



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 31, 2016

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Take Notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Beth Tzedec Congregation ("the Congregation") will be held in the Banquet Hall of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Congregation held on May 26, 2015;
- To approve the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Members of the Congregation held on April 12, 2016;
- To elect ten members of the Congregation to the Board of Governors for a two-year term;
- To approve the Annual Financial Statements of the Congregation for the year ended June 30, 2015;
- To appoint Auditors and Accountants and to authorize the Board of Governors to fix their remuneration;
- To confirm the following:
that the By-laws of Beth Tzedec Congregation be amended as follows: the words "one million dollars" in paragraph 4 of By-law Number 88-1 in Article VII of these By-laws be changed to "five million dollars"; and
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

PROXY APPOINTMENTS

A member has the right to appoint a proxy in the manner set forth in the Constitution, to attend the Annual General Meeting and act on his or her behalf to the extent and with such powers as may be conferred by the instrument of proxy. **Please note: The Proxy Form enclosed, approved by the Board, is the only form of proxy that will be considered valid for the purposes of this election.**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, proxies, to be valid, must be delivered to Beth Tzedec Congregation at 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3 by no later than 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Delivery by facsimile transmission or e-mailed file (such as pdf, TIFF or JPEG) to the Congregation shall be deemed to be equivalent to the delivery of an original executed document. The Congregation's fax number is 416-781-0150. The Congregation's e-mail address is info@beth-tzedec.org.

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

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on May 26, 2015 and the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2015 will be available at the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Congregation and may also be examined by members at the office of the Executive Director of the Congregation at any time during regular office hours during the week preceding the Annual General Meeting.

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

Dated the 13th day of May, 2016
By order of the Board of Governors
Lawrence F. Wallach, Secretary

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

2016 Nominees

Debra Anthony
Ted Bluestein
Leonard Cappe
Gary Elman
Ilene Flatt
Leonard Gangbar
Rose Goldstein
Wanda Haber-Kucharsky
Karen Hersh
Dr. Robert Josse
Ava Kanner
Shelley Levine
Randolph Masters
David Matlow
Louis Mitz
Hersh Rosenthal
Debbie Rothstein
Dr. Sheldon Rotman
Alan Sless
Cecile Zaifman

The following people will be serving the second year of a two-year term:

Raquel Binder
 Marnie Burke
 Ellen Kachuck Rosenbluth
 Allan Kanee
 Dena Libman
 Naomi Pascoe-Dales
 Danny Richmond
 Patti Rotman
 Lawrence Wallach
 Oscar Zimmerman

Schedule “A” – Biographies

Debra Anthony

Debra is a long-time member of Beth Tzedec, and with her husband raised their children as third-generation members. A founder of BT’s Green Committee, Debra is focused on ensuring that BT preserves its traditional roles while growing for the 21st century. Under her guidance, the Green Committee developed recycling strategies to reduce BT’s ecological footprint. An environmentalist, Debra is a volunteer at the Casa Loma gardens and Shoresh Kavannah Garden, and teaches youth programs in environmental awareness and sustainability. At Beth Tzedec, Debra has been Chair of Young Families, and a member of the Board of Directors and Festivals Committee.



Ted Bluestein

I began my financial career with Price Waterhouse & Co. after leaving York University with a Bachelors degree. I continued my financial and accounting academia at University of Toronto working on my Bachelor of Commerce Degree. Going forward I opened my own business and did consulting to local and national firms. I believe in giving back to our community, in an honest and open manner and have been associated with the following: York University Board Deans Advisory Council, Federation of Jewish Men's Club rep. Beth Tzedec, Executive Board Rabbi Tanenbaum's Canadian Yeshiva, Humber River Hospital Foundation Board.



Leonard Cappe

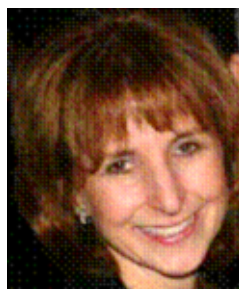
Married to Cheryl; partner, BRWC Chartered Professional Accountants; Currently Parnos as well as Co-Chair of Ritual and Music Committees, member of Budget & Finance, Audit, and Executive Committees; Participant in all previous Purim musicals (2006-2013); co-chair of Scottish Nights; regular Torah reader on Shabbat and Festivals; regular attendee of Shabbat services and synagogue programs; Adult Bar Bat Mitzvah Torah reading tutor. "My goal is to help Beth Tzedec bring the most Judaism to the most people."

**Gary Elman**

Gary has served on the Executive of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity for more than 25 years, just completing his term as President. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Dental Association, and on the Board of Directors of United Synagogue Day School. He has been co-chair for the UJA Dental Division and has served as Secretary of the Board of Directors of CHAT. Gary is an active participant at Little Minyan and The Membership Committee of Beth Tzedec. He serves as co-chair of The Adult Education Committee and has been on the board for several years.

