on low.

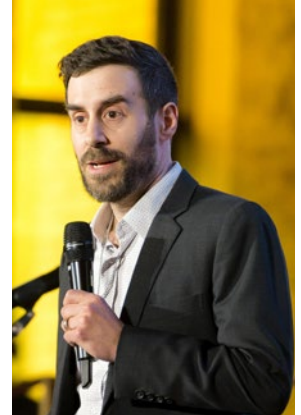
The flowers will completely dry in anywhere from 12 to 36 hours, depending on humidity. Once dry, they will have a crunchy texture.

Store the candied flowers in airtight containers until ready to use. You can separate the layers of them with waxed paper or parchment paper to ensure they are well-maintained.



Idan Amedi in the Beit

On Tuesday, May 20, Beth Tzedec welcomed renowned Israeli singer-songwriter musician and actor Idan Amedi as part of our 70th anniversary celebrations. Amedi shared his personal story and insights and performed a few acoustic songs for the 1,200 people in the audience. We thank Talia Schlanger, musician, broadcaster and writer, who served as interviewer for the evening, and all our sponsors who helped make this event possible.



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Maureen Tanz

Chesed Report

Games Afternoon

Thursday Games Afternoon is in full swing, and the number of players who come to enjoy either Canasta or Mahjong games is steadily increasing. Currently, we are averaging nearly 60 players weekly, which is wonderful. Some of those who attend have been part of Games Afternoon for several years, while others have either recently learned how to play Mahj or Canasta or have heard about the success of our program through word of mouth.

We run every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 until 4:00 PM and ask for a contribution of \$2 per week, which helps to fund refreshments and chesed initiatives at the Synagogue. Please feel free to join us, whether you come solo or with a group of players. We try our best to place you at a suitable table.

For anyone interested in either Mahjong or Canasta lessons, Judi Rosen has been teaching for several years and is an expert in both games. Please contact the Synagogue office at info@beth-tzedec.org or by phone at 416-781-3511. Judi will contact you directly with all the details.

We are in the process of introducing Bridge into our Games Afternoon

program. Several people have expressed an interest in playing, most of whom are Intermediate-level players. If you are interested, please leave a message with the Synagogue office. Presently, we are not yet offering Bridge lessons.

Out of the Cold

Although our season is over, it is never too early for us to start accumulating adult-sized only winter goods including warm ski jackets, boots, running shoes, t-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies, small duffle bags and toiletries for next season. If you have anything to donate to our Shelter, please give contact the Synagogue office and I will call or email you.

Chesed Fund Occasion Cards

Chesed tribute cards are available for purchase through the Synagogue office for all your family occasions, whether to honour or memorialize someone special. Please consider supporting our program by having the funds directed to the Out of the Cold Fund.

Have a wonderful, warm and safe summer!

—Maureen Tanz,
Beth Tzedec Chesed Committee



Men's Club Makes a Difference



Men's Club Scholarship Recipients

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 scholarships for higher Jewish education. On behalf of the Men's Club, we congratulate these outstanding young people.

- **Sean Remz** is conducting research for his PhD in religious Judaic studies.
- **Sarah Levinsohn** is studying psychology in preparation for a career at the Kayla's Children Centre, in order to instill a proud Jewish identity in the children.
- **Abby Rosenthal** is undertaking courses in psychology, with the goal of becoming a social worker working with children at the Jewish Family and Child Services.
- **Melissa Greenspan** will be studying disaster management at Tel Aviv University, where she plans to eventually develop a framework for safeguarding Jewish communities against potential threats.
- **Talia Rockman** will be working towards a PhD in sociology, leading to either an academic, non-profit or government position on the impact of antisemitism on the Jewish community and how to combat it.
- **Shraga Sitnik** will study History with a focus on Jewish history, with the goal of becoming a teacher and fighting antisemitism.

- **Tali Elhadad** will be studying at the American Jewish University, where she will obtain a Master's degree in early childhood special education and inclusion. Upon completion, she plans to support children in the Jewish community.

