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marking 60 years of Beth Tzedec.

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Natan Sharansky

in conversation with

Irwin Cotler, M.P.



Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 PM

Natan Sharansky, one of the greatest human rights activists of our time, in a dialogue with Irwin Cotler, world-renowned international counsel to prisoners of conscience.

Natan Sharansky has served as Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) since June 2009. A former Prisoner of Zion, Mr. Sharansky spent nine years in a Soviet prison due to his human rights activism and his desire to make aliyah. Upon his release in 1986, he immediately traveled to Jerusalem, where he lives to this day. Mr. Sharansky served as Deputy Prime Minister of Israel and was the founder of the political party Yisra'el B'Aliyah. He is the author of three books: *Fear No Evil*, *The Case for Democracy* and *Defending Identity: Its Indispensable Role in Protecting Democracy*. Mr. Sharansky was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1986 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2006.

Irwin Cotler is the Member of Parliament for Mount Royal and the Liberal Party of Canada's Critic for Rights and Freedoms and International Justice. He is a former Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada and an international human rights lawyer. He has served as Counsel to prisoners of conscience including Andrei Sakharov, Natan Sharansky and Nelson Mandela, and was Chair of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Fate and Whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg. Prof. Cotler is the recipient of 11 honorary doctorates, the Order of Canada and has recently been awarded the Canadian Bar Association's President's Award, the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation's Centennial Medal and was elected 2014 Canadian Parliamentarian of the Year.



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Rabbis, Résumés and Eulogies

Self-restraint, steadiness and a sense of purpose slowly help us to craft and sustain our souls.



IN THE ROAD TO CHARACTER, DAVID BROOKS SETS OUT TO recover what he describes as “a vast moral vocabulary and set of moral tools, developed over centuries and handed down from generation to generation.” To reclaim that moral vocabulary and path of life, he consciously adopts a religious vocabulary and vector. He notes, “We don’t live for happiness, we live for holiness. Day to day we seek out pleasure, but deep down, human beings are endowed with moral imagination [and] seek to lead lives not just of pleasure, but of purpose, righteousness, and virtue.”

A committed Jew (one of his sons served in the IDF), Brooks uses a theological framework developed by Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik to interpret the two narratives of Creation. Soloveitchik suggested that there are two types of human beings portrayed in the first chapters of Genesis. Adam I seeks to conquer and control, to achieve and accomplish in the technological world. Adam II is committed to reflection and rumination, contemplation and the development of character and culture. “To nurture your Adam I career, it makes sense to cultivate your strengths. To nurture your Adam II moral core, it is necessary to confront your weaknesses.”

As we slowly slide into the summer, many graduates will be given *Oh, The Places You’ll Go!* One of the lines expresses what Brooks terms “Big Self”, emphasizing following your passions, a vision that involves self-trust, self-love, self-expression, self-esteem and self-actualization.

“You won’t lag behind, because you’ll have the speed. You’ll pass the whole gang and you’ll soon take the lead. Wherever you fly, you’ll be best of the best. Wherever you go, you will top all the rest.”

Dr. Seuss then adds an awareness of failure and the need for humility: “Except when you don’t. Because, sometimes, you won’t.” Brooks writes that “the awareness that you are an underdog in the struggle against your own weakness” is the starting point of the road to character and spiritual sustainability. Self-restraint, steadiness and a sense of purpose slowly help us to craft and sustain our souls.

I am drawn to the strength of soul and moral vision that Natan Sharansky cultivated during his years in Soviet prison. He will be our guest on July 15, in

dialogue with Professor Irwin Cotler, to discuss human rights and Jewish life. This is one of the events planned to mark the 60th anniversary of our congregation. I hope it will lead to continued personal and communal reflection on who we are and where we want to be.

Living in what Brooks calls “the age of the selfie”, we valorize the Lone Ranger, the solitary soul who somehow succeeds. But Brooks points to community as critical to our moral development. “Much of our character talk today is individualistic, like all our talk, but character is formed in community”.

Returning to Brooks’ riff on Rabbi Soloveitchik, Adam I is career-oriented and ambitious. Adam II wants to nurture core moral qualities. Adam I is about your résumé, while Adam II is about your eulogy. “The résumé virtues are the ... skills that you bring to the job market and that contribute to external success. The eulogy virtues ... get talked about at your funeral, the ones that exist at the core of your being—whether you are kind, brave, honest or faithful; what kind of relationships you formed. ... [But] most of us have clearer strategies for how to achieve career success than we do for how to develop a profound character.”

The great Protestant theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, reminded us of the need to nurture an extended perspective. “Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love.”

Niebuhr’s teaching is deeply Jewish. As Brooks notes, “In a sense, we are all ultimately saved by grace. It may come in the form of love from friends and family, in the assistance of an unexpected stranger, or from God. But the message is the same ... [other] hands are holding you up. We are all stumblers, and the beauty and meaning of life are in ... trying to become more graceful as the years go by.”

In 1961, ten years after Niebuhr’s book, Joan Didion wrote an essay in *Vogue* (later reprinted in *Slouching Toward Bethlehem*) about the development of moral character. “Character— the willingness to accept

responsibility for one's own life—is the source from which self-respect springs. Self-respect is something that our grandparents ... had instilled in them, young, a certain discipline, the sense that one lives by doing things one does not particularly want to do, by putting fears and doubts to one side, by weighing immediate comforts against the possibility of larger, even intangible, comforts... Self-respect is a discipline, a habit of mind that can never be faked but can be developed, trained, coaxed forth.”

Twenty years later, Alasdair MacIntyre wrote *After Virtue* to challenge the trajectory of modern philosophy. He argued that classical moral discourse was in better shape to cultivate the habits and knowledge that would lead to a virtuous life. Attacking the contemporary cultural emphasis on individual accomplishment, MacIntyre argued that virtues can only be comprehended through their relation to a real community rooted in history and tradition.

Brooks doesn't cite Niebuhr, Didion or MacIntyre, but his book has a similar arc. “We've accidentally left this moral tradition behind. ... we've lost this language, this way of organizing life. We're not bad. But... we've lost the understanding of how character is built... The central fallacy of modern life is the belief that accomplishments of the [résumé] can produce deep satisfaction... The ultimate joys are moral joys.”

Perhaps because I am reflecting on the conclusion of my years at Beth Tzedec, I think of the difference between the résumé and the eulogy. If the résumé model emphasizes what we can accomplish before we move on to something else, the eulogy virtues are about consistency and commitment over the long haul.

Over the years at Beth Tzedec, I have tried to emphasize the moral vocabulary of Judaism, the ritual and ethical practices of Torah and the importance of community. I have directed attention to strengthening internal Jewish life as well as the significance of engagement with other sectors of Canadian society. I have stressed the importance of a long perspective and a gradual process of Jewish transformation—for individuals and communities. I strive to motivate our community to deepen its involvement with Jewish life, and remain painfully aware of the gap between aspirations and actuality.

Brooks offers some advice that recent graduates and veteran grandparents, synagogue leaders and Jews in the pews might equally take to heart. “A turning point in a life toward maturity is looking inside yourself and saying, “What's the weakness that I have that leads to behavior that I'm not proud of?” ... For me, it used to be... life on the surface ...politics or... superficial success only. I think I'm a little better at that, but I still have the core sin of wanting everybody to love me and avoiding conflict. And so I have to look at that everyday and figure out: How can I be a little better on that?”

As we head into the summer, let's each focus on one virtue and ask, “How can I be a little better on that?”

For more information on the sources referenced in this article, visit www.nytimes.com/2015/05/05/opinion/david-brooks-what-is-your-purpose.html?emc=edit_th_20150505&nl=todaysheadlines&nid=21293086

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Sharing a Mission

By lending our voice, we participate in the transformation and strengthening of the *kehillot*.



AS I WRITE THIS COLUMN, BETH TZEDEC IS PREPARING TO host Rabbi Steven Wernick, CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. His topic for his address to the Congregation on Shabbat, April 25 is *The Next Great Jewish Paradigm Shift: Creating Intentional Communities*. In my inaugural *Bulletin* column, written at the time we rejoined USCJ last summer and very much informed by our reaffiliation, I wrote: “I want Beth Tzedec to transform the way our members experience their lives Jewishly. I want to foster engagement, spiritual fulfillment and camaraderie in our congregation. I want us to deepen our connection to Judaism and our People and be among the leading Conservative shuls not just in Toronto, but in the Conservative movement.” Let me share with you how this aligns with our membership in USCJ.

This is USCJ’s stated vision, the cornerstone of its strategy: “The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is a community of *kehillot*—sacred communities—committed to a dynamic Judaism that is learned and passionate, authentic and pluralistic, joyful and accessible, egalitarian and traditional. Our *kehillot* create the conditions for a powerful and vibrant Jewish life, empowering Jews in North America to seek the presence of God, to seek meaning and purpose in Torah and *mitzvot*, to fully engage with Israel, and to be inspired by Judaism to improve the world and the Jewish people. The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism creates the spiritual, intellectual and managerial network that enables each of our *kehillot* to fulfill its sacred mission and connects all our *kehillot* with a common sense of community, shared mission and purpose. Together with other centers of energy identified with Conservative Judaism, we articulate and disseminate our approach to Judaism.”

It is through our membership in USCJ that we can not only join in this common sense of community, shared mission and purpose, but also be counted among the leaders in Conservative Judaism. By lending our voice to its mission, we participate in the transformation and strengthening of *kehillot*, including our own, in efforts to inspire meaningful prayer, sustain a culture of lifelong Jewish learning, nurture religious and spiritual growth and promote excellence in *kehillah* leadership.

Are we there yet? No. What are we doing to get there? In short, the answer is devoting our energy and resources towards this transformation as quickly as we can. In the March 2015 *Bulletin* I informed you of the renovations we are embarking upon. These changes are necessary if we are to be a vibrant part of the next generation’s Jewish life. At the same time, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl’s exemplary service to our Congregation will be nearing the quarter-century mark and he will be transitioning to Rabbi Emeritus when he retires July 31, 2017. We will be seeking a new spiritual leader to guide us through the next quarter century. We are currently well underway in producing a new strategic plan. We expect it to be completed later this year. Carolyn Kolers and Larry Wallach, co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Committee, have an article appearing on page 21 in this *Bulletin* and I invite you to provide them with your input. Our search for new rabbinic leadership will be guided by this strategic plan.

All of which begs a key question: why is there a need for transformation? My answer: so we may create a Beth Tzedec for the next generation that builds and improves upon the Beth Tzedec our parents and grandparents bequeathed to us. It’s what the leaders in the 1950s did for their children and it’s what we owe to them and to our children.

THE SAM & SARAH KERZNER HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
GUEST SCHOLAR WEEKEND

Professor Stephen Berk



70 Years After Auschwitz

THURSDAY, MAY 28 AT 7:30 PM

70 Years Later: The Second World War in Historical Perspective

This lecture will be held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue (100 Elder St.).
Presented in partnership with Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue



FRIDAY, MAY 29 BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Presentation and Dinner

Putin: The Practice of Power

Cost: \$38 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 children (ages 1-4).
Dinner by advance reservation only by **Tuesday, May 26.**

SHABBAT, MAY 30— SERVICES AT 8:45 AM

Pulpit Address with Question & Answer session following Kiddush

A Tale of Two Elections (Israel and the U.S.A.)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Breakfast at 9:30 AM; Lecture at 10:00 AM

After 70 Years: Auschwitz and Anti-Semitism

Breakfast sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club and Sisterhood

Men's Club and Sisterhood members can reserve a seat by calling the Synagogue office by May 28



Fellow in Synagogue Administration (FSA) Certification Award

Yasher Koah to Randy Spiegel who was awarded the Fellow in Synagogue Administration (FSA) certification at the 2015 NAASE International Conference in San Diego. The certification program affords synagogue executives the opportunity to demonstrate leadership, professionalism, experience, competence and knowledge in the field. He is pictured here with Fred Rothstein, FSA chairman.

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 us at 416-781-3514 ext. 212. **Deadline for the next Bulletin covering September to November is August 17.**

Births

Hailey, daughter of MICHELLE & NOAM SELA, granddaughter of ALAN & VALERIE DAVID and MIRIAM & ISAAC SELA, great-granddaughter of CLAUDE & ESTHER ABRAMS, JEAN DAVID and SONIA SELA, born November 16.

Tegan Elizabeth, daughter of BRYAN REDINGER & SHAWNA GUTFREUND, granddaughter of BARBARA & DAVE REDINGER and PENNY & GEORGE GUTFREUND, born November 20.

Juliet Avian, daughter of SANDRA & JEFF LEVY, born November 24.

Lesley Isabel and Anna Aurelia, twin daughters of CHAD & RUTH BAYNE, granddaughters of SANDY & GERRY BAYNE, CLAIRE FRIEDLICH MARKUS & DR. NEWTON MARKUS and THE LATE DR. THOMAS FRIEDLICH, great-granddaughters of IRENE WAXMAN, born November 26.

Warren Elliot, son of TAMARA & JARROD BAKER, grandson of ALAN & VALERIE DAVID and PETER & ROCHELLE BAKER, great-grandson of CLAUDE & ESTHER ABRAMS and JEAN DAVID, born December 8.

Lilah Jordan, daughter of DR. JENNIFER BAER, granddaughter of LINDA & LANNY BAER, born December 21.

Aiden Rocky, son of ROBYN & ADAM PAULIN, grandson of ELLEN & RICHARD PAULIN and BARBARA & RICKY KIRSHENBLATT, great-grandson of TILLIE PAULIN, RUTH STONE, MOLLY QUITT and ESTHER KIRSHENBLATT, born January 1.

Indy Deacon, son of KIRSTEN MENKES & JAMIE FIRSTEN, grandson of ALAN & PATTI MENKES, ROSA FIRSTEN and ALAN FIRSTEN, born February 21.

Lexi Florence, daughter of MELISSA & HARLEY KRUGER, granddaughter of SHELLEY & AUBREY LEVINE and SUSAN & LOREN KRUGER, great-granddaughter of ANN SUGARMAN, SARAH FALKOVIC and SUSAN & SAM KRUGER, born February 23.