**Ilene Flatt**

A member since 1986, Ilene has actively served on the Board of Governors for 2 terms. She is co-chair of the Membership Committee, initiated and executes the Mishloach Manot outreach program to university/college students, and is on Membership Appreciation BBQ, Strategic Planning, High Holiday, and Mother's Day Chai Tea committees. Ilene was one of 5 co-chairs for Mitzvah 613 celebration honouring Rabbi BFK, and is also an involved member of Hadassah-WIZO. Ilene is committed to making your Beth Tzedec experience welcoming, meaningful, and engaging for all ages. Ilene is the wife of Stephen and mother of Bryan, Dana and Laura.

**Leonard Gangbar**

Partner at Bennett Jones LLP, practicing Commercial Real Estate. Married to Elizabeth Feld with three children. Known for my practicality, even handedness and calm approach. I am seeking an opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to the Beth Tzedec community, which has been a significant part of many milestones in our lives, as both the Gangbar and Feld Carr families have been long standing members of the shul. To that end, I recently joined Beth Tzedec's Teen Engagement and High Holiday Planning Committees, and hope to share my experience and expertise on the Board of Governors.

**Rose Goldstein**

Rose Goldstein (Dr. Rose Geist) is the former Chief of Psychiatry and Medical Director of Mental Health at Trillium Health Partners. She has chaired committees and raised funds at provincial and community levels. She is the President of the Canadian Chapter of the Israel Medical Association. Together with Beth Tzedec she has initiated lectures on Victims of Terror, Jewish Medical Ethics and Physician Assisted Dying. On Rosh Hashanah she lectured on the Binding of Isaac as a model of inter-generational trauma. She has been a member of Beth Tzedec for more than 30 years.



Wanda Haber-Kucharsky

Clinical Social Worker with 35 years of counselling for mental health issues. Wanda has served on committees within Beth Tzedec; Congregational Hebrew School, Special Events, Jewish cooking, Prayer Book Selection, Mother's Day Chai Tea. Member since 2000. 40 years of Jewish Communal work as USY Youth Leader, Hillel Foundation – CEGEP / University Student Presidents, Chairperson-Social and Cultural Committees, Programme Director and Youth Worker. Board member Hillel Jewish School. Community volunteer with Food banks, Women's Shelter, "Save our School Committee", "Learning to Read" programme. Fundraising Coordinator, Board of Directors Vice President at Adult Day Centre.

**Karen Hersh**

Karen Hersh is the Chief Financial Officer of Canadian Growth Investments, a privately-held investment company where she is responsible for financial reporting and mergers and acquisitions activities. She began her professional career in 1988 and spent a number of years at PricewaterhouseCoopers specializing in corporate finance. Karen holds a Bachelor of Commerce (McGill University) and is a Chartered Accountant. She has been an active member of Beth Tzedec since 1997 with her husband, Lawrence Davis, and their two children, one a student at TanenbaumCHAT and one at RHA. Karen currently serves on Beth Tzedec's Budget and Finance and Audit Committees.

**Dr. Robert Josse**

Dr. Robert Josse is an endocrinologist and Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. During his career, he has been involved in various governance positions, including chief, division of endocrinology and metabolism at St. Michaels Hospital and he also served a term as associate physician-in-chief. He is a past president of the Canadian society of endocrinology



and metabolism. He has served on various committees and understands committee structure and function. He believes strongly in good democratic governance, collegial relationships and 'shalom Beit'. His wife's family has been at Beth Tzedec for many decades.

Ava Kanner

Ava Kanner, who joined Congregation Beth Tzedec six years ago along with her husband, has been a practising litigation lawyer in Quebec and in Ontario for 30 plus years. As an articulate and disarming negotiator, her temperament and style make her an invaluable addition to the Beth Tzedec Board. As the daughter and more remote descendant of Hasidic rabbis, Ava espouses the values of Jewish Community and Hesed. She has counseled various charitable organizations, including in her capacity as a board member, a national breast cancer foundation."

**Shelley Levine**

A CPA & retired KPMG Partner, Shelley is a third generation member of Beth Tzedec. She has previously served 10 years on the Board including 6 years on the Executive Committee serving as Treasurer and Secretary, and serving long-term on Membership, Audit and Budget & Finance Committees. Shelley has served on the Board of USDS and BJE Fiscal and CHAT Tuition Committees. Educated at Beth Tzedec, the Shul has been an important part of her family's spiritual and social life. Shelley is committed to the success of Beth Tzedec as a Jewish institution meeting the lifelong needs of all members.