On behalf of the Men's Club, we congratulate these outstanding young people.

Men's Club Scholarships for 2026

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is pleased to sponsor our long-standing scholarship program to assist young men and women who are pursuing programs of higher Jewish education. Applicants need not be a member of Beth Tzedec. Awards are available for a wide range of Jewish studies including education, arts, social work and cantorial and rabbinic studies.

The criteria we use to judge each applicant is based on the following and should be given careful consideration when applying. The information provided with this application is the sole source upon which the scholarship committee will make a decision.

- 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 submitted application.
- Special needs or consideration.

The relationship between and the planned area of study and what benefit will be provided to the Jewish community by the candidates' career goals should be detailed very clearly.

The deadline for submissions is

April 17, 2026. Applications and information are available from the Beth Tzedec Men's Club at 416781-3511 or email hershr@rogers.com.

Men's Club Honourees

The Men's Club is pleased to announce that it has granted special recognition awards to **Michael Marcus** and **Adi Isakovic** for their extraordinary efforts in assembling and delivering the Yom Hashoah candle packages to more than 2,100 Beth Tzedec member households.

The Men's Club has also recently added three names to their Honour Roll: **Sheldon Rotman**, **Patti Rotman** and **Adam Rachlin**.

Yasher Koach to all our honourees.



Men's Club Blue Jay's Night

Save the date!

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is planning their annual Blue Jays Night for **Tuesday, August 12**, when the Jays host the red-hot Chicago Cubs. There are a limited number of tickets, and it sells out every year.

Watch for registration information coming soon.

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.

Tribute acknowledgements included in this edition are from January 16 through April 30.

Annual High Holy Day Appeal

Robert W. Schacter, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Samuel and Helen Schacter.

Arts and Culture Fund

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

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

Barbara Brown, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Barney Brown**.

Marilyn and Charles Siegel, acknowledging **Rosalee Berlin** in memory of **Art Green**.

Dot Whitehouse, honouring the **Beth Tzedec staff and facilities teams** who made the Shabbat Shirah weekend such a seamless success.

Dot Whitehouse, honouring **Dr. Galeet Dardashti, Aviva Chernick, Cantor Sidney Ezer, Yacov Fruchter and Shira Bodnar** for an outstanding Shabbat Shirah weekend.

Camp Ramah Fund

Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Rabbi Lara Rodin** on her ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

Loren and Mark Roth, wishing **Ben Roth** continued good health.

Cantor Sidney Ezer Discretionary Fund

Marla Freedman and Howard Rosen acknowledging **Belarie Zatzman** in memory of **Marty Zatzman**.

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

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

Phyllis Nemers, acknowledging **Jeremy Nemers** in memory of **Fay Pearl Samuels Nemers**.

Deborah Staiman, wishing **Nancy Ezer** a Happy Passover.

Debra and Gary Walters, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** for his care and compassion.

Chesed Fund

Shep and Lorraine Ganbgbar, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman**.

Elaine Glassman, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Allan Glassman**.

Elaine Glassman, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Morris Enushevsky**.

Dorothy Tesis, acknowledging **Erica Chang, Noah Richmond and Julian Richmond** in memory of **Yuchin Chang-Yang**.

Oscar Zimmerman and Dr. Anna Day, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Lucy Zimmerman**.

Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund

Bernie Abrams and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Tona Abrams**.

Debbie and Neil Ambar and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Louis Zeidner**.

Bradley and Heni Ashley, honouring **Dustin and Brodie Kirsh** on their marriage.

The Beallor Family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Elisa Beallor**.

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

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

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

Larry Chad and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Abraham Chad**.

Anne Clavir, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Etta Clavir**.

Anne Clavir and family, commemorating the first *yahrtzeit* of **Martin Frank**.

Elliott and Wendy Eisen, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Selma Eisen**.

Elisa and Jamie Fox, honouring **Myles Fox** on putting on *tefillin*.

Reny Friedman, Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Henry Friedman**.