Abe Ezra (Zelig), son of JASON & TENIELLE GOLDLIST, grandson of ROSYLIN & GEROLD GOLDLIST and LORRAINE & MARK FRANKLIN, great-grandson of HELENE BERGER, born February 24.

Celeste Blair Grossman, daughter of AARON & JUSTINE POSLUNS, granddaughter of DAVID & FELICIA POSLUNS and GEORGE & KITTY GROSSMAN, great-granddaughter of JOYCE POSLUNS, UMA SONI and GENIA GROSSMAN, born March 13.

Cole Spencer, son of LAUREN & MARK GREENBAUM, grandson of SUSAN DICK, ERIC GOODMAN and LOUIS & SHIRLEY GREENBAUM, great-grandson of IDA DICK and MORRIS & HELEN GREENBAUM, born March 15.

Moshe, son of MATTHEW & LEAH SIMON, grandson of NORMAN & JACKIE KAHN and HELEN & CORY GRAFSTEIN, great-grandson of BERNARD & VERA WALDMAN and RUTH SIMON, born March 16.

Sienna Greta Mansfield, daughter of DR. JOANNA MANSFIELD & ELI COOPERBERG, granddaughter of DR. GARY & MARCIE MANSFIELD and AARON & JANET COOPERBERG, great-granddaughter of GERTRUDE MANSFIELD and ESTHER SCYZORYK, born March 25.

Talia Rose, daughter of ASHLEIGH HODGINS & JASON SIMON, granddaughter of DOROTHY & JEFF SIMON and MONIQUE BENDAVID & ROSS HODGINS, born April 17.

Weddings

Evan Hillman, son of EVE & HAROLD HILLMAN, and **Rachel Walters**, daughter of MARK BENJAMIN & CAROLE WALTERS, who were married January 24.

Lily Blumenthal, daughter of ARNOLD & WENDY BLUMENTHAL, and **Maxmillien Baker-Rosenberg**, son of KAREN BAKER and THE LATE JONATHAN ROSENBERG, who were married February 7.

Jeffrey Gray, son of DONNA & STEVEN GRAY, and **Samantha Fialkov**, daughter of ELLEN & GERRY FIALKOV, who were married March 22.

Gail Collie, daughter of FRANCES MANDELL-ARAD, and **Stuart Teperman**, son of MARVIN TEPERMAN, who were married May 3.

David Cummings, son of TERRY & JEFFREY CUMMINGS, and **Jennifer Rosenberg**, daughter of NORMA & SHELDON ROSENBERG, who were married May 10.

Shane Fenton, son of MARILYN & SHELDON FENTON, and **Laci Goldblatt**, daughter of DARLENE GOLDBLATT and JAY GOLDBLATT (of Hamilton), who were married May 17.

Hirsch Goodman, son of FAYGIE & ROBERT GOODMAN, and **Nicole Yuen**, daughter of LILY & MICK YUEN, who will be married May 31.

Dr. Justine Giddens, daughter of DR. OWEN & DR. SANDRA GIDDENS, and **Gilad Rom**, son of ZIVKA & YIFAT ROM, who will be married June 16 (in Israel).

Jaclyn Sud, daughter of WARREN SUD and BRUCYNE SUD, granddaughter of MARTHA SUD and ALEC & RUTH BECKER, and **Daniel Kideckel**, son of MARSHALL & CARLA KIDECKEL, grandson of ROBERT & LIANE PILTZ, who will be married June 21.

Remi Kirshenblatt, daughter of BARBARA & RICKY KIRSHENBLATT, and **Jayne Kruger**, son of SUSAN & LOREN KRUGER, who will be married June 30.

Zack Belzberg, son of **LYNN & BRENT BELZBERG**, and **Torey Stronell**, daughter of **SUSAN & ROGER STRONELL**, who will be married August 2.

Alison Carr, daughter of **TERRI & JONATHAN CARR**, and **Matthew Kuchinsky**, son of **JULIE & SHELDON KUCHINSKY**, who will be married August 2.

Julia Giddens, daughter of **DR. DAVID & ELAINE GIDDENS**, and **Daniel Rubinger**, son of **GABRIELA AND THE LATE BRUNO RUBINGER**, who will be married August 23.

Alexandra Bronfman, daughter of **JUDY BRONFMAN** and **PAUL BRONFMAN**, and **Matthew Nisker**, son of **RACHEL NISKER** and **NEIL NISKER**, who will be married August 28.

Jeremy Weisz, son of **ANNE & RANDY WEISZ**, and **Laura Licht**, daughter of **ALISON & JACK LICHT**, who will be married September 3.

Nikki Fischer, daughter of **LISA FISCHER** and **BRUCE FISCHER**, and **David Yeager**, son of **SIMONE & JACK YEAGER**, who will be married September 6.

Congratulations to

Pamela & Paul Austin, on being awarded the Einstein Legacy Award, recognizing values, vision and a passion for education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Morley Brown, on being awarded the Einstein Legacy Award, recognizing values, vision and a passion for education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Anna Durbin, on completing her doctoral degree in Health Services Research.

Deborah Durbin, on completing her doctoral degree in Computational and Materials Chemistry.

Nathaniel Feldman, **Jonah Garmaise** and **Aaron Nash**, who competed in the national finals of the *Chidon Hatanach* (Bible contest) in Montreal.

Kady Goldlist, daughter of **ROSYLIN & GEROLD GOLDLIST**, and **Adam Walpert**, son of **ROBERTA & KEN WALPERT** (of Upper Saddle River, NJ), on their engagement.

Dr. Gerald & Tootsie Halbert, on being awarded the Einstein Legacy Award, recognizing values, vision and a passion for education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Dr. Ralph & Roslyn Halbert, on being awarded the Einstein Legacy Award, recognizing values, vision and a passion for education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

John & Daisy Hort, who celebrated their 65th anniversary on April 22.

Murray Levinter, who celebrated his 90th birthday on April 20.

Odette Levy, on being awarded the Bronfman Prize for Exemplary Service by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Hon. Sidney B. Linden, on being named to the Order of Ontario, the Province's highest official honour and a recognition of an individual who has demonstrated a high level of individual achievement benefiting the people of Ontario.

Glenys & Nathan Lindenberg, on being awarded the Einstein Legacy Award, recognizing values, vision and a passion for education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Randy & Risa Masters, on being awarded the Einstein Legacy Award, recognizing

values, vision and a passion for education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Russell & Michele Masters, on being awarded the Einstein Legacy Award, recognizing values, vision and a passion for education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Jamie Milne, who will be studying in Israel at Tel Aviv University.

Susan & Jeffrey Milne, who will celebrate their 25th anniversary on September 3.

Tilly Oslender, who celebrated her 108th birthday on March 24.

Jodi Rotman, daughter of **PATTI & SHELDON ROTMAN**, and **Ryan Tkatch**, son of **JANICE & MURRAY TKATCH**, on their engagement.

Joseph Shier, who will receive the 2015 Presidential Award of Distinction from Bar Ilan University in Israel.

Regan Tassis, daughter of **DOROTHY TESSIS & THE LATE STANLEY TESSIS**, and **Michael Benadiba**, son of **MOISE & ALLEGRIA BENADIBA**, on their engagement.

Norman Tobias, who received his PhD in Religious Studies from the University of Toronto.

Sarah Troster, daughter of **LINE & STEVEN TROSTER**, and **Josh Raizman**, son of **ADRIAN & JACK RAIZMAN** (of Winnipeg), on their engagement.

Many Thanks to

Caroline Bokar, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on March 7 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Bob Bokar**.

Laurie & Ruthann Lubin, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on March 14 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Ettie Lubin**.

Dr. Bruce & Esther Glazer, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on March 21 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Jean Glazer**.

David & Felicia Posluns and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on March 21 in honour of the birth of their granddaughter.

The Tanenbaum Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 4 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Anne Tanenbaum**.

Moni, Deanna, Brandon and Elana Lustig, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 18 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Aliza Lustig**.

The Shier Family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on April 25 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Shoshana Shier**.

Chad & Ruth Bayne, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 25 in honour of the naming of their twin daughters **Lesley Isabel** and **Anna Aurelia**.

Bernie Gropper & Elise Stern Gropper, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on May 9 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of **Leo Stern**.

Andrew Trossman & Marcy White, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 16 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jacob**.

Understanding your Beth Tzedec Membership Statement



In the coming weeks, all members will receive their 2015-2016 statements. Shortly, you will be able to make payment arrangements either online via the Beth Tzedec website, by returning the payment information form that accompanies your statement, or by contacting Sheri Federman at 416-781-3514 ext. 220. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact either Sheri or Aida Adel in the Finance office at 416-781-3514 ext. 215 or me at ext. 211. We are here to help. Thank you for continuing to be part of the Beth Tzedec family.

If you have any outstanding balances, they will appear here. *Prior Year Amounts* must be paid to keep your account in good standing.

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Date Printed: 01/05/2016 Member ID: 00000001 Date Last Statement Printed: 30/11/2014				
Account Description	Charges	Adjustments	Payments	Currently Due
Current Year Amounts				
Membership Contribution 2015/16	2,047.50	0.00	0.00	2,047.50
Security 2015/16	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Building Reserve Fund 2015/16	409.50	0.00	0.00	409.50
	2,532.00			2,532.00
Additional Voluntary Contributions				
Administrative Donation	36.00	0.00	0.00	36.00
Men's Club 2015/16	36.00	0.00	0.00	36.00
Sisterhood 2015/16	35.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
USCJ 2015/16	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Mercatz 2015/16	36.00	0.00	0.00	36.00
Masorti 2015/16	18.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
JTS 2015/16	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
	211.00	0.00	0.00	211.00
				\$2,743.00
Last Payment Information: Last Payment Date: 12/30/2015 Payments Since Last Statement: \$0.00				

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This is the total for all items on the statement. You may choose to deduct those voluntary items you do not wish to pay.

Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR
BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



(IN ISRAEL) April 6

Alexa Charlat

daughter of Dr. Joshua
& Rhonda Charlat

נחמה רקפת בת יעקב
יהושע ורחל רבקה



June 6

Seth Aronoff

son of Steven
& Elyse Aronoff

שמחה בן יהושע משה
ואיתקע אלקא בילה



June 13

Jayden Shnier

daughter of Jordan
& Gillian Tessis

זהבה יפה בת ישראל
אברהם וגייטא ליבה



(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) June 13

Annie Erin Wolfond

daughter of Gregory
& Linda Wolfond

חנה יעל בת גדליה הלל
ופאסא ליבא



(IN ISRAEL) June 25

Sarah Swartz

daughter of Dr. Jeffrey
& Miriam Swartz

שרה בת ינקל דוד ומרים



August 17

Sadie Katz

daughter of David Katz
& Lisa Diamond Katz

שרה בת דב הכהן ולאה



August 24

Jacob Schwartz

son of Ronald
& Johanna Schwartz

יעקב ישראל בן גרשון וחנה



September 5

Joey Pelman

daughter of Brad Pelman
& Faith Halman

יאירה בת בנימין ואביבה



(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) September 5

Samuel Russell Swadron

son of Marshall
& Sally Swadron

שלום ראובן בן משה אברהם
ושולמית טובה



May 18

Jacob Nathan Trossman
son of Andrew Trossman
& Marcy White
יעקב נתן בן אהרן
ומינדל פרימה



(AT CAMP RAMAH) July 30

Abigail Avivah Berman
daughter of Drew Berman
& Pearl Gropper Berman
אביגיל אביבה בת דוד
ופנינה מלכה

For more information on
our exciting Bar/Bat
Mitzvah program,
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Education and Family
Programming, at
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tzedec.org or
416-781-3514 ext. 231.

Edwin & Janet Durbin, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 30 in honour of their daughter **Anna** completing her doctoral degree in Health Services Research, and their daughter **Deborah** completing her doctoral degree in Computational and Materials Chemistry.

Steven & Elyse Aronoff, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 6 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Seth**.

Jordan Shnier & Gillian Tesis, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 13 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Jayden**.

Greg & Linda Wolfond, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 13 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Annie**.

Dr. Jeffrey & Mirian Swartz, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 27 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Sarah**.

Dr. Owen & Dr. Sandi Giddens, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on August 8 in honour of the wedding of their daughter **Justine to Gilad**.

Drew Berman & Pearl Gropper Berman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on August 1 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Abigail**.

David Katz & Lisa Diamond Katz, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on August 15 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Sadie**.

Ronald & Johanna Schwartz, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on August 22 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jacob**.

Brad Pelman & Faith Halman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 5 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Joey**.

Marshall & Sally Swadron, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 5 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Samuel**.

Beth Tzedec B'nei Mitzvah Tour

Israel Family Adventure

December 20, 2015 to January 3, 2016

Led by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

Come explore Israel together as a family!

Program Highlights:

- Travel to the summit of ancient Jaffa, tour the vibrant, modern centre of Tel Aviv and discover this "start up" nation's high tech ventures
- Participate in an archaeological dig and ride a camel in the Judean desert
- Climb Masada at sunrise, hike in a desert oasis and float in the Dead Sea
- Explore excavation sites in the City of David and visit the Maḥane Yehuda Shuk
- Experience Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall, tour the tunnels and share Shabbat with a Masorti community
- Visit Israeli soldiers guarding the northern borders
- Celebrate Bar/Bat Mitzvah services overlooking the Old City, participate in hesed opportunities and a tzedakah project with the UJA



If you are interested in joining us, contact Lynn Levy at 416-781-3514 ext. 227 or llevy@beth-tzedec.org or register online at www.keshetisrael.co.il/groups/3134



Vinyl Chorus Concert

Thursday, June 18 at 7:30 PM

Join us for the premiere performance of Beth Tzedec's own Vinyl Chorus led by the ever-entertaining Cantor Simon Spiro with a live band. A little Broadway, Pop, Yiddish and more—some old and some new and something for everyone. No charge.

For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511

BETH TZEDEC'S SUMMER 2016

Musical Journey to Spain **with Cantor Simon & Aliza Spiro**

July 3 to 14, 2016

Be part of a musical and historical, unforgettable life-changing trip with over 300 Cantors and congregants from around the world!