Randolph Masters

Randy Masters is a real estate lawyer, having practiced for over twenty years before joining his family's real estate development company. Randy brings years of experience in strategic planning, project delivery, marketing and executive management to all of his professional and charitable endeavours. Randy is currently the president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University Toronto Chapter and he also sits on their investment committee. Randy is currently a member of the membership, museum and music committees at Beth Tzedec.

**David Matlow**

I grew up at Beth Tzedec, graduated USDS in 1975, summered at Camp Ramah in the eighties and served on the Ramah Board for 15 years. Professionally, I am a partner at Goodmans. I am dedicated to our Jewish community and Israel. I co-chaired the 2015 UJA Campaign and am currently Vice-Chair of the Jewish Foundation. I own the world's largest collection of Theodor Herzl memorabilia (some of which was exhibited in the synagogue). Herzl inspires me to do all that I can for the things I believe in; one of those things is our synagogue.

**Lewis Mitz**

Real estate lawyer for 45 years; managing partner/director Hecny Transportation 35 years (a global Hong Kong based logistics company); president of Jerusalem Foundation Canada 6 years, board member 22 years; Advisory Board of LOVE (Leave Out Violence); Beth Tzedec Music Committee; Received Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012; married to Wendy Posluns, 6 children, 5 grandchildren; I strive to make a difference by advocating honesty, transparency, corporate governance with open, clear and unambiguous communication; Why run? For my mother, late father Harry, late father-in-law Wilfred,



children, grandchildren and BT family; Harry said: "If you rest, you rust"; I will not rest.

Hersh Rosenthal

I have been a member of Beth Tzedec since I was married here in 1972 to Cheryl. We have two children and four grandchildren. My involvement with Beth Tzedec includes being past president and chairman of the Men's Club. I chair the Men's Club scholarship committee and the Yom Hashoah Candle committee. My wife and I volunteer as High Holiday ushers and assist with other events that occur. I spent 46 years in various aspects of Information Technology Management and was a member of the Humber College IT advisory committee. My aim is to bring transparency to the Board.

**Debbie Rothstein**

Third generation Beth Tzedec member, Debbie's grandfather, J. Barney Goldhar, was a founding member and past Chairman. Her father, Paul Rothstein, is a Past President. She is currently Vice-Chair of the Board and a member on the Youth Engagement and Ritual Committees, and chaired Communications for the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Director of Operations at V51 Consulting, Debbie is married to Michael Friedman and has two children, Emma, studying at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and Zachary, a CHAT student. Through expanding programming options, Debbie seeks to secure Beth Tzedec's place as a centerpiece of Jewish life in Toronto.



Dr. Sheldon Rotman

Sheldon graduated dentistry at the University of Toronto in 1980 and currently practices in Richmond Hill. Sheldon has sat on the Board of USDS, has been a member of Beth Tzedec his entire life and has been Chairman of the Board of Beth Tzedec since 2014. His synagogue participation includes special events committees like Mitzvah 613, the 50th and 60th Anniversary Celebrations, the Beth Tzedec Musical Concert Series and many more shul committees. Sheldon is married to Patti Rotman and will soon be celebrating their 35th anniversary. Together they have five children: Shaun, Lauren, Jodi, her husband Ryan, and Robin.

**Cecile Zaifman**

Cecile is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Business Valuator involved in real estate management and investment. She has 25 years of governance experience serving on the boards of TanenbaumCHAT, Jewish Family & Child, UJA Federation, Leo Baeck and others. She is a past chair and past president of both TanenbaumCHAT and Jewish Family & Child. Cecile is an alumna of the Wexner Heritage Foundation's Leadership Development program, and a recipient of UJA's Shem Tov award. She is the proud parent of 3 RHA and TanenbaumCHAT grads. Cecile looks forward to working collaboratively for the long term success of Beth Tzedec.

**Alan Sless**

Alan Sless has been a member of Beth Tzedec since 1997 and has been a member of the Board of Governors for twelve years. He is currently chair of the Personnel Committee and sits on the Executive Committee, currently holding the position of Vice-President. Alan is active in many areas of the Congregation and is a regular attendee of services and synagogue functions. Alan is a lawyer practicing in the area of commercial real estate at one of Canada's largest national laws firms.