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

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

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

The Goodman Family, commemorating the first *yahrtzeit* of **Cindy Goodman**.

Marc Goodman, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Alec Mostov**.

Corinne Hart and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Myer Hart**.

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

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

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

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

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

Stephen and Judy Kruger and Jeff and Risa Silver, honouring **Jason Kruger and Emma Silver** on their marriage.

Alan Lerman, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Itche Meyer Korolnek**.

The Lesniak Family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Stanley Adelman**.

Sheldon and Lynn-Beth Levy, honouring **Rachel Levy and Jonathan Solomon** on their marriage.

Glennie Lindenberg and Morland Brown, commemorating the 20th *yahrtzeit* of **Rose Brown**.

The Max and Shiff Families, marking the conclusion of *Kaddish* for **Ralph Shiff**.

Robert Milne, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Harold Milne**.

Joe Milner and Allison Gerson, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Israel Milner**.

Dr. Michael and Wendy Papernick honouring **Samuel Papernick and Emily Davison** on their marriage.

Joel Pearl and family, marking the conclusion of *Kaddish* of **Brian Pearl**.

The Promislow Family, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Corinne Gandler Koslovsky**.

David Promislow and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Barry Promislow**.

Marlene Rattner and Mitchell and Samantha Rattner, marking the conclusion of *Kaddish* for **Ian Rattner**.

Wayne and Susan Robbins, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Larry Robbins**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Rosalee Berlin** in memory of **Arthur Green**.

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

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

Helen, John, Sharon, Stella and Esther Singer and families, commemorating the the yahrtzeit of **David Singer**.

Helen, John, Sharon, Stella and Esther Singer and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Singer**.

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

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

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

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

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

Debra and Gary Walters and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Eli Adler**.

The Weintrop Family, honouring the memory of **Maurice Weintrop**.

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

Jack and Judy Weisdorf, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Weisdorf**.

Rabbi Steven and Jody Wernick, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Ciel Deborah Schaffer**.

Lisa and Howard Winston and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Krem**.

Emergency Security Fund

Claude and Esther Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Carl Abrams**.

Claude and Esther Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Abrams**.

Jeffrey and Cherryl Berliner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Szyja Berliner**.

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

Annette Bot and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Reva Pinkus**.

Rhonda Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Balakofsky**.

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

The Cummings Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Cummings**.

Fred and Jocelynn Engle, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerald Krivel**.

Fred and Jocelynn Engle, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sarah Engle**.

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

Susan Friedman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Friedman**.

Sylvia and Harvey Gefen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pola Schlenger**.

Dr. Martie Gidon, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Eva and Charles Gidon**.

Elaine Goldbach, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Molly Willer**.

Michael and Dianne Gould, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Allan Marvin Gould**.

Michael and Dianne Gould, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hy Balsky**.

Martin Halpern and Karen Glass, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Halpern**.

Linda Hechter, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Herschman**.

Shaya Izenberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isaac Izenberg**.

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

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

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

Sandi, Julius, Rhea, Gabriel and David Kirschner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Sonshine**.

Pauline Konviser, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Konviser**.

The Libman Family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Carolyn Blackman Libman**.

Paul and Susan Lindzon, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Lindzon**.

Paul and Jodi Mandel, acknowledging **Jonathan Ain and family** in memory of **Rosanne Ain**.

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

Elaine Marcus, honouring **Sheila and Leo Wynberg** on their 60th anniversary.

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

Michael Gross and Marsha Hurwitz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harold Gross**.

Michael Gross and Marsha Hurwitz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Roslyn Gross**.

Sandra Millet and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Miller**.

Susan Mogil, honouring **Thomas Schmidt** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Bettina and Ian Morris and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lorne Morris**.



Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Classes

Are you interested in having an adult bar or bat mitzvah? We're planning classes to be taught by the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) and will be open for all members of Beth Tzedec. At the conclusion of the course, participants will deliver a *d'var Torah*, be called for an aliyah and read a short aliyah.

For more information, contact Rabbi Fryer Bodzin at rabbirfb@beth-tzedec.org.