Information session:

Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 PM

For information, contact Aliza Spiro at alizasara@aol.com

Summer Plans

Each trip we take broadens our horizons, teaching us not only about other cultures but about our place as Jews in relationship to those cultures.



THERE IS A LOT TO ENJOY IN THE summer. Aliza and I love to stay home. We spend hours puttering in our garden and begin every day with a cup of tea on our deck as we literally stop to smell the roses. It's interesting to note that in Judaism, there is a special blessing for when you smell roses (different from the *brakhot* for fragrant herbs, different from that of aromatic fruits, and different from that of miscellaneous fragrances). So there we sit, enjoying these gifts from *HaShem*.

When we're home, we delight in having people over—at our Shabbat table, in our sukkah, any Yom Tov meal, or just to sit singing and *schmoozing* on a lazy summer afternoon. Home is comfort, home is familiar. It means friends, food, music and laughter.

In contrast to this, and what might seem incongruous to some, is that as much as we are homebodies, Aliza and I simply adore travel and seeing the world together. Aliza always says, "Put me on a plane and wake me when they're speaking a different language!" We love our adventures—it almost doesn't matter to where—and we love them even more when our friends are with us to share the experience. For us, travel also means friends, food, music and laughter.

Last summer Aliza and I led a *Musical Journey to England and Normandy* which was just spectacular. In previous years we have led tour groups to Poland, Eastern Europe, Germany and Israel. Each trip has been unique and special, broadening our horizons, teaching us not only about

other cultures but about our place as Jews in relationship to those cultures. We develop an understanding of how we fit in, we learn our People's history within these lands, we celebrate the music of the area while connecting with the local Jewish communities. Our greatest privilege is that we have been able to share these experiences with Toronto friends, old and new.

Many of you have asked if we're leading a trip this summer. Not this summer. I'll be writing new music, finishing some recordings and spending time in our garden with the roses. But summer 2016? Mark your calendar, fasten your seatbelts and get ready for an amazing and unforgettable experience....

In 2016 we're heading to Spain! The Cantors Assembly, my fraternity, is the largest organization of cantors in the world. In 2009 we organized a historical mission to Poland (my first trip to the birthplace of my father) and in 2012 another one to Germany (my first trip to the birthplace of my mother). These Missions for Cantors and their congregants are life-changing, featuring daily and nightly musical performances while touring the sites and learning the history there.

This trip to Spain is going to be phenomenal. The reason the Cantors Assembly doesn't schedule a trip every year is that each one takes at least two to three years to plan. I've been to Spain before as a tourist and as a performer, but it will be a singular experience seeing Barcelona, Seville, Madrid and other cities with over 300

cantors and their congregants. The fascinating history of Spanish Jewry unfolds like the plot to a movie thriller: the traces of Jewish glory in the 1,000 years before the Inquisition, the Inquisition itself, the Expulsion, the tortures, the hiding, the evolution that leads to today's Spanish Jewish communities.

As I write this, the Cantors Assembly is working to secure Stephen Berk for daily lectures. Professor Berk has been with us for all of the previous Cantors Assembly missions, and Beth Tzedec members know by now that he brings history to life and mesmerizes us with his presentations. The musical performances of the Mission are also in the final planning stages, and I can't wait to tell you more details as they become confirmed.

So why am I telling you this now, over a year in advance? Because every time I lead a tour, inevitably more dozens of people approach me and tell me that they would have loved to join us but that their plans were already made by the time our trip was announced. So here you go—mark your calendars for July 3 to 14, 2016. Join Aliza and me for our first information session in just a few weeks on Tuesday, June 23, to get all the exciting details.

There's so much to see in this world. Let's see it together!

I wish you a restful and joyous summer.

—Cantor Simon

Israel in Toronto

SUMMER SPEAKER & FILM SERIES

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



Spending summer in the city this year? Join us for a captivating series of presentations and screenings. No charge.

**July 8: Gaza Plus One Year: A Volunteer Report
from the Front Line with Alan Zucker**

Through photos, videos and film footage from Israeli, Palestinian and other news sources, Alan Zucker will share his experiences as a civilian volunteer at the IDF Southern Command Centre at Re'im following the war in Gaza.

**July 15: Natan Sharansky in conversation
with Irwin Cotler, MP**

Natan Sharansky, one of the greatest human rights activists of our time, will be in discussion with Irwin Cotler, world-renowned international counsel to prisoners of conscience. *Presented at Beth Tzedec in partnership with Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Temple Sinai as part of each congregation's 60th Anniversary celebrations.*

July 22: Zero Motivation

In this 2014 film, a unit of female Israeli soldiers at a remote desert base bide their time as they count down the minutes until they can return to civilian life. Running time: 1h 41 min

July 29: Ida

This 2013 Polish film tells the story of Anna, a young novitiate nun in 1960s Poland, who is on the verge of taking her vows when she discovers a dark family secret dating back to the years of the Nazi occupation. 2015 Oscar Winner—Best Foreign Language Film. Running time: 1h 20 min

August 5: The Farewell Party

This 2014 film is a compassionate dark comedy about friendship and knowing when to say goodbye. A group of friends at a Jerusalem retirement home build a machine for self-euthanasia in order to help their terminally ill friend. When rumours of the machine begin to spread, more and more people ask for their help, and the friends are faced with an emotional dilemma. Running time: 1h 35 min

August 12: TBA

For details, call the Synagogue office or visit our website during the summer.

For information or to register, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org

In Celebration of Adult Learning



The beauty of adult learning is the opportunity to ask questions that don't occur to children and use methodologies inappropriate for adolescents.

RIDING THE TTC, ONE CANNOT HELP BUT NOTICE THE plethora of advertisements for Continuing Education. In a recent subway ride, my entire car was plastered with banners boasting of a particular university's 88 certificate programs and over 1,500 courses, seminars and workshops—all aimed at mature students.

While the rest of the world is seemingly catching up, our tradition has long trumpeted the value of adult learning, especially for those who did not learn in their younger years.

The collection *Avot d'Rabbi Natan (A)* tells of the great leader and scholar Rabbi Akiva. At the age of 40 he had yet to learn a single word of Torah. One day he found himself standing alongside a well. He inquired, "who hollowed this stone?" He was told, "it was water that fell upon it day upon day." Akiva immediately reasoned that if something as soft as water can hollow a stone, surely the words of Torah can enter his heart. He immediately left to learn Torah.

This story is inevitably told to Jewish adults engaged in a journey of study. It is appropriate, of course, but not sufficient.

On May 2, Beth Tzedec celebrated the graduation of ten students from Adult Skills and Knowledge (ASK). For two hours every Monday evening over the course of two years, learners spent an hour improving their ritual skills—practising Hebrew or learning to chant Torah and

Haftarah. The second hour focused on Jewish knowledge including *Tanakh*, *Mishna*, Midrash, Talmud, Holidays, Lifecycles and Contemporary Issues in Jewish Life. As many of these learners participated in the class and the graduation as part of celebrating becoming an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the program and its graduation were particularly moving.

For some, the story of Rabbi Akiva is apt. They felt that perhaps they were simply unable, too hard or stubborn, to learn Hebrew or read from the Torah. The slow, steady approach of Rev. Hanick and Cantor Ezer proved them wrong. For others it wasn't a feeling of potential inability, but rather a lack of earlier opportunity. This class was their first chance to jump into serious Jewish study. And they loved it.

The beauty of adult learning is the opportunity to ask questions that don't occur to children and use methodologies inappropriate for adolescents. In ASK we explored not only what is in the Torah, but why does Torah matter. We learned not only about Jewish lifecycle practices, but how they were influenced by their historical environment. We were linguists, sociologists and anthropologists. We were adult learning at its best.

ASK will not be repeated next year, but Beth Tzedec will continue to offer a tremendous number of ongoing classes and one-time lectures. May Torah rain down on us all.

Celebrating our ASK Graduates

On Shabbat, May 2, we recognized these remarkable individuals who dedicated two years of study in the ASK program, culminating for many in an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Hindy Borenstein
Martha Drassinower
Janet Durbin

Susan Fremes
Susan Friedrich
Arlene Jubé

Rosalee Naster
Don Smith
Milana Sokic

Celine Szoges
Nina Wallach

Beth Tzedec CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL

A New Direction in Hebrew School Education

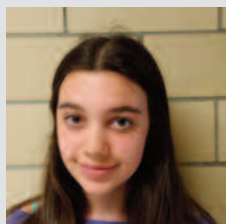
- ✓ Activity-based Jewish learning for students in JK/SK to Grade 7
- ✓ Flexible class options—Sunday mornings plus one-hour Hebrew tutorial during the week (optional online tutorials available)
- ✓ Art, music and creative play incorporated into the curriculum
- ✓ Younger students learn Hebrew Through Movement, a brand-new approach to language acquisition



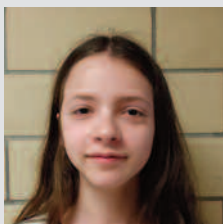
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Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org

Beth Tzedec Congregation congratulates our Grade 7
Congregational School class of 2015 / 5775.
Mazal Tov and may you go from strength to strength.

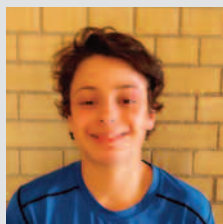
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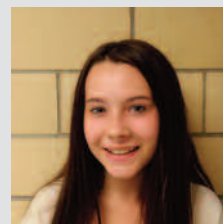
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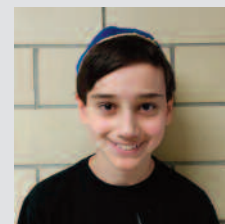
Sadie Bryant



Jack Price



Sarah Swartz



Harrison Stone

Connecting with Hebrew— Making Hebrew Meaningful

Hebrew connects events across centuries and connects Jews across the globe.



I AM NOT A FLUENT HEBREW SPEAKER.

Even with a career in Jewish education, a Master's degree in Bible, a year spent living in Israel, eight other visits and thousands of hours in Hebrew class in elementary school, high school and university, I have not mastered the Hebrew language.

Sure, I can get by with the Hebrew I do know. I can hold my own in a conversation with an Israeli, I can express myself well, I can read and understand a newspaper article written in Hebrew, and my accent is not too 'Anglo-Saxon', as an Israeli might say. If you asked me a couple of years ago if I was a fluent Hebrew speaker, I probably would have said yes.

It is amazing how much one's child can humble them. I have discovered my lack of true fluency as I continue to try and speak with my daughter in Hebrew as much as possible. I have realized that there are so many Hebrew words that I don't know: diaper, thumb, to wave, to ride in a stroller, to nap. Of course many of these words are things that weren't part of my regular English vocabulary until a year ago either, but trying to speak a second language as a first language quickly leads to the discovery of many vocabulary gaps.

Hebrew is the language of our people, of our texts, and more recently, of our homeland and nation-state.

Writing a few days before Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day), I think about the importance of Hebrew in forming a national identity in pre-1948 Israel, and how important Hebrew has been in connecting Diaspora and Israeli Jews in the decades since. As we count the days toward Shavuot, I think about the ancient Hebrew words that were inscribed by God's finger onto two tablets and carried down Mount Sinai. I think about the two words uttered by our ancestors, *Na'aseh V'Nishma*, (we will do and we will hear) in response to the awesome moment of becoming God's chosen people.

In some ways, these two events could not be further or more different from each other. They took place over 3,000 years apart, one in Israel and one in the Sinai desert. The events at Mount Sinai ultimately led to the Golden Calf, 40 years of wandering in the desert and the beginning of a pattern of our ancestors chasing after false gods. The proclamation of the State of Israel and the eventual military victory in the War of Independence, meanwhile, led to the establishment of a flourishing modern democracy that has improved the lives of its citizens and of Jews worldwide. The receiving of the ten commandments was a private affair only witnessed by the Israelites while

the establishment of Israel took place on the world stage for all to see.

What unites the celebration of these two events that are only one month apart on our calendar? The Hebrew language. Hebrew connects events across centuries and connects Jews across the globe. Hebrew allows Jews from different countries to communicate in a common language that also conveys a sense of connection, of shared history and of cultural understanding.

Learning to read, write, speak and understand Hebrew is a crucial skill for participation in the Jewish community and today's Jewish world, even if one's vocabulary is limited. At Beth Tzedec's Congregational School, we have been experimenting with a variety of approaches for teaching Hebrew to our students, including the use of activities, games, props, sports and the arts. Our students are learning by doing, are interacting in Hebrew with real Israelis—our *shinshinim*—and are being taught that Hebrew is both the language of our Torah and the Siddur, of modern Israelis and of Jews around the world.

For more information about our Congregational School's approach to teaching Hebrew, contact me at dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 231.

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

The Shalom Hartman Institute's **Donniel Hartman** returns to Beth Tzedec Congregation on October 23 & 24. Watch for details.



SHABBAT AFTERNOON IN THE PARK

Shabbat, June 6 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Calling all families!

Enjoy sports and games with Or and Ofir, and snacks, discussion and fun in the park for everyone. Meet at Glen Cedar Park (at the corner of Warwick and Glen Cedar).

If it is raining, the program will take place at Beth Tzedec.



Mishpacha

Toddlers, Tunes and Treats

**Spend the morning making crafts,
baking and singing with your toddler!**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM for kids aged 1 to 3 with an adult. Register for one or more weekdays by year or by term. Drop-ins welcome as space permits. Please call Jo Swartz at 416-781-3514 ext. 230 or email jswartz@beth-tzedec.org for more information or to register.



The Shavuot Ten Commandments



Some ideas to help make Shavuot a fun time in your home!

CRAFTS, RECIPES AND DISCUSSIONS can go a long way to helping make Shavuot more meaningful for the whole family.

1. Help your family recognize that Shavuot is coming. We count the Omer—the days between Passover and Shavuot. Make a family Omer counting chart and count it together at dinner time.
2. On Shavuot, it is customary to eat dairy because it was a time when we weren't yet given the laws of Kashrut. Have a family discussion about what being kosher means to you. Are there new rules you would add? Why?
3. Do a family cheesecake tasting. Make or buy a variety of cheesecakes and rank the best ones. (Please share winning recipes with me!)
4. Make ice cream in a bag! (It's so easy and fun.) Here is a link with instructions: teachnet.com/lesson-plans/science/plastic-bag-ice-cream-recipe.
5. Make a *Family Ten Commandments*. It can outline rules of the house and what is important to your family.
6. Try making this Ten Commandments origami: biblebeltbalabusta.com/2011/05/29/shavuot-origami-for-kids-ten-commandments.
7. Shavuot is known as a time to stay up all night studying. Stay up later than normal and pick something interesting to study as a family. (One suggestion could be reading the narrative of the receiving of the Ten Commandments—*Exodus Chapter 19-20*.)
8. Read the story of Ruth which is traditionally read on Shavuot.
9. Get creative with food: Use food as a tool to educate and engage. Try making these Mount Sinai Muffins! www.kveller.com/article/mt-sinai-muffins.
10. PJ Library has wonderful stories for Shavuot. Sign up to receive one free book a month and check out their list of Shavuot-related books at www.pjlibrary.org.



We are looking for host families for our new *shinshinim*, Avishag Bergstein (female) and Yarin Sasson (male). Our two enthusiastic young Israelis can't wait to get to know the Beth Tzedec family and spend time with you and your children. Can you make a three-month commitment to welcome Avishag and Yarin into your home? To learn about the opportunity to be a host family, contact **Todd Beallor** at tbeallor@sympatico.ca.

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



A 'Virtual Hello' from our New *Shinshinim*

Take moment to 'meet' Yarin Sasson and Avishag Bergstein, our 2015-2016 *shinshinim*, through the introduction video they have posted to Vimeo. You can access the link at <https://vimeo.com/125787147>.

Your Voice / Our Future

Come, Listen and be Heard!



Monday, June 1

7:30 to 9:30 PM

Please join us to participate in a structured conversation with a facilitator to help us define who and what we want to be and stand for as a synagogue community. There is nothing to prepare in advance.

RSVPs appreciated (to help us plan for a successful evening).

Contact Avital at info@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3511.

If you would be interested in taking part in a Strategic Planning Focus Group, send an email to Carolyn Kolers and Larry Wallach at strategicplanning@beth-tzedec.org.

Games Afternoons

Thursdays from
2:00 to 4:00 PM

(Bridge begins at 1:30 PM)



Join us on Thursday afternoons for a social activity program of Mah-Jong, Bridge and other card and board games. All games are for beginners and seasoned veterans alike. RSVPs preferred. No charge.

For information or to RSVP, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

An Update from the Strategic Planning Committee

Town Halls and Focus Groups offer the chance for members to share their perspectives.

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS SPENT THE winter completing the first part of its mandate—identifying the issues that the committee thinks Beth Tzedec will confront over the next five years. We have been working with assistance and support from our strategic planning consultant, Christine Govern, of MAS (Management Advisory Services).

We expect to complete the final part of our mandate—to present a proposed plan to the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval—later this year.

The purpose of the strategic planning process is to enable us to define who and what we want to be and stand for as a community. Where do we want to focus? What is important to us? How do we wish to conduct ourselves in the future (in terms of prayer, life cycle events, education, programming, *hesed* and *tikkun olam*)? What direction do we want to give to the Rabbinic Search Committee charged with finding our new Senior Rabbi following Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's retirement in July 2017?

The missing piece needed, before the committee can move forward in creating the strategic plan, is your input and feedback. To that end, we are creating three opportunities for you, our synagogue members, to share your thoughts and perspectives with us.

Town Hall Meetings—Thursday, May 21 and Monday, June 1, 7:30 PM

These two Town Hall meetings, open to the entire congregation, will each consist of a structured conversation led by a facilitator (our strategic planning consultant, Christine Govern), designed to capture the views of our members. You do not need to prepare in advance. Each session will last approximately two hours, and you should only attend one. Your participation is critically important, and we hope to see many of you there. We have chosen two dates to provide some flexibility – please choose the most convenient date for you.

Strategic Planning Focus Groups – May/June/July 2015

We want to be certain that many different voices are heard as part of this strategic planning process. We are therefore organizing a number of specific Focus Groups, and we encourage your participation. These small groups will involve a structured discussion with a facilitator

(again, our strategic planning consultant, Christine Govern). If you fit within any of these groups, we urge you to sign up to participate. Initial groups will include:

- High school students
- People in their 20s and 30s (single and married)
- Parents whose children are **all** in preschool or younger
- Parents with school-aged children
- Interfaith families
- Singles in their 40s or beyond (including widows/widowers and divorcees)

While all of our members are important to us, there are certain segments of our community that we especially want to encourage to participate, to help us plan to be more inclusive. If you or your partner have been (or are currently) involved in conversion to Judaism, if you identify as a member of the LGBTQ community, or if you or a family member has a disability, we urge you to attend a relevant Focus Group and give voice to your specific reality.

Congregational Survey

We are currently working to develop a congregational survey that will be distributed electronically after the results of the Town Halls and Focus Groups have been analyzed. We encourage everyone to complete the survey and share your thoughts candidly and anonymously.

If you would be willing to attend (or host!) one of the Focus Groups, please email us.

If you want to ensure that you will be included in the online survey, please email us.

If you just want to share your thoughts, please email us (or stop us in shul when you see us).

And please let Avital at the office know which **one** of the Town Hall meetings you can attend (via email to info@beth-tzedec.org). RSVPs are not required, but they will help us plan for a successful evening. We look forward to hearing from you!

—Carolyn Kolers and Larry Wallach
Co-Chairs, Beth Tzedec Strategic Planning Committee
Email: strategicplanning@beth-tzedec.org

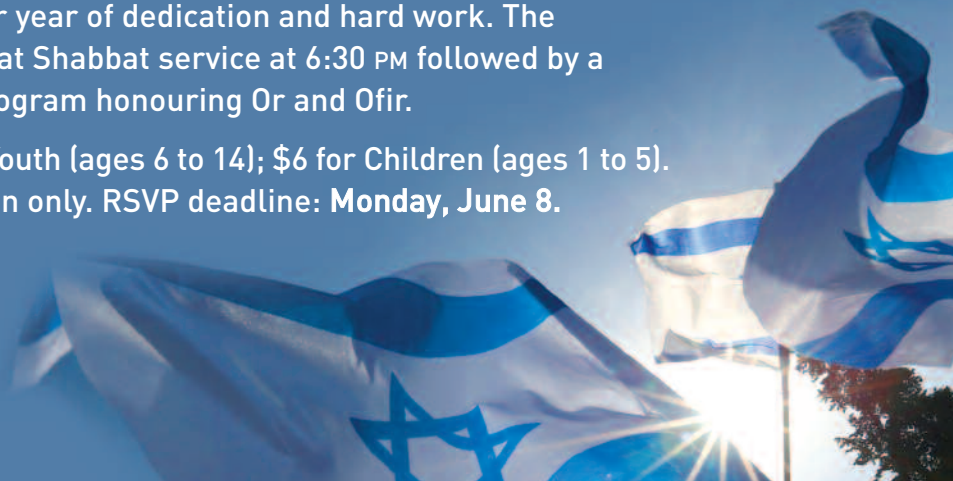
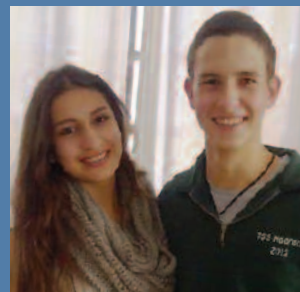
Farewell Shabbat Dinner

Honour our Israeli Young Emissaries

Friday, June 12, beginning at 6:30 PM

Join us as we bid farewell to our departing *shinshinim*, Or Klein and Ofir Hoory, in appreciation of their year of dedication and hard work. The evening begins with a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:30 PM followed by a family Shabbat dinner and program honouring Or and Ofir.

Cost: \$36 for Adults; \$18 for Youth (ages 6 to 14); \$6 for Children (ages 1 to 5).
Dinner by advance registration only. RSVP deadline: **Monday, June 8.**



For information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL

TUTORING PROGRAM

Beth Tzedec's Tutoring Program provides a learning experience that emphasizes the centrality of Jewish values in family and communal life. The professionally designed curriculum nurtures a positive connection with Judaism, Jewish living and Jewish community, thereby strengthening Jewish identity.

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

❖ Tutorial sessions are 45 to 60 minutes, take place in the student's home and accommodate the student's schedule

❖ Flexible curriculum, including topics of interest to the student and their family

❖ Tutors receive ongoing professional support, including assistance drafting individualized curriculum resulting in fun, hands-on and relatable learning



PJ Library Story Time (For children ages 6 months to 6 years and their families)

Sunday, May 31—11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Come out for a cozy morning of stories, songs, games and other activities that revolve around the PJ Library book of the month. No charge.





Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

Family Shabbat

June 6, beginning at 10:00 AM

The **Family Service** offers a lively and engaging prayer service with participation from youth, teens and families. It incorporates singing and familiar tunes, marks upcoming birthdays with a special aliyah, includes a full Torah reading and offers many ways for participants to connect. From 11:00 to 11:40 AM, participants can join Daniel Silverman for **Shabbat Learning** and an innovative look at the week's *parashah* and other relevant topics before rejoining the service for *Musaf*. Younger children and their parents participate in **Tot Shabbat** with exciting activities and fun games provided by *Jewnior Games*. We conclude every Family Shabbat with a delicious Family Lunch in the L'Chaim Lower Hall. Eat, drink and *schmooze* with friends both old and new.

Torah Tots

(ages 3 to 5)

10:15 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov until June 13 (except when there is a Family Shabbat). Drop your children off or join them for singing, stories, free play and a snack.

Junior Congregation

(ages 6 to 12)

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov until June 13 (11:00 AM on Family Shabbat). A dynamic program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, unique looks at the *parashah* and holidays, and quality time with Ofir and Or. Junior Congregation is divided into two groups based on age and often regroups for exciting programs together.

Young Shamashim

Following Services on May 30 and June 13 & 20

An intensive two-year program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their *davening* skills. Meet for a nosh, *zemirot* and learning.

Teen Shabbat Lunch

Shabbat, May 30

12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM

Enjoy a Shabbat lunch get-together...and the opportunity to *schmooze* and discuss the latest hot topics with other teens.

For Families

Shabbat Afternoon at Cedarvale Park

Friday, June 6

2:30 to 4:30 PM

Enjoy a Shabbat afternoon at Cedarvale Park. Kids will enjoy sports, games and snacks with our *shinshinim* Or and Ofir and discussion and fun in the park for everyone.

Shinshinim Farewell Shabbat and Family Dinner

Friday, June 13

6:30 PM

Join us as we bid farewell to our departing *shinshinim*, Ofir Hoory and Or Klein, and show our appreciation for their year of dedication and hard work. The evening begins with a Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner and special program honouring Ofir and Or. Cost: \$36 adult; \$18 youth (ages 5-14); \$6 child (ages 1-4). To reserve, call 416-781-3511 by June 8.

High Holy Day Volunteers

Calling all 2015-2016 High School Students (Grades 9 to 12): Would you like to volunteer on the High Holy Days? We are looking for volunteers to help in the youth activity rooms and other places in the Synagogue. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Daniel Silverman by June 15. You will receive more information about volunteering and training sessions after you sign up.

To register, or for more information about any of our Youth and Family Programs, contact Aily Leibtag, Youth Director, at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org.



CELEBRATE



Toronto's Jewish Mosaic: New Roots

An exhibition of portraits by Al Gilbert, C.M.

An exhibition highlighting Jewish people from over 50 countries who have chosen to make Toronto their home. Exhibit continues through August 2015.

Natan Sharansky in conversation with Irwin Cotler, MP

Wednesday, July 15 – 7:30 PM

Natan Sharansky, one of the greatest human rights activists of our time, will be in discussion with Irwin Cotler, world-renowned international counsel to prisoners of conscience. Presented at Beth Tzedec in partnership with Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Temple Sinai Congregations.



A Night of 60 Dinners

Friday, October 16

A challenge for 60 families to invite others to come to their home and share Shabbat with them as a community.

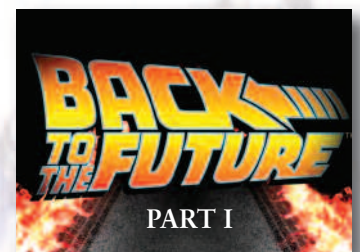


Back to the Future—Part I

Sunday, October 18

A 60th Anniversary Celebration for 6 to 12 year olds and their families

Invoke your inner artist and join in a creative activity depicting the next 60 years of spirituality, community and belonging at Beth Tzedec.



SIXTY YEARS



60th Anniversary Shabbat with Donniel Hartman

October 23 and 24

Donniel Hartman of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel returns for a Kabbalat Shabbat service, dinner and presentation and a Shabbat morning pulpit presentation.

60th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance

Sunday, November 1

Celebrate Beth Tzedec Congregation's storied past as we usher in our next 60 years.



Back to the Future—Part II

Sunday, November 8

A 60th Anniversary Celebration for 12 to 16 year olds

Join us in a fabulous new-thinking scavenger hunt that will make you laugh, learn and dance for joy.



Kabbalat Shabbat-a-thon

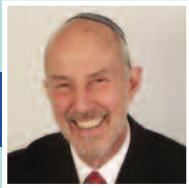
A 60th Anniversary Celebration for school-aged children

A monthly series of joyful Shabbat celebrations led by students of Robbins Hebrew Academy and the Congregational School as well as RHA, CHAT and Camp Ramah alumni.

Calling all volunteers: Celebrating 60 years is a big task ... and we need your help! We have a number of great programs planned and will need assistance from our community with ticket taking, ushering, greeting, etc. To join our volunteer list, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 and leave a message for Cheryl Cappe.

SELIHOT WEEKEND

Shabbat, September 5



with Rabbi Jonathan Porath

Join us for an uplifting start to the New Year with our visiting scholar, Rabbi Jonathan Porath, a proud and passionate Jew who always speaks from the heart and brings Jewish text and Torah to life.

Shabbat morning, Services at 8:45 AM

Pulpit Address

Ending the Old Year: Nurturing our Jewish Hearts and Jewish Souls

Kiddush following Services

Opening our Hearts and Sharing our Stories

Shabbat evening, Services at 7:05 PM

Seudah Shlisheet

Expanding our Jewish Horizons or How to Be Even More Jewish at Beth Tzedec in the Year to Come

Saturday evening at 9:30 PM

Approaching the New Year: Coping with Life's Transitions—A Jewish and Personal Exploration

A Meaningful and Mystical *Selihot* Service at 10:45 PM

Cantor Simon Spiro and the Beth Tzedec Singers, together with Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Rabbi Adam Cutler and Cantor Sidney Ezer, will inspire us with this magnificent late-night spiritual prelude to the High Holy Day season.

Midnight dessert reception follows the service. No charge.

Rabbi Jonathan Porath comes to Toronto from Jerusalem where he has lived with his family since making aliyah in 1984. He received his BA from Brandeis University, his MA from Columbia University and was ordained rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is also the 18th generation of rabbis in his family. Rabbi Porath recently completed 15 years as a member of the Senior Staff of the Russian Department of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. He is the author of *Jews In Russia: The Last Four Centuries* and recently published the memoirs of his late father, Rabbi Tzvi H. Porath^{z"l}.

Celebrating Tilly Oslender on her 108th birthday

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT YOU MEET someone who is 108 years old, let alone someone like our Beth Tzedec member, Tilly Oslender.

I met Tilly long before I started working at Beth Tzedec because we live on the same floor at our apartment building. She still lives on her own, and just recently, when I went to visit her, she was busy preparing food for the upcoming Passover seder.

I have always admired Tilly's energy, attitude and overall positive disposition. Rain or shine, regardless of the weather conditions, she is out walking with her walker, running errands, playing Bridge, going to the casino; nothing stops this small bundle of strength. Occasionally, I see her take Wheel-Trans if the weather is too extreme, but most of the time she is out walking on her own.

After having had several conversations with Tilly, I came to realize that she is an intelligent, witty and spunky woman who has a wonderful outlook on life. I learned that she was born in a small town in the Ukraine called Gaisin and her family eventually moved to Monastrich.

When Tilly was 22 years of age, one of her sisters who had come to Canada before her brought Tilly to Toronto. Tilly has shared so many stories with me about her life, how she tried to bring her other sisters and brother to Canada, and how she became one of the best seamstresses in Toronto, starting at a salary of

three dollars a week. There are so many interesting stories to share and she is always happy to do so.

One day at work, Tilly's name was mentioned and I decided at that moment to call the *Canadian Jewish News (CJN)* to see if they would do an article about her, as her 108th birthday was fast approaching. I thought it would be a great human interest story. Not surprisingly, they jumped at the opportunity and agreed to do it.

I called Tilly's daughter, Roslyn, to ask if she thought her mother would be willing to do the article. Roslyn was not very optimistic, but agreed that it was worth a try. She called me back just a few minutes later and said that, to her surprise, her mother would do it. Apparently, in the past, Tilly had been asked to be interviewed by numerous newspapers wanting to write an article about her, but she always refused because of a long-standing superstition (there is a story behind that as well). For some reason, when we asked her to do it this time, she agreed right away and said, "I don't see why not."

The reporter from the *CJN* came to Tilly's apartment and spent about an hour interviewing her about her life and the secret to her longevity. She attributes everything to hard work, a little bit of luck and the love and commitment of her daughter Roslyn. With Tilly and Roslyn's permission, I videotaped the interview so they could have it to

share with their family and friends. I also kept a copy for myself to share with my friends and family, as it is quite an amazing story. Tilly is such an inspirational woman, and even though almost six decades separate us, I feel very close to her and am proud to call her my friend.

On the day of Tilly's 108th birthday, as they do for each of their birthdays, Tilly and Roslyn came to Beth Tzedec for services to thank God for granting them another birthday. We had a cake for her and sang to her during the daily minyan breakfast. She "felt like a celebrity", as so many people came to wish her a happy birthday, take photos with her and share in her special day. Tilly was also invited into one of the classrooms to meet the Junior Kindergarten kids and answer some of their questions.

The *CJN* article appeared in the March 25, 2015 issue. If you are interested in reading it, you can download the article at www.cjnews.com/news/tilly-oslender-cant-explain-how-shes-lived-108.

Tilly joined Beth Tzedec with Roslyn in 2004 and continues to attend weekly Bridge games, Shabbat and High Holy Day services and various other programs. All of us at Beth Tzedec wish Tilly continued good health and look forward to celebrating many more *smahot* with her.

—Sheri Federman
Membership & Development
Coordinator





Jewish Service Network Trip

On Sunday, April 26, a group of students in Grades 6 to 8 spent the day in Hamilton as part of our Jewish Service Network. The group enjoyed a meaningful day volunteering in the clothing bank at the Eva Rothwell Centre at Robert Land that helps serve the “code red” neighbourhood, and in the afternoon, they played board games with residents at the Shalom Village Jewish nursing home.



From Desert to Delivery Room

Israel’s first female Bedouin physician, Dr. Rania Okby, shared her unique journey to becoming a renowned physician and role model in *From Desert to Delivery Room*. **PICTURED BACK ROW FROM LEFT:** Sam Cordes, Michael Spigelman, Mark Mendelson, Sherman Hans, Earl Schwebel, Mitchell Oelbaum and Jonathan Allen. **FRONT ROW FROM LEFT:** Judi Hans, Dr. Rania Okby and Marlene Laba.



Cholent Cook-Off

On Shabbat, March 14, Beth Tzedec crowned Eileen Silver our first-ever Cholent Cook-Off Champ. If you ask her nicely, she may share her top-secret “Hip Cholent” recipe.

Chocolate Seders

On Sunday, March 29, kids in SK to Grade 5 gathered for the great annual Chocolate Seder... one of the sweetest programs of the year!

Motown Purim

On Saturday, February 28, a large group of ’70s enthusiasts enjoyed a groovy night with good food, great music and a fabulous fashion costume contest at our newest Purim event—A Motown Sing-Along and Dinner.

PICTURED LEFT: David and Felicia Posluns

RIGHT: Stephen Nash



Our Shabbat service experiences

Kabbalat Shabbat Services every Friday night. Check our weekly e-newsletter, The Week Ahead, our website and monthly calendars for service and candle lighting times.

Sanctuary Services 8:45 AM, every Shabbat. Our musical Sanctuary Service offers a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience with Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler, Cantor Sidney Ezer and Lorne Hanick. Cantor Simon Spiro and the Beth Tzedec Singers lead *Shaharit* and *Musaf* with varied music each week. Lift your soul in prayer as you sing along, or close your eyes in meditation and be carried away by the magnificent harmonic sounds of our inspirational Shabbat morning service.

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, every Shabbat (through June 20). 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 Little Minyan tunes are available on request. Contact Cantor Sidney Ezer or Lorne Hanick to arrange to learn and lead parts of the service. Torah readers, *daveners* and those wishing to prepare or give a *D'var Torah* are always welcome.

Monthly Family Services 10:00 AM, Shabbat morning, June 6. Youth, teens and families experience an engaging prayer service. At 11:00 AM, enjoy Shabbat Learning with Daniel Silverman while kids ages 6 to 12 meet for Junior Congregation and younger children participate in Tot Shabbat. Everyone rejoins the service for concluding prayers before the Family Lunch.

Youth Services see page 23 for further details:

Junior Congregation (Ages 6 to 12) at 10:30 AM every Shabbat until June 13 (11:00 AM on Family Shabbat). A dynamic program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, unique looks at the *parashah* and holidays, and quality time with our *shinshinim*.

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Young Shamashim following Services on May 30 and June 13 & 20

An engaging program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their *davening* skills. Meet for a *nosh*, *zemirot* and learning.

Can't Get Enough Torah? Here's more!



Weekly Torah study with Professor Arnold Ages

9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat. Traditional and modern interpretations of the weekly Torah reading.

Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz

10:00 to 11:15 AM on June 6

Lively Learning with Cantor Simon Spiro

Following Services on June 13

Enjoy your Kiddush and study the weekly *parashah* with our Cantor. Explore fascinating commentaries of Rashi and other great sages, all presented with passion and knowledge by our amusing *Hazzan*.

Torah Next Dor with Rabbi Adam Cutler

11:00 AM on June 20

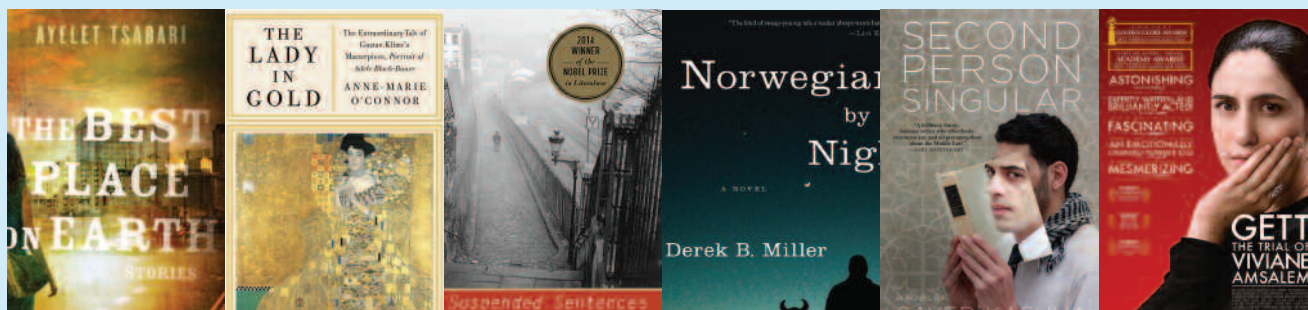
Join Young Professionals@BT in Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's study, as we eat, drink and examine pressing topics from sources both ancient and modern.

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Book and Film Club Selections 2015-2016

Mondays—Lunch 1:00 PM; Reviews 1:30 PM

All six sessions: \$90 for members of Beth Tzedec Congregation, \$110 for non-members \$25 per session at the door.



OCTOBER 19

The Best Place on Earth: Stories

Author Ayelet Tsabari talks about her book.

A captivating collection of stories giving a glimpse into Israeli life. Winner of the 2015 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature.

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Revera Retirement Living

NOVEMBER 2

The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer

Tina Urman discusses Anne-Marie O'Connor's book.

A page turner exploring the power of art, Jewish aristocratic society in Vienna, the history of painting and the world around it.

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Living Life on the Avenue Retirement Residence

MARCH 21

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Kensington Retirement Residence

APRIL 4

Norwegian by Night

Cynthia Good explores Derek B. Miller's mystery novel.

82 year old Sheldon Horowitz, troubled by the memories of his earlier life and coping with the frustrations of growing old, finds himself on the run from the police with a small boy accompanying him.

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Viva Thornhill Woods Retirement Residence

APRIL 25

Second Person Singular

Cathy Tile analyzes Sayed Kashua's book.

The concept of identity for Israeli-Arabs and Israelis is explored in this compelling novel.

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Living Life on the Avenue Retirement Residence

MAY 9, 10:30 AM

Gett: The Trial of Vivian Amsalem

Jillian Helfield, Professor of Film Studies at York University, analyzes this award-winning movie.

An Israeli woman fights for three years to obtain a divorce from her husband who refuses to grant his permission to dissolve their marriage.

Note: This program begins at 10:30 AM.

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Out of the Cold

We have just concluded the 16th season of Out of the Cold, a volunteer initiative of congregations, faith groups, community members and advocate programs who provide safe refuge, hospitality and emergency shelter to the homeless community throughout Toronto. Our joint venture with Beth Sholom Synagogue was once again very successful, and we now run one of the largest temporary shelters in the city. From early January through late March, we provided over 200 people a delicious and hearty meal prepared by Hartman's and much needed warm winter clothing, boots and sundry items. The 60 guests who slept at the synagogue were fed a delicious breakfast by our gracious volunteers at 5:00 AM. Each guest received a subway token and a bagged lunch prepared by our dedicated afternoon volunteers. Our on-site public health nurse monitored their health and we had outstanding bands who performed during the dinner hour, much to the delight of our guests. The art program, under the direction of Melanie Cheskes, provided an opportunity to produce some very creative and beautiful pieces of art which were showcased at our annual *Art Circle Art Show* on March 29.

The Out of the Cold Program is an enormous undertaking, one that could not be accomplished without our very dedicated team of volunteers. There were about 150 people who performed a host of functions weekly. We had individuals shopping for supplies, preparing bagged lunches, setting up the Assembly Hall, serving dinner, distributing clothing, providing supervision overnight, and preparing a filling breakfast in the morning. Most importantly, our guests were welcomed into a clean and safe environment filled with volunteers who cared about their needs. I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers who gave their time and energy to help out in this most personally enriching *mitzvah*. I would also like to acknowledge the very enthusiastic support of the members of the Mosaic Lodge of the Masons, and the wonderful office staff at both Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom who were never too busy to help out. A special thank you to the following companies or individuals who generously donated much-needed goods: A&B Plastics Company Ltd., Caulfield Apparel Group Ltd., Country Queen Foods, Hermes Bakery, Gamble Produce Limited, F.G. Lister & Company, First Cup Coffee Service, Hartman's Fine Kosher Foods, Tri-Quality Packaging, Bass Pro Shops, McGregor Socks, Pusateri's Fine Foods, Salvation Army, Tribal Sportswear Inc. and The Bargains Group. We are very grateful for the annual generous financial contribution from the Beth Tzedec Men's Club and the used clothing donations received from our members.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the following students who participated in special *hesed* projects to help

Out of the Cold: Grade 7 students of Bialik Hebrew Day School who conducted a blue jeans drive; Ezra and Jedidiah from CHAT who spearheaded an initiative to collect much needed warm winter jackets; the Grade I students of Associated who decorated place cards to welcome our guests to the shelter; and Beth Tzedec's Bar/Bat Mitzvah group, led by Aily Leibtag, who baked hundreds of muffins, cookies and cakes to serve.

This year we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to share the Out of the Cold experience with a very special group of students from the Diller Teen Fellowship Program. This leadership program pairs 20 exceptional teens from Grades 10 and 11 with 20 teens from a community in Israel. The focus was on learning about poverty and those in need in our community. We hosted all 40 of them on our last evening, and the students learned what it means to help others who are less fortunate and committed to using our model to help the homeless in Israel.

The Beth Tzedec/Beth Sholom Out of the Cold Program is self-funded, and we rely entirely on the generosity of our members and the community for financial donations. Please consider making a donation to this truly meaningful *hesed* project through the Synagogue office.

Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show

The seventh annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show, held on Sunday, May 10, was a huge success. A special thank you to the Chai Tea Committee, chaired by Patti Rotman, and the energetic women who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this festive afternoon. Over the past seven years, the Out of the Cold Program has been the recipient of proceeds raised from this annual event, with the total amount raised to date being close to an incredible \$50,000. We could not achieve the support that we have without such generosity.

Games Afternoon

The Thursday afternoon program continues to be very successful, with 35 participants attending and enjoying Mahjong or Bridge over tea and cookies. Canasta lessons are well underway and are being taught by Dorey Neiss, with more than 25 women having learned how to play. If you are interested in either Mahj or Canasta lessons, please contact me.

For information on *Hesed* programs, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 and leave a message for me.

—Maureen Tanz
Co-Chair, *Hesed* Committee



MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION BBQ & OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
5:00 TO 9:00 PM

Enjoy an end-of-summer barbecue with music and fun activities! Members and non-members welcome. No charge, but RSVPs requested by Friday, August 28.

Our doors are open for you and your friends to discover all Beth Tzedec has to offer.

- ❖ Meet our exceptional clergy and leadership
- ❖ Tour our extensive facilities, including the Museum, Library, Congregational School, banquet facilities and meeting rooms
- ❖ Meet our excellent onsite caterer, Applause Catering
- ❖ Take the opportunity to discuss becoming a member or renewing your Beth Tzedec membership
- ❖ Members can pick up their High Holy Day ticket packages!

Step through our doors and know you've come home!

For information on membership and the Open House, contact
Sheri Federman at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 or sfederman@beth-tzedec.org

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood wishes everyone a wonderful summer.

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Membership Matters

AS WE PREPARE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

of membership, we want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to our Beth Tzedec community and to the Jewish community at large. It is vital that we continue to support our synagogue to help ensure continuity for the future.

Beth Tzedec is so much more than just a place to come for the High Holy Days. We are available to you 365 days a year and encourage you to come often.

In addition to the experiences you currently enjoy as a Beth Tzedec member, we challenge you to find three additional opportunities where you can engage with fellow Beth Tzedec members in the upcoming year. Choose from our outstanding services, programs, holiday celebrations, lectures, game afternoons, book club, visits to the museum, committee work, fundraising events, etc. Beth Tzedec has something for everyone!

Outreach to our student members:

This was the third year that some of our out-of-town students received a surprise *mishloah manot* package (Purim treats) in the mail to help them celebrate the festive holiday. Packages were sent to students studying in Ontario, the U.S. and Israel, and once again, the response was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to all parents who responded to our request for your children's school addresses.

This initiative is offered to all students 18 years of age and older who are members in good standing. Contact Sheri Federman at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 to provide her with student addresses and look for the *mishloah manot* flyer and address request that will be available soon.

18 to 34 year old members:

Our 18 to 34 year old members are part of our fixed rate contribution

schedule. The fixed rates are intended to be affordable and competitively priced based on age. We understand there could be circumstances when the amount invoiced may not be feasible, so we welcome our young adult members to contact Sheri Federman to confidentially discuss their individual situations. In order for adjustments to be considered, we must speak directly with the invoiced young adult member.

The Membership Committee welcomes your input and values your involvement.

We wish you an enjoyable summer and hope to see you at the *Membership Appreciation BBQ & Open House* on September 2.

—Ilene Flatt and Sharon Yale
Chairs, Membership Committee

High Holy Day—Ticket Pick-up Information

Tuesday, September 1 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, September 2 – 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, September 3 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday, September 4 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday, September 8 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 9 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Thursday, September 10 – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday, September 11 – 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

*September 4 is the last day we will be mailing High Holy Day tickets.
After that date, members must come to the Synagogue to pick them up.*

TORONTO'S JEWISH MOSAIC:

New Roots

An exhibition of portraits by
AL GILBERT, C.M.

Presented as part of Beth Tzedec's
60th Anniversary Celebrations

Exhibition continues through August

Portraits highlight Jewish people from over 50 countries who have chosen to make Toronto their home. The participants welcome the opportunity to express their gratitude to this city and to share their individual histories that are as diverse as their countries of origin.

For information or to book a tour of the exhibit, contact Museum Curator
Dorion Lieb Gott at 416-781-3514 ext. 232 or dliibgott@beth-tzedec.org.



Planning a Party?

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For your next simcha, our extraordinary team will deliver a flawless event and create lasting memories for you and your guests.

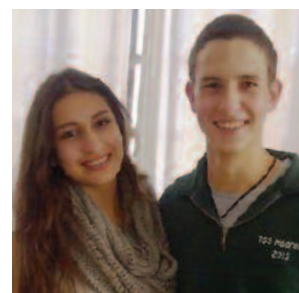
Rosh Hashanah is fast approaching and we wish all our clients, family and friends a very happy New Year. For our full holiday menu, visit our website www.applausecatering.ca



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A Farewell from our *Shinshinim*

A letter from Ofir Hoory and Or Klein



DEAR BETH TZEDEC COMMUNITY:

We have reached the point where we want to sum up the year and take a look back on all the things that we have done as *Shinshinim*.

It is a year that both of us will never forget; a year of learning, empowering, relationship-building, overcoming difficulties and most importantly having fun!

We arrived here as two 18 year olds, straight from high school, without a lot of experience but with a lot of passion, love and care for the country we come from, and with curiosity to learn and experience what is the meaning of Jewish community outside of Israel.

From that point everything happened very fast. From the moment we arrived you made us feel that this is our home away from home. You taught us how to create a community and how to be part of a community in many ways: how you connect groups of people to Judaism, how you welcome with open arms every person to Shabbat morning prayer, how you gather people of different ages to celebrate holidays together, how you take the younger generations of the congregation and show them how different religions can live together side by side peacefully, and how you show what a *mitzvah* really is by volunteering.

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for showing us lots of support for the job we do here, for listening to things we have shared with you and helping us bring Israel through our eyes to you.

It is never easy to say goodbye, but we are completing this year with lots of good experiences and knowledge about the Jewish community outside of Israel, and of course the amazing community of Beth Tzedec.

We want to give special thanks to Daniel Silverman and Aily Leibtag for helping us with our programs and schedules, settling us into the community, and for guiding us the whole way.

This has been the best year of our life and you have had a major part in making it this way. We will always remember you, the things you taught us and the tools you gave us. Soon we will both be joining the IDF and will be giving years of our life to the State of Israel. During our army service we are sure that we will use what we learned and experienced here.

You have become our family for the rest of our life and we hope you will feel free to call, text or email anytime and keep in touch!

With much love and appreciation,

—Or and Ofir

2015 March of the Living Participants

On Shabbat, May 23, Beth Tzedec honoured its 2015 March of the Living participants who shared their experiences and reflections from this amazing journey.

Jordan Allen
Lewis Ashley
Jacob Beallor
Ira Brown
Samantha Brown
Sean Brown
Laura Flatt
Emma Gangbar
Leo Gelfand

Bill Glied
Aaron Good
Austin Gwartz
Lewie Haar
Maddie Leranbaum
Ethan Lidsky
David Matlow
Lianne Matlow
Naomi Matlow

Taylor Milne
Carly Naimer
Matthew Pollock
Jodi Rotman
Ben Simon
Natalie Soberano
Max Starkman
Josh Sud
Maddie Tanenbaum

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Yizkor Memorial Booklet

It is now time to send in the information to include the names of your loved ones in the annual Yizkor Memorial Book used at Yizkor Services on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesah and Shavuot for the year 5776. The cost is \$18.00 per memorialized name per household.

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Tishah b'Av

The ninth of Av is a bleak day on the Jewish calendar.



THE LEAD-UP TO TISHAH B'AV IS A THREE WEEK PERIOD OF sadness that commemorates the conquest of Jerusalem. It begins with the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz (July 5), which is when the Roman legions breached the wall of the city, and culminates on the 9th of Av (July 26) which marks the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem. (586 BCE and 69 CE)

Many other sad events in Jewish history came to be collected under the rubric of the disasters of Tisha b'Av. Thus, the 9th of Av came to also commemorate the Edict of Expulsion from England (1092), the Cossack attacks on Polish-Ukrainian Jewry (1648) and the onset of the destabilization of Europe and the Holocaust (1914).

This year, we shall read from the Scroll of

Lamentations (*Eikhab*) on Saturday night, July 25, immediately following Shabbat. On Sunday, July 5, morning services will include *kinot* (elegies) for Jerusalem. In the afternoon (*Minhab*) services, we wear *tefillin* and read the selections from Torah and Prophets for fast days. The fast will conclude at 9:32 PM.

Jewish tradition has also seen Tisha b'Av as a day of potential promise with destruction leading to redemption. We have a tradition that a comforter (*menahem*) will be born on this day. The period from the 9th of Av to Rosh Hashanah is called the seven weeks of consolation. So may it be for us.

May we be comforted among all those who mourn within the community of Zion and Jerusalem.

TRYing Israel

Noah Aaron, Samantha Charlat, Zachary Friedman and Ariel Roitman share their amazing experiences from the TRY–Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim high school program.



CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE IN TRY WAS ONE OF THE best decisions we've ever made. Having learned about Israel our whole lives through school, camp and shul, we have received a good understanding of Israel. Now that we are here in Israel, not just learning, but experiencing everything we've grown up to know, living here has strengthened our love for Israel and Jewish education even more.

Our time on this program is constantly balanced between our academic work, *tiyulim* (field trips) and the Israeli experience. While getting our mandatory high school credits, we spend lots of our time out of the classroom, and exploring the beautiful land that Israel has to offer. From the mountains in the Golan in the north, all the way to the Negev down south, we are constantly opening our minds and absorbing new things. We've explored different communities such as Kibbutz life and the holy city of Tzfat, and we love learning about the different lifestyles that Israelis live.

In addition, living in Jerusalem has given us access to the history of our people through ancient sites like the City of David, and the sites of modern Israeli culture,

like the *shook*. Waking up every morning and having the Jerusalem landscape be the first thing we see when we step outside is breathtaking. On a normal weekday, the streets of Jerusalem are busy with people going to work, running errands and tourists trying to get from site to site. But Saturdays in Jerusalem are some of the most spiritual and calming Shabbats we've ever experienced. Walking to shul on Saturday morning on empty streets and receiving a "Shabbat Shalom" from all people who pass by makes us feel like we have been accepted in the Jewish community.

Also a great thing about being in Israel is how we study the history of Israel. In our *Israel Core Course* (ICC), we learn the history of our People in chronological order, from the time of Abraham to the present. It is really quite an experience to learn in this fashion because after everything we learn, we go on *tiyulim* to the sites that we have just studied. Not only is this a fantastic educational experience, but it is also a fantastic opportunity to travel and tour everything in the state.

Overall, TRY has been an amazing experience and we all highly suggest coming to Israel because you will not regret the choice you make.



Thursday, May 28
King's Riding Golf Club
14700 Bathurst St., King City, Ontario

\$350 Golfer / \$1,400 Foursome

12:00 PM Registration
& Barbecue Lunch

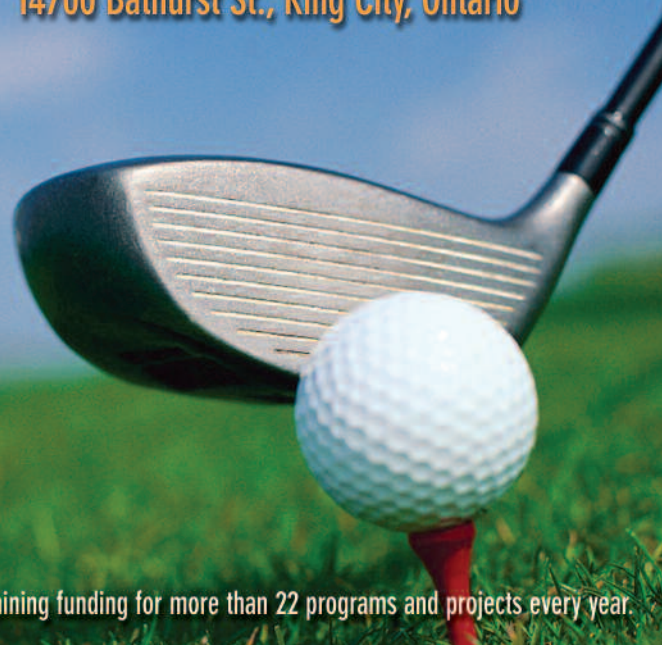
1:30 PM Shotgun Start

6:00 PM Awards Reception & Dinner

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1:30 PM Refreshments

2:00 PM Lecture

10 sessions: \$60; 5 sessions: \$40

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PART ONE:

Tears and Laughter in the Bible

October 7

Queen of Sheba: A Woman of Intrigue
and Politics—A Match for a King

October 14

Rebecca: A Mother's Torn Heart who
Shaped the Destiny of the World—A
Psychological Portrait of Isaac's Wife

October 21

Lot's Wife: Torn and Doomed—A Fatal
Mistake with a Profound Message

October 28

Concubine: Shame and Horror, When
the World was Lawless

November 4

Miriam: A Sister, a Prophet and a
Gatekeeper

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Men's Club Makes a Difference



Men's Club celebrates
Murray Levinter's 90th birthday

Annual Awards Breakfast

The Men's Club's annual Awards Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 28. Join us as we honour our scholarship recipients.

New Honour Roll Members

Jerry Grammer and Perry Cooper are being added this year to the Men's Club Honour Roll. Both are long-time executive members who have made significant contributions to our Club. Jerry currently serves as Treasurer and Perry is Vice-President.

The Story of the Jews DVD Series

The Men's Club has donated several copies of *The Story of the Jews* DVD series to the Max & Beatrice Wolfe Library. For information on signing out a copy, contact the Library at 416-781-3514 ext. 225.

2015 Man of the Year

Every year, the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs honours men who have made significant ongoing contributions in their areas, and we are excited to once again host all of our associated

groups on June 14 at 9:30 AM.

Mark Lapedus will MC and our own Daniel Silverman will speak on *Leaders and Disruptors: Two Different Models of Community and Synagogue Leadership*. We are also pleased to announce that we will honour our own Man of the Year, **Dr. Sheldon Rotman**.



MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS & PRIVILEGES



Men's Club is providing a new updated card for its members. A \$36 contribution provides members with:

- A plastic card that includes a three-year Jewish Holiday calendar
- Preferred seating at Men's Club sponsored events

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, contact Avital at 416-781-3511.

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on their new condo.

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Claire Spevack** on her special birthday.

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Carole Wolfe** on her birthday.

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Harold and Carole Wolfe** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Alanna Mandel**.

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

Michael and Rochelle Kerzner and family, honouring **Dr. Joshua and Rhonda Charlat** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Alexa**.

Michael and Rochelle Kerzner and family, honouring **Ab and Phyllis Flatt** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Alexa Charlat**.

Michael and Rochelle Kerzner and family, honouring **Harold and Carole Wolfe** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Alanna Mandel**.

David Weisdorf, Risa Levine and Harrison, honouring **Alexa Charlat** on her Bat Mitzvah.

Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund

Margaret Altman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sara Godfrey**.

Dr. Seymour and Rosalee Berlin, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Belle Green Wax, Harold Albert Green, Abraham Greenberg** and **Myer David Berlin**.

Dr. Ruth Berman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Neil David Berman**.

Fredelle Brief and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Harry Stein (Tzvi HaCohen)**.

The Brockman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Brockman**.

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

Bleema Climans, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Davis**.

The Cohen Family, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Bob Cohen**.

Rick and Ellen Cosman and Stephen Johnson and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Johnson**.

Rick and Ellen Cosman and Stephen Johnson and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Johnson**.

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

Susan Fremes and Michel Silberfeld and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Fremes**.

Sydney and Anna Gangbar, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edith Gangbar**.

Faygie and Bob Goodman, honouring the upcoming wedding of their son **Hirsch Goodman to Nicole Yuen**.

Sen. Jerry S. Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pauline Wayne**.

The Greenberg and Farber families, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Shaynka Farber**.

Saul and Bonnie Greenberg and Harry and Roslynne Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dora Greenberg**.

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Tempo**.

Morty and Elaine Goldbach and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fanny Goldbach**.

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

Donald Hoffer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bessie Hoffer**.

Nava Jakubovicz and Difat Jakubovicz and families, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Iran Esther Jakubovicz**.

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

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

Martin Karp, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jerry Karp**.

Carolyn Kolers, Allison Cepler and Brian Cepler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lanette Cepler**.

Agnes Kubes and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Zoltan Kubes**.

Jan and Mark Lapedus and family and Andrew and Julie Freedman and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Chovie Freedman and Jack Freedman**.

Harold Lepofsky and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norma Lepofsky**.

The Licht and Weisz Families, honouring the upcoming marriage of **Laura Licht and Jeremy Weisz**.

Harold Maltz and Dr. Sharon Kreidstein, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Sam**.

Dr. Joanna Mansfield and Mr. Eli Cooperberg, honouring the birth of their daughter **Sienna Greta Mansfield Cooperberg**.

Mitch and Anne Max and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Max**.

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

Jill and Morris Moscovitch, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Sylvia Steinberg Ornstein**.

The Pollock and Gold families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ricky Pollock**.

Gary Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Pollock**.

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

Nancy Posluns and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Posluns**.

Wayne and Susan Robbins, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miriam Robbins**.

Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Annette Rosenbluth**.

Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Rosenbluth**.

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

Caren Ruby and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerry Ruby**.

Rabbi Shalom Schachter and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi**.

Arnold and Barbara Shell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Kayla Shell**.

Alan Sless and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Philip Sless**.

Dorothy Tessis and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Stanley Tessis**.

Dorothy Tessis and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Stanley Tessis**.

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

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Alana Mandel**.

Daily Minyan Fund

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Dr. Kenneth Norwich** in memory of **Karen Dawn Norwich**.

General Fund

Enid and Graham Berg, wishing **William Warren** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Sophie Brockman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Louis Brockman**.

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Gerald White** on his special birthday.

Faye Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bluma Rosenstock**.

Donnie Friedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miriam Petegorsky Bohnen**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging **Michael Kerzner** in memory of **Joe Kerzner**.

Michael Gary and Hon. Roselyn Zisman, acknowledging **Felicia Posluns** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Michael Gary and Hon. Roselyn Zisman, acknowledging **Ian Zagdanski** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Al Gelfant, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ephraim Shiman Gelfant**.

Morice and Cynthia Glick, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Julia Zeidel** and **Etta Glick**.

Morty and Rosemary Goldhar, honouring **Barbara and Henry Bank** on the birth of their granddaughter **Phoebe**.

Carole Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lucille Warren**.

Mickey Heller, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Samuel and Lena Heller**.

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

Louis Litwin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Gladstone**.

Patricia Menkes, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Sandler**.

Hilda Mitz, acknowledging **Felicia Posluns** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Reta Newman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ray Margles**.

Ariel Rosembli, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Elias Rosembli**.

Helene Shomair, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Zenia Zaifman**.

Jeannie Tanenbaum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harold Tanenbaum**.

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

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

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

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

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Lawrie and Ruthann Lubin** on the birth of their granddaughter.

Carole Wolfe, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mary Cappe**.

Hesed Fund

Sophie Brockman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Brockman**.

Dr. Albert and Elaine Cheskes, honouring **Irving Granovsky** on his 80th birthday.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Shep Gangbar and family** in memory of **Sybil Geller**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Dr. Kenneth Norwich** in memory of **Karen Dawn Norwich**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging the **Saltzman Family** in memory of **Kenneth Saltzman, Q.C.**

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

Helen Glazer, honouring the **Gurau Family** on the upcoming marriage of their son **Adam to Rebecca**.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Lorne Hanick** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Zelda Jonas** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Tilly Oslender** a Happy Birthday.

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

Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Rose Glickman, Joseph Greenberg, Jacob Greenberg** and **Anne Greenberg**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Shep Gangbar** in memory of **Sybil Geller**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Dr. Kenneth Norwich** in memory of **Karen Dawn Norwich**.

Shirley Krem, wishing **Lorne Hanick** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, acknowledging **Felicia Posluns and the Zagdanski family** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, honouring **Dr. Melvin and Sandra Brown** the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Noah**.

Sidney and Lola Solnik, acknowledging **Manley and Barbra Walters** in memory of **Murray Walters**.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, honouring **Harold and Ruth Margles** with appreciation.

Jeannette and Jason Stein, honouring **Helen Glazer** on her birthday.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Felicia Posluns** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging **Ian Zagdanski** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Glenmorris Cohen** a Happy Birthday.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Lazarus Rosen** a Happy Birthday.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Leon Wagschal** a Happy Birthday.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Michael S. Wexler** a Happy Birthday.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Vivienne Ziner** a Happy Birthday.

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

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club, honouring **Murray Levinter** on his 90th birthday.

Jerold and Lillian Grammer, honouring **Dr. Jesse Witchel** on his 95th birthday.

Hon. Jack and Sandi Grossman and family, honouring **Hersh Rosenthal** on his 70th birthday.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging **Anne Laski and family** in memory of **Sol**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging **Noreen Shelson and family** in memory of their father and husband.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal and Evelyn Cooper, acknowledging the family of the late **Norm Siegal**.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Israel & Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund

Caryl and Bernie Schwartz and family, honouring the **Hanet family** in memory of **Charles Hanet**.

Randy Schwartz, Andrea Randolph and Rachel and Ryan, honouring the **Hanet family** in memory of **Charles Hanet**.

Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

Jackie and Norman Kahn, acknowledging **Carole Ash** in memory of **Nate Ash**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, acknowledging **Michael Kerzner** in memory of **Joe Kerzner**.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, acknowledging **Lisa Koeper** in memory of **Joe Kerzner**.

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Condolences

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

Burton Cowitz
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Johanna Klein
Harry Levine
Karen Meltzer
Helen Miller
Moses M. Nathan
Karen Dawn Norwich
Bayla Panzer

Mike Rosen
Steve Rozencajg
Raphael Salama
Bertha Savlov
Bertha Schwartz
Stanley Smordin
Rose (Roselle) Stone
Murray Walters
Anne Zeidenberg

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

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in honour of the following individuals will be installed in the Sanctuary:

Jack Bottler
Hershel Greenspan
Sarah Greenspan
Louis Kirshenblatt

Mark Pupko
Rose Pupko
Gordon Quitt

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 memorial 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, contact Maya Vasserman at 416-781-3514 ext. 216 or mvasserman@beth-tzedec.org.

Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

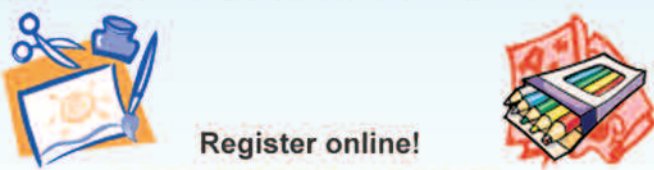
Beth Tzedec has a number of opportunities for members wishing to support our *tzedakah* initiatives. Honour the memory of a loved one by making a contribution to one of our funds or sponsoring breakfast on a *yahrtzeit*. For a complete list of Synagogue funds, please call the office at 416-781-3511.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy for the Congregation to name a special project, youth program or adult education seminar, we would be pleased to help you plan today for tomorrow. Contact our Executive Director, Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 to discuss these opportunities in confidence.

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2015

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Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring **Moshe Micha and Dr. Chloe McAlister** on the birth of their son **Nir**.

Ruth Torchinsky-Stilman.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their new grandson.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their new grandson.

Jules and Pearl Surdin Memorial Fund

Sheila and Howard Einstoss and family, acknowledging the **Saltzman family** in memory of **Kenneth Saltzman, Q.C.**

Kosher Food Bank

Judy Feld Carr and Donald Carr, honouring **Gella Rothstein** on her birthday, and in appreciation.

Barbara Firestone, wishing **Lowell and Dena Pancer** a Happy Passover, and thanking them for inviting her to their seder.

Allan and Elaine Francoz, honouring the **Hon. James Diamond** on becoming a judge.

Nava Jakubovicz, acknowledging **Debra and Gary Walters and the Adler family** in memory of **Dr. Eli Adler**.

Lorna Kahn, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Philip Casher, Zave Kahn and Bernard Kahn**.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging **Ian Zagdanski** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Yvette Lerner, honouring **David and Etta Nitkin** on the birth of their grandchild.

Irving Matlow.

David, Shayndelynne, Daniel and Jonathan Zeldin, acknowledging **Paul and Roseanne Spiar** in memory of **Rebekah Gibson**.

Library Books

Ronald and Diane Ennis, acknowledging **Toby Saltzman and family** in memory of **Kenneth Saltzman, Q.C.**

Zina Glassman, acknowledging **Toby Saltzman and family** in memory of **Kenneth Saltzman, Q.C.**

Yvette Lerner, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Rebecca Huglin**.

Little Minyan Fund

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, acknowledging **Debra and Gary Walters** in memory of **Dr. Eli Adler**.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring **Anne and Mitch Max** on the engagement of their daughter **Rachel to Andrew**.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein and family, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their grandson.

Mark and Loren Roth, honouring **Norman and Jackie Kahn** on the birth of their grandson.

Murray Teitel and Linda Spiegel and children, acknowledging **Diane Pollock and Harvey Spiegel** in memory of **Abraham Pollock**.

Ruth Torchinsky-Stilman.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Eileen Silver** on winning the **Cholent Cook-Off**.

Music Fund

Dr. Stephen Abrams, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Eva Spivak**.

Dr. Stephen Abrams, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Israel Spivak**.

Andrea Baltman, Pam, Stuart, Katie and Lindsay, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Daniel and Susie Berg and family, acknowledging **Howard and Lisa Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Dr. Albert and Elaine Cheskes, honouring **Marvin Sherkin** on his 75th birthday.

Sandy Cohen, acknowledging **Sherry Kaufman** in memory of **Bertha Savlov**.

Jeremy Dacks and Ali Taradash-Dacks and family, acknowledging **Ellen and Eric Pervin and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

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

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Ferne and Jack Frydman, acknowledging **Howard and Lisa Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Donna and Lonny Goldstein, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Martin Karp, honouring **Cantor Simon Spiro and the Beth Tzedec Singers**.

Martin Karp, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Ricky and Barbara Kirshenblatt, honouring **Gerold and Rosylin Goldlist** on the birth of their grandson **Abe Ezra**.
Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging **Lisa Koeper** in memory of **Joe Kerzner**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging the family of the late **Fred Kohan**.

Shirley Krem and Carey Krem, acknowledging the family of the late **Rose (Roselle) Stone**.

Dorion Liebgott, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Manny and Harriet Lilker, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Dr. Newton and Claire Markus, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Lynda McHardy, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Evie and Morrie Neiss, acknowledging **Ellen and Eric Pervin and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Jay Niederhoffer, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Laura Ochshorn, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Peter Reiner and Susan Greenglass and family, acknowledging **Ellen and Eric Pervin and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Marvin and Carole Sherkin, wishing **Cantor Simon and Aliza Spiro and family** a Happy Passover.

William and Marilyn Sklar, acknowledging **Felicia Posluns** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

William and Marilyn Sklar, acknowledging **Ian Zagdanski** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Franci and Ken Sniderman, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Phil and Risa Spring, acknowledging **Ellen and Eric Pervin and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Lyle and Shari Teichman, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Albert Weinstein, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of **Ruth Burnett**.

Lyon Wexler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sara Wexler**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Felicia and David Posluns** on the birth of their granddaughter.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Eli Cooperberg and Dr. Joanna Mansfield** on the birth of their daughter **Sienna Greta**.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Gary and Marcie Mansfield** on the birth of their granddaughter **Sienna Greta**.

Oscar Zimmerman and Dr. Anna Day, acknowledging **Sandy Cohen and family** in memory of **Irwin (Bob) Cohen**.