Schedule “B”
Committee Chairpersons 2015/2016

COMMITTEE

60th Anniversary
Adult Education
Archives, Museum and Tours
Audit
Bar/Bat Mitzvah
BT Green
Budget and Finance
Catering
Cemetery
Communications
Education
Festivals
Fundraising
Hesed
High Holiday Service
House and Security
Insurance
Investment
Israel Engagement
Legal and Estates
Library
Little Minyan
Membership
Music
Personnel
Rabbinical Search
Renovations
Ritual and Religious Services
Strategic Planning
Ushering
Youth Engagement

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Allan Kanee & Gary Elman
Ruth Hyman
Lorne Shillinger
Lisa Aaron & Rhonda Charlat
Debra Anthony
Peter Weinstein
Patti Rotman
Arthur Andrews & Ken Shapiro
Paul Brown
Mary Johnston Abbott
Patti Rotman
Norman Bacal & Sheldon Rotman
Maureen Tanz
Sharon Yale
Ellis Macmull
Marvin Miller
Ron Faust
Marnie Burke
Blake Teichman & Alan Sless
Elaine Glassman & Yvette Lerner
Michael Friedman
Ilene Flatt & Sharon Yale
Ian Zagdanski & Leonard Cappe
Alan Sless
Norman Kahn
Stephen Kauffman & Blake Teichman
Leonard Cappe & William Sklar
Carolyn Kolers & Lawrence Wallach
Lawrie Lubin & Barry Phillips
Lisa Aaron

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

	May 26, 2015	June 17, 2015	July 21, 2015	August 25, 2015	September 24, 2015	*November 3, 2015	November 19, 2015	December 10, 2015	January 21, 2016	February 25, 2016	March 22, 2016	April 19, 2016	TOTAL
Bacal, Sharon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	11
Binder, Raquel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	10
Burke, Marnie	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	10
Cappe, Leonard	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Elman, Gary	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	9
Flatt, Ilene	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	11
Hersh, Karen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Kachuck Rosenbluth, Ellen	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Kahn, Norman I.			1	1				1	1		1	1	6
Kanee, Allan	1			1		1	1	1		1	1	1	8
Kirshenblatt, Barbara	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Kolers, Carolyn	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	10
Libman, Dena	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	10
Pascoe-Dales, Naomi	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	11
Richmond, Danny	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		10
Rothstein, Debbie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	11
Rotman, Patti	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Rotman, Sheldon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Sless, Alan	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	11
Teichman, Blake	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Wallach, Lawrence	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Weinstein, Peter		1			1	1	1	1	1		1	1	8

Beth Tzedec Congregation

PROXY FORM

complete and return to Beth Tzedec Congregation

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

(print name of proxyholder:) _____

as proxy of the undersigned, to attend, vote and act for and on behalf of the undersigned member in good standing of *Beth Tzedec Congregation* at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation, to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and at all adjournments thereof. The proxy may use his/her discretion to vote on any issue that may take place in the course of the meeting, or at any and all adjournments thereof.

Dated the (print date:) _____ day of May, 2016.

Signature of Member giving Proxy _____

Printed name of Member giving Proxy _____

Address of Member giving Proxy _____

The Constitution of Beth Tzedec Congregation ("the Congregation") states:

"Every member in good standing entitled to vote at a General Meeting may appoint any other member of the Congregation as a proxy holder. A proxy shall be in writing, executed by the member in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board and shall be witnessed by any person who is a member of the Congregation, but excluding any persons employed by the Congregation and all candidates in the election, their spouses, children, siblings and parents. To be valid, a proxy must be delivered to the Congregation no later than 48 hours prior to the General Meeting. This delivery by facsimile transmission or e-mailed file (such as a pdf, TIFF or JPEG) to the Congregation shall be deemed to be equivalent to the delivery of an original executed document."

The election referred to in this provision is the election to the Congregation's Board of Governors.

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

Signature of Witness (member of Beth Tzedec Congregation) _____

Printed name of Witness _____

NOTE: Proxies must be delivered, emailed or faxed to the Congregation no later than May 29, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. You are requested to deliver, email or fax proxies as early as possible so that the Congregation's staff has adequate time to process the proxies.

Section 11 of Article V of the Constitution states: *"A ballot for any election of members of the Board of Governors shall be void unless it is marked for candidates which in the aggregate represent no less than 50% and no more than 100% of the number of positions to the Board of Governors which are to be filled by that election."*

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR RESTRICTIONS, if any:

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ADVANCE POLLS AND VOTING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Governors, for the convenience of members, has approved Advance Polls for voting in the election of the Board of Governors. Two Advance Polls will be held in addition to an opportunity to vote at the AGM.

Advance Polls

The first Advance Poll will take place **Tuesday, May 24, 2016** between the hours of **12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.**

The second Advance Poll will take place **Tuesday, May 31, 2016** between the hours of **4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

Voting

Voting will also take place **Tuesday, May 31, 2016 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the time of the Annual General Meeting**, in the Banquet Hall.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

Please Note: On the day of the Annual General Meeting, members may vote at any time from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., during the Advance Poll or during the Annual General Meeting.