The Mozes Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Alfred Herman**.

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

Francine Peters, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rita Stein**.

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

Susan Phillips and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Barry Phillips**.

Susan Phillips and family, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **David and Ethel Hamer**.

Susan Phillips and family, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Arnold and Phyllis Phillips**.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Philip Pollock**.

Linda Reitapple and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Howard Allen Reitapple**.

Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Anette and Samuel Rosenbluth**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Dr. Jamie Seligman and family** in memory of **Debbie Seligman**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Jonathan Ain and family** in memory of **Rosanne Ain**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Sheri Federman and family** in memory of **Len Kahane**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman and family, honouring **Carole and Arthur Andrews** on the birth of their great-grandson **Jayce Parker Osher**.

Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ella Rutman**.

Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Frandel Rutman**.

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

Helen, John, Sharon, Stella and Esther Singer and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Singer**.

Helen, John, Sharon, Stella and Esther Singer and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Singer**.

Sidney and Lola Solnik, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Solnik**.

Lloyd and Deborah Speyer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Speyer**.

Lloyd, Debbie, Michelle and Joc Speyer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Speyer**.

Deborah Staiman, honouring **Arnold & Ayra Kollens** on the birth of their son.

Shoshana Steel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Amirian Dadvand**.

Shoshana Steel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shahrooz Dadvand**.

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

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

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

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

Dot Whitehouse, honouring the staff at **Beth Tzedec and the Toronto Police officers** who work seamlessly to keep the community safe.

Ted and Annette Wine, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Wine**.

Danny and Arlyn Zimmerman, acknowledging **Jonathan Ain** in memory of **Rosanne Ain**.

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

Family Shabbat Dinner Fund

Vera Finkelstein, acknowledging **Jonathan Ain and family** in memory of **Rosanne Ain**.

Eyal Kraut and Zoey Katz, honouring the birth of their son **Coby Levi Kraut**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Jonathan Ain** in memory of **Rosanne Ain**.

Debra and Gary Walters, honouring the memories of Debra's parents, **Phyllis and Eli Adler^(z"l)**.

Food Insecurity Fund

Alan Sless, honouring the memory of **Gerda Sless**.

Alan Sless, honouring the memory of **Maureen Sless**.

Alan Sless, honouring the memory of **Dr. Philip Sless**.

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

Dot Whitehouse, honouring her **Shul Sisters and honorary Shul Sisters**, wishing them a Happy Pesach.

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

General Fund

Phil A. David, honouring the **Beth Tzedec Administration Staff**.

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

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

Jerry Schendel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Efraim Fred Scheindel**.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

David and Carol Grossman and family, honouring **Hersh Rosenthal** on his special birthday.

Jewish Family Living Fund

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

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

Brenda Orser, honouring the memory of **Mary Orser**.

Brenda Orser, honouring the memory of **Trevor Orser**.

Barry Weinberg, honouring **Jeffrey Gertner**.

Lisa and Howard Winston, honouring **Brent and Amanda** on **Sloan's** first birthday.

Kaddish Fund

Rosylin and Gerold Goldlist and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rubin Goldlust**.

Carla Rudberg-Chin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Barb Rudberg**.

Victor Zubashev, honouring the memories of **Moshe, Shara and Galit Rutshtien**.

Kosher Food Bank

Kenneth Beraznik and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ray Beraznik**.

Cherryl Berliner, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **David Hertz** and **Reva Hertz**.

Denise Chriqui, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Chriqui**.

Jocelynn and Fred Engle, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Molly Krivel**.

Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Sara Kachuck** on her 103rd birthday and wishing her a Happy Passover.

Andrea and Terry Jacobs and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Peter Green**.

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

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

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

Gary and Patti Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Philip Pollock**.

Patti and Gary Pollock and family, acknowledging **Shari Bedder and family** in memory of **Danielle Bedder**.

Patti and Gary Pollock and family, acknowledging **Terre Tator and family** in memory of **Anne Tator**.

Carol Sussman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Irving Aaron**.

Little Minyan Fund

John Trachtenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Trachtenberg**.

Music Fund

Brenda Orser, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Kathy, Brian and Bobbi Feldman, honouring the memory of **Reta Newman**.

Shep and Lorraine Ganbgbar, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Shep and Lorraine Ganbgbar, honouring **Rabbi Shalom Schachter** on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

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

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

Anna-Lynn Taradash, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Sossin**.

Anna-Lynn Taradash, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Faye Sossin**.

Dot Whitehouse, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

The Phyllis and Eli Adler Memorial Fund

Debra and Gary Walters, honouring the memories of Debra's parents, **Phyllis and Eli Adler**^(ztl).

Prayer Book Dedications: Siddur

Marlon Danilewitz and Laura Freitag, honouring the memory of **Shalom Freitag Danilewitz**.

Claire, Joey, and Marty Friedlich, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Bayne**.

Purim Carnival

Yoni Kahn and Alison Rosenblum, supporting the annual Purim Carnival.

Rabbi Lara Rodin Discretionary Fund

Jerry Grammer, honouring **Rabbi Lara Rodin** on being ordained as a Rabbi.

Debra and Gary Walters, honouring **Rabbi Lara Rodin**.

Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin Discretionary Fund

Bruce and Nancy Elman, honouring **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin**.

Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin** on receiving a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Ziegler School of Rabbinical Studies.

Paul and Wilma Freedman, acknowledging the **Enchin Family** in memory of **Brenda Enchin**.

Paul and Wilma Freedman, honouring **Fredelle and Gus Richardson** on their 50th anniversary.

Melissa and Sam Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bernard Dorfman**.

Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Rutman**.

Wendy Spector, honouring **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin**.

Rabbi Steven Wernick Discretionary Fund

Sandra and Harry Aronowicz, honouring **Gary Pollock**.

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

Ruth and Harold Margles, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Kaplan**.

Benny and Sandra Mendlowitz, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick** for officiating the baby naming of their granddaughter **Violet**.

Carol Oiring, honouring **Lou Bracey** on his 80th birthday.

Dr. Mark Pasternak, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Pasternak**.

Ralph Rabinowicz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bella Rabinowicz**.

Jill Reitman

Deborah Staiman, wishing **Rabbi Steve and Jody Wernick** a Happy Passover.

Jason Stein, honouring **Rabbi Steve and Jody Wernick**.

Debra and Gary Walters, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick**.

Rabbi David Weiss and Nora Gold, honouring **Rabbi Steve and Jody Wernick** on their daughter **Michele Wernick** being accepted to the Jewish Theological Seminary for Rabbinical Studies.

Refugee Program

Elise Orenstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Norman Orenstein**.

The 20s and 30s Shabbat Dinner Fund

Debra and Gary Walters, honouring the memories of Debra's parents, **Phyllis and Eli Adler**^(ztl).

The Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund

Diane Abbey-Livingston, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joan Pass**.

Michelle Collis-Abrams and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marjorie Collis**.

Ellen Joy Buchman, honouring the memories of **Murray Wilfrid Buchman** and **Allen Sheldon Weingarten**.

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Martin and Judy Friedland**.

David and Joy Kohn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of yahrtzeit of **Harold Greenberg**.

David and Joy Kohn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel and Betty Kohn**.

David and Joy Kohn, honouring their grandson **Cy Kohn** on his Bar Mitzvah.

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DONATE TODAY.**

By contributing to Beth Tzedec's many funds, scholarships, and initiatives, you heal and build our community. For a list of Beth Tzedec Funds, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

Roslyn Mendelson, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

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

Ted and Pamela Minden, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Jack and Jill Spitz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Larry Sprackman**.

Jack and Jill Spitz and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eric Spitz**.

Dot Whitehouse, honouring **Aviva Chernick** on her appointment as the Director of the Centre for Spiritual Well-Being.

The “To 120” Club Fund

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Penina Hoffnung**.

Victims of Terror Fund

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

Sandy Cohen and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bob Cohen**.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring **Nancy Turk** on her 85th birthday.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring **Rhoda Marks** on her 100th birthday.

Jerry Grammer, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Jerry Grammer, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin** on receiving the Doctor of Divinity.

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Art and Carole Andrews**.

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Jeff and Phyllis Miller**.

Lana Kerzner, honouring **Mark Kerzner and Ilyse Smith and family**.

Lana Kerzner, wishing **Brenda and Moshe Bessin and family** a Happy Passover.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, wishing **Ellie Garbe** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, wishing **Jerry Grammer and family** a Happy Passover.

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

Darren and Jennifer Levine and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Redinger**.

Pauline Menkes and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Menkes**.

Paul Sheldon and Amy Philips, acknowledging **Jennifer Levy** in memory of **Joan Levy**.

Susan Phillips, acknowledging **Judy Feld Carr** in memory of **Donald Carr**.

The Valo Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Regina (Edith) Valo**.

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

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

Young Professionals Fund

Leslie and Joel Flatt and Baryl and Derek Erdman, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

Debra and Gary Walters, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

Youth Initiatives Fund, honouring Adam Kruger

Chaim Cutler and Rebecca Starkman, honouring **Penina Hoffnung**.

A BETH TZEDEC 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Dan Senor: In Conversation

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Best-selling author, columnist, political adviser and host of the “Call Me Back” podcast, **Dan Senor** joins us at Beth Tzedec for an evening of stories and commentary.

Event details and ticket information coming soon.



Games Afternoons

Thursday afternoons

12:30 to 3:30 PM

Join us for a social afternoon of Mahjong, Bridge and Canasta. For beginners and seasoned veterans alike.

Mahjong and Canasta lessons will be available soon. To arrange for lessons, please contact the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 or email info@beth-tzedec.org.



Cost: \$2 donation supporting our *chesed* initiatives.

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.

Condolences

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

Anne Bank

Ilene Cagan

Stuart Graham

Arthur Earl Green

Dr. Bernard (Bernie) Green

Seymour Haber

Nathan Haber

Marg McKillop

Laurie Miller

Melvyn Niederhoffer

Dr. Marvin Orleans

Morton Prager

Sigmund Soudack

Marvin Teperman

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

Memorial Plaques

If you wish to honour the memory of a dear one, a fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a memorial plaque and lamp. Each plaque, bearing the name and yahrtzeit date, is mounted on a bronze tablet in the Sanctuary. The lamp is lit on the Shabbat of the week of the yahrtzeit, on the day of the yahrtzeit, and on the four festivals during the year when Yizkor is recited. To order a memorial plaque, call 416-781-3511.

Everything We Do Today is for Tomorrow

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

If you are interested in leaving a legacy for the Congregation to name a special project, youth program or adult education seminar, we would be pleased to help you plan today for tomorrow. Email our Executive Director [Phil David](mailto:Phil.David@beth-tzedec.org) at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 to discuss these opportunities in confidence.

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 years 5786. The cost is \$18.00 per memorialized name per household. Submission deadline: **Monday, July 14.**

Yizkor Memorial Booklet Donation

Make cheques payable to: Beth Tzedec Congregation
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3
Phone: 416-781-3514 ext. 212 Fax: 416-781-0150
E-mail Terri Humphries: thumphries@beth-tzedec.org



DEADLINE: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON JULY 14, 2025.

Beth Tzedec — Yizkor Memorial Booklet Donation Form



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***Note: \$18.00 minimum contribution per memorialized name.**

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In order to acknowledge your donation in memory of your loved ones, please **PRINT** their names very clearly, in **ENGLISH ONLY**.

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In Sacred and Loving Memory of:

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Beth Tzedec Generations Membership

Our no-fee membership for those under-40.

For young adults, we know that your financial obligations can make synagogue membership challenging.

We've removed that barrier for you!

Contact us for Generations Membership.



For information about membership, contact Klara at 416-781-3514, ext. 220 or kromm@beth-tzedec.org.