Men's Club Scholarship Fund

Al Gelfant, on receiving an aliyah for his 90th birthday.

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

Eddie and Bonny Kirschner, honouring **Murray Levinter** on his special birthday.

Sylvia Singer and family, wishing **Eddie Kirschner** a Happy Birthday.

Sylvia Singer and family, honouring **Eddie and Bonny Kirschner** on their 30th anniversary.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Arthur and Carole Andrews, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family** on the engagement of their daughter **Jodi to Ryan**.

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing **Zoltan and Sara Zimmerman and family** a Happy Passover.

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

Barbara Firestone, honouring **Gerry White** on his special birthday.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein and family, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family** on the engagement of their daughter **Jodi to Ryan**.

Jae Gold, honouring the memory of **Ricky Pollock**.

Lorie Gold, honouring the memory of **Ricky Pollock**.

Robert Gold, honouring the memory of **Ricky Pollock**.

Ellis and Vicci Macmull, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** on the engagement of their daughter **Jodi to Ryan**.

Mitch and Anne Max, acknowledging **Debra Walters** in memory of **Dr. Eli Adler**.

Mitch and Anne Max and family, acknowledging **Jan Sutin** in memory of **Barbara Anne Westphal**.

Mitch and Anne Max, honouring **Mark Slick** on his special birthday.

Susan and Norman Mogil, acknowledging **Sherry Kaufman** in memory of **Bertha Savlov**.

Gary Pollock, honouring the memory of **Ricky Pollock**.

Ron Pollock, honouring the memory of **Ricky Pollock**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Sandra Payer** in memory of **Betty Berofsky**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging the **Zagdanski Family** in memory of **Johanna Klein**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, honouring **Aubrey and Shelley Levine** on the birth of their granddaughter **Lexi**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kulbak** in memory of **Trisha Kulbak (Miller)**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging **Avra Goldhar** in memory of **Beulah Ludzki**.

Dr. Sheldon Rotman and staff, acknowledging the family of the late **Sharon Goldman**.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Barry Arbus and Dr. Karen Steele** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Daniel**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Shep Gangbar** in memory of **Sybil Geller**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging **Mr. and Mrs. Rick Sutin** in memory of **Barbara Anne Westphal**.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, wishing **William Warren** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Joseph and Elaine Steiner, acknowledging **Shep Gangbar** in memory of **Sybil Geller**.

Anna-Lynne Taradash, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Faye and Abraham Sossin**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** on the engagement of their daughter **Jodi to Ryan**.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Ronnen Harary** a Happy Birthday.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Michelle Muscat** a Happy Birthday.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** on the engagement of their daughter **Jodi to Ryan**.

Bea Wortsman, honouring the memories of **Rose and Jack Samuel, Kelly Wortsman, Shirley Steinberg, Herman Butch Gordon and Ralph List**.

Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications—Daily or Shabbat

Janet Durbin, honouring the **Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class of 2015**.

Michelle Glied-Goldstein and Allan Goldstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jordan Goldstein**.

Morty and Rosemary Goldhar, acknowledging **Lorraine Sandler** in memory of **Fay Davis**.

Morty and Rosemary Goldhar, honouring **Gella Rothstein** on her special birthday.

Miriam, Sheldon and Lana Kerzner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Kerzner**.

Ian, Marlene and Mitchell Rattner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cyril Rattner**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Murray Levinter** on his 90th birthday.

Trudy, Debbie and Barry Shecter, honouring the memories of **Max and Florence Shecter**.

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

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

Joy Wagner-Arbus and Dr. Gerald Arbus, honouring the memory of **Moe and Bess Wagner**.

Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum Fund

Esther Brown and family, honouring **Gurion Hyman** on his special birthday.

Susan Oppenheim and the UJA of New York, honouring **Dorion Liebgott**.

Victims of Terror Fund

Budgie and Joe Frieberg, honouring **Sen. Jerry S. Grafstein** on his special birthday.

Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring **Dr. Melvin and Sandra Brown** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Noah**.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Dr. G. Harvey Lupu** a Happy Birthday.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Jaimie Sophie Muscat** a Happy Birthday.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring the **Hon. James Diamond** on becoming a judge.

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15 ELUL 30 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	16 ELUL 31 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	17 ELUL 1 September 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	18 ELUL 2 7:30am Shaharit 5:00pm Membership Appreciation BBQ & Open House 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	19 ELUL 3 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	20 ELUL 4 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:29pm Candle Lighting	21 ELUL 5 SELIHOT Ki Tavo 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof Ages 7:05pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:29pm Havdalah 9:00pm Pre-Selihat Program 10:45pm Selihat Service 12:00am Selihat Reception
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22 ELUL 6 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	23 ELUL 7 LABOUR DAY 8:30am Selihat-Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	24 ELUL 8 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	25 ELUL 9 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	26 ELUL 10 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	27 ELUL 11 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:16pm Candle Lighting	28 ELUL 12 Nitzavim 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof Ages 10:15am Torah Tots 10:30am Junior Congregation 6:50pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:17pm Havdalah
29 ELUL 13 EREV ROSH HASHANAH 8:15am Selihat-Shaharit 6:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:13pm Candle Lighting Light 24-hr candle prior to Yom Tov candles	1 TISHREI 14 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 8:00am Sanctuary Service 8:30am Parallel Service 10:30am Abridged Short & Sweet Service 10:30am Family Service 11:00am Reflective Service 5:00pm Tashlich 7:15pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm Candle Lighting	2 TISHREI 15 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 8:00am Sanctuary Service 8:30am Parallel Service 10:30am Abridged Short & Sweet Service 10:30am Family Service 11:00am Reflective Service 7:15pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:11pm Yom Tov concludes	3 TISHREI 16 FAST OF GEDALYAH 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:09pm Fast concludes	4 TISHREI 17 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	5 TISHREI 18 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:04pm Candle Lighting	6 TISHREI 19 SHABBAT SHUYAH Vayelekh 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof Ages 10:15am Torah Tots 10:30am Junior Congregation 11:00am Torah Next Dor 6:45pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:04pm Havdalah
7 TISHREI 20 8:30am Selihat-Shaharit 12:00pm Kever Avot at Beth Tzedec Memorial Park 6:50pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	8 TISHREI 21 7:10am Selihat-Shaharit 6:50pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	9 TISHREI 22 KOL NIDREI 7:15am Selihat-Shaharit 2:00pm Minhah 6:45pm Sanctuary Service 6:45pm Parallel Service 6:45pm Family Service 6:56pm Candle Lighting Light a Yizkor candle prior to Yom Tov candles	10 TISHREI 23 YOM KIPPUR 9:00am Sanctuary Service/Yizkor 9:00am Parallel Service 10:30am Family Service 10:30am Abridged Short & Sweet Service 11:00am Reflective Service 5:10pm Minhah 6:40pm Neilah Service 7:56pm Fast concludes	11 TISHREI 24 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	12 TISHREI 25 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:51pm Candle Lighting	13 TISHREI 26 Ha'azinu 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof Ages 10:15am Torah Tots 10:30am Junior Congregation 6:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:51pm Havdalah
14 TISHREI 27 EREV SUKKOT 8:45am Shaharit 6:45pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 6:47pm Candle Lighting Light a 24-hr candle prior to festival candles	15 TISHREI 28 SUKKOT DAY 1 HALLEL/LULAV 8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tots 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:48pm Candle Lighting from existing flame	16 TISHREI 29 SUKKOT DAY 2 HALLEL/LULAV 8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tots 10:30am Junior Congregation 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:45pm Yom Tov concludes	17 TISHREI 30 HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT 1st Intermediate Day 7:10am Shaharit 4:00pm Pizza in the Hut Sukkah Party 6:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv			

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10 AV 26 FAST OF TISHAH B'AV 8:30am Shaharit 8:30pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 9:32pm Fast concludes	11 AV 27 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	12 AV 28 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	13 AV 29 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israel in Toronto: Ida Film Screening	14 AV 30 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	15 AV 31 TU B'AV 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:23pm Candle Lighting	16 AV 1 August SHABBAT NAHARIMU Va'ethanan 8:45am Shaharit 8:00pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:24pm Havdalah
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17 AV 2 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	18 AV 3 CIVIC HOLIDAY 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	19 AV 4 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	20 AV 5 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israel in Toronto: The Farewell Party Film Screening	21 AV 6 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	22 AV 7 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:14pm Candle Lighting	23 AV 8 SHABBAT MEVARKHIM Elkev 8:45am Shaharit 7:55pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:15pm Havdalah
24 AV 9 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	25 AV 10 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	26 AV 11 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	27 AV 12 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israel in Toronto: TBA	28 AV 13 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	29 AV 14 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:04pm Candle Lighting	30 AV 15 ROSH HODESH ELUL R'eih 8:45am Shaharit 7:45pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:05pm Havdalah
1 ELUL 16 ROSH HODESH ELUL FIRST SHOFAR 8:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	2 ELUL 17 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	3 ELUL 18 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	4 ELUL 19 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	5 ELUL 20 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	6 ELUL 21 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:53pm Candle Lighting	7 ELUL 22 Shoflim 8:45am Shaharit 7:30pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:53pm Havdalah
8 ELUL 23 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	9 ELUL 24 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	10 ELUL 25 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	11 ELUL 26 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	12 ELUL 27 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	13 ELUL 28 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:41pm Candle Lighting	14 ELUL 29 Ki Teitzei 8:45am Shaharit 7:20pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 8:42pm Havdalah

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4 TAMMUZ 21 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	5 TAMMU 22 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program	6 TAMMUZ 23 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Information Night: CA Trip to Spain	7 TAMMUZ 24 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	8 TAMMUZ 25 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	9 TAMMUZ 26 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:45pm Candle Lighting	10 TAMMUZ 27  Hukkat 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am Torah Study/Dr. Ages 8:25pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:47pm Havdalah
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11 TAMMUZ 28 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am Men's Club Awards Breakfast 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	12 TAMMUZ 29 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	13 TAMMUZ 30 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	14 TAMMUZ 1 July  CANADA DAY 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	15 TAMMUZ 2 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	16 TAMMUZ 3 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:44pm Candle Lighting	17 TAMMUZ 4  Balak 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am Torah Study/Dr. Ages 8:25pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:46pm Havdalah
18 TAMMUZ 5 FAST OF THE 17 TH DAY OF TAMMUZ 8:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 9:23pm Fast concludes	19 TAMMUZ 6 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	20 TAMMUZ 7 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	21 TAMMUZ 8 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israel in Toronto: Alan Zucker/Gaza Plus One Year	22 TAMMUZ 9 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	23 TAMMUZ 10 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:41pm Candle Lighting	24 TAMMUZ 11  SHABBAT MEVARKHIM  Pinhas 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am Torah Study/Dr. Ages 8:20pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:43pm Havdalah
25 TAMMUZ 12 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	26 TAMMUZ 13 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	27 TAMMUZ 14 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	28 TAMMUZ 15 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Natan Sharansky in Conversation with Irwin Cotler	29 TAMMUZ 16 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	1 AV 17  ROSH HODESH AV 7:15am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:37pm Candle Lighting	2 AV 18  Mattot-Masei 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am Torah Study/Dr. Ages 8:15pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:38pm Havdalah
3 AV 19 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	4 AV 20 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	5 AV 21 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	6 AV 22 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israel in Toronto: Zero Motivation Film Screening	7 AV 23 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv	8 AV 24 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:31pm Candle Lighting	9 AV 25  EREV TISHAH B'AV  SHABBAT HAZON  Devarim 8:45am Shaharit 8:10pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:32pm Havdalah 9:35pm Scroll of Eikah/Book of Lamentations

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6 SIVAN 24 SHAVUOT 8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am Junior Congregation 8:30pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 9:27pm Candle Lighting from an existing flame	7 SIVAN 25 SHAVUOT YIZKOR 8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am Junior Congregation 8:00pm <i>Megillat Ruth</i> 8:30pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 9:30pm Yom Tov concludes	8 SIVAN 26 7:30am Shaharit 10:00am Torah/Female Eyes 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Annual General Meeting	9 SIVAN 27 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Havurot HaSefer	10 SIVAN 28 7:30am Shaharit 12:00pm MC Golf Classic 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Prof. Berk/70 Years Later: WWII in Historical Perspective	11 SIVAN 29 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Dinner & Lecture with Prof. Stephen Berk 8:32pm Candle Lighting	12 SIVAN 30 Naso 8:45am Shaharit/Prof. Berk 9:30am LM/Prof Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 11:00am Torah Next Dor 12:00pm Teen Shabbat Lunch 12:00pm Young Shashim 8:15pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:35pm Havdalah
13 SIVAN 31 8:45am Shaharit 9:00am Prof. Berk Breakfast & Lecture 11:00am P1 Library Story Time 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	14 SIVAN 1 June 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:30pm Strategic Planning Town Hall	15 SIVAN 2 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	16 SIVAN 3 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	17 SIVAN 4 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Young Rabbis Speak Program	18 SIVAN 5 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:37pm Candle Lighting	19 SIVAN 6 Beha'alothea 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:00am Jewish Meditation 10:00am Family Service 11:00am Tot Shabbat 2:30pm Shabbat in the Park 8:20pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:40pm Havdalah
20 SIVAN 7 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	21 SIVAN 8 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program	22 SIVAN 9 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	23 SIVAN 10 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	24 SIVAN 11 7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	25 SIVAN 12 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner for the <i>Shinshinim</i> 8:41pm Candle Lighting	26 SIVAN 13 SHABBAT MEVARKHIIM Shelah Lekha 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof Ages 10:30am Junior Congregation 12:00pm Lively Learning 8:20pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:44pm Havdalah
27 SIVAN 14 8:45am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	28 SIVAN 15 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program	29 SIVAN 16 7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv	30 SIVAN 17 ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ 7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Havurot HaSefer	1 TAMMUZ 18 ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ 7:15am Shaharit 1:30pm Games Afternoon 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Vinyl Chorus Summer Concert	2 TAMMUZ 19 7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:44pm Candle Lighting	3 TAMMUZ 20 Korah 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof Ages 11:00am Torah Next Dor 12:00pm Young Shashim 8:25pm Minhah/SS/Ma'ariv 9:46pm Havdalah