

## Enjoy Summer at Beth Tzedec

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A NIGHT OF SONG WITH

# DIVAS *on the* BIMA



**Monday, June 19 at 7:30 PM**

Beth Tzedec is thrilled to present Divas on the Bima for a night of song, inspiration and celebration. The Divas—Cantors Jen Cohen, Magdalena Fishman, Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Elizabeth Shammash—have hosted many performances throughout the United States. Join us as they perform an eclectic selection of Judaic, operatic and popular music on our stage.

Tickets: \$25—<https://bit.ly/divas-on-the-bima>

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Rabbi Steven Wernick

We are “The People of the Book” because of our intimate connection to the Hebrew Bible and the tens of thousands of commentary, codes and Jewish literature we published throughout history.

# People of the Book

The Codex Sassoon is the oldest nearly complete version of the Hebrew Bible in existence. It was recently purchased for \$38 million (U.S.) on behalf of the American Friends of ANU and donated to the Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv. It is thought to have been created between 880 and 960 c.e. and is missing just six pages. This is *The Book of The People of the Book!* I hope that it will be on display in June when I visit the Museum on my nephew’s bar mitzvah Israel trip.

Jews love books. So important is reading to us that when the printing press was invented in 1492, we were among the first to use it for the printing of the Bible, *Talmud* and commentators. Harry Wolfson, a Harvard historian, made this point abundantly clear. According to the *Jerusalem Post*, “He was once confronted by a colleague who said, ‘Why do you Jews think you are so special?’ Wolfson is reputed to have responded: ‘As far as I know, we are the only people who, when we drop a book on the floor, we pick it up and kiss it.’”

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Reading books, according to experts, increases your vocabulary and comprehension skills, reduces stress, helps you prepare to sleep, can prevent cognitive decline and might even help you live longer.

So what better *Bulletin* article to write for our summer edition than a suggested Summer Reading List. I asked my friends for suggestions and did a little digging on my own. If you

read them, let’s grab coffee and discuss! And if you have suggestions for me, please share them! Who knows, one or more of these might find their way into a High Holy Day sermon!

**Revolutionary Yiddishland** by Alain Brossat and Sylvie Klingberg.  
*Recommended by Arielle Yacker*

**Warm and Welcoming: How the Jewish Community Can Become Truly Diverse and Inclusive** by Warren Hoffman. Miriam Steinberg-Egeth (as a co-author) *Recommended by Maddy Hoffman*

**People Love Dead Jews** by Dara Horn

**The Dead Scrolls** by Michael Wise.  
*Recommended by Cantor Howard Glantz*

**The Encyclopedia of Jewish Myth, Magic and Mysticism** by Ellen Frankel and Betsy Patkin Teutsch.  
*Recommended by Josh Zelokovitz*

**The Thread Collectors** by Shaunna J. Edwards. *Recommended by Michelle Scheinthal*

**City Game** by Matthew Goodman.  
*Recommended by Coach Michael Katz*

**Judaism Disrupted** by Rabbi Michael Strassfeld

**Impossible Takes Longer** by Rabbi Daniel Gordis

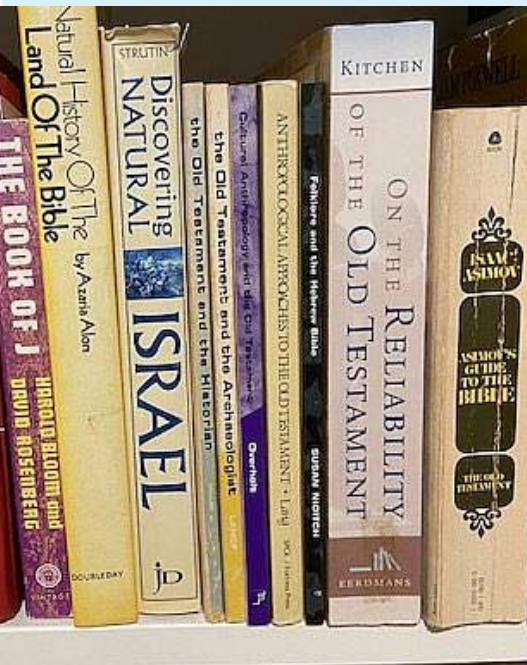
**A Heart of Many Rooms** by Rabbi David Hartman. *In honour of his tenth yahrtzeit.*

**Living with Difference: How to Build a Community in a Divided World** by Adam B. Seligman and Rachel R. Wasserfall.

**Lady Justice and the Battle to Save America**, by Dahlia Lithwick.

**What Does Hate Look Like?** by Corinne Promislow and Sameea Jimenez.

**There was a Time for Everything** by Judith Friedland.



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**Sunday, July 9**

**from 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**Bela Farm, Hillsburgh, ON**

Please join us for a daylong Jewish mindfulness retreat of renewal and connection, just one hour from the Toronto area! Our day will feature powerful song and teaching with Aviva Chernick as well as Jewish mindfulness instruction and teaching with Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell of Ramah Beyond, and will include opportunities for mindful outdoor walking, sitting and hands-on stewardship of the land with the skilled teachers from Shoresh.

For more information, fees or to register, visit

[www.campramah.org/kirva](http://www.campramah.org/kirva)



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



Patti Rotman

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# Blazing Trails, Taking Risks, Building Community

*The only limitations you have, are the ones you put upon yourself.*

At Beth Tzedec, we are trail blazers, risk takers and over the past year, have made many wise decisions and smart choices for our Congregation. I take great pride in knowing that our clergy, Executive and Board of Directors have dedicated themselves to following through on the promises we made when I gave my address at Kol Nidrei.

How exciting, as we continue to welcome more Generations members to our Beth Tzedec family. Since July 2022, our under-40s cohort has increased to almost 1,000! As a result, our monthly Young Families dinners are host to 250+ guests while our 20s & 30s dinners welcome at least 100. Penina Hoffnung, our new Family Engagement Specialist, helps to create communities of connection amongst and between these families.

Debbie Rothstein and Yacov Fruchter are the innovators of our *Sulam for Emerging Leaders*. Together they are employing Jewish values to mentor a group of ten inspiring members with diverse cultural backgrounds, experience with Beth Tzedec, leadership experience and Jewish content. I look forward to updating you on the future leaders of Beth Tzedec!

I am so delighted to share that Cantor Audrey Klein will be joining our Spiritual Leadership Team in July as our Director of Family and Young Adult Engagement. In her role, Cantor Klein will be the spiritual and administrative lead for family programming at Beth Tzedec, developing personal relationships with a community of more than 800 households of adults 25 to 40 years old and their families, helping to inspire this next generation of Beth Tzedec members to live meaningful Jewish lives.

With young families increasingly moving to the area, this is the precise

time to grow our team and better serve this growing cohort of our Congregation. We look forward to welcoming Cantor Klein, her husband Josh and their daughter Nora to our *kehillah* as she shares her appreciation for the link between family, community and spirituality.

Welcome to Michael Goodbaum... Michael has joined us as a communications specialist with a heartfelt focus on the Jewish community and not-for-profit spaces. He is excited to work at Beth Tzedec in this pivotal time as more young families join the community.

Who's **REDI** to work passionately to promote an inclusive, anti-racist, safe and welcoming environment for all? **REDI** stands for anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. This passionate committee, expertly chaired by Leah Mauer and Jennifer Lau, consists of members of the Beth Tzedec community whose mission is to champion the inclusion of all members of the Jewish community. They work to promote and support actions of equity and anti-racism within our *kehillah* and to foster an environment of diversity and inclusion for all Jews. New members are always welcome. Anyone who is interested in contributing to this meaningful work is welcome to contact [REDI@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:REDI@beth-tzedec.org).

Thank you to the family of Sylvia Singer <sup>z"l</sup> and David Singer <sup>z"l</sup> for their continued support of Yom Hashoah education and programming and their ongoing commitment to their parents. We are honoured and privileged to display the impactful Shoah Menorah, handcrafted by David, in our foyer. While it helps the family to remember their parents, it allows us to never forget the Shoah.

Are you *One in a MINYAN*? Attending minyan allows for communal prayer



and enables our members and guests to recite *Kaddish* during times of mourning and at *yahrtzeit*. It not only helps to build a stronger sense of community, you also enjoy breakfast prepared by Nash!

Whether you become a daily or occasional attendee, a full and vibrant minyan is required each day. Zoom and livestream may prove convenient, but in-person attendance builds connection and permits mourners and those with *yahrtzeiten* to fulfill their religious obligation to recite *Kaddish*. Please join our WhatsApp minyan group by following [THIS LINK](#).

Beth Tzedec is a vibrant, engaging and busy community offering diverse programming. Daniel Silverman, Director of Education and Program Development, along with the committee chairperson, Pearl Berman, have been working harder than ever to bring you programs that are sure to delight. On May 10, over 400 in person guests and 200 livestream guests attended *Lady Justice: Women, The Law, and The Battle to Save America*. This inspiring and marquee one-night event featured Dahlia Lithwick and Robbie Kaplan in conversation with Caroline Mandell.

On June 19, we will welcome Divas on the Bima for a night of song inspiration and celebration. The Divas—Cantors Jen Cohen, Magdalena Fishman, Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Elizabeth Shammash—have hosted many performances through the United States. Join them as they perform an eclectic selection Judaic, Broadway music, songs of Israel and popular

music on our stage. And, on Saturday, June 17, Cantor Fishman will be our guest Cantor along with Cantor Ezer. You are welcome to register [HERE](#), or contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

On June 2 and 3, we honoured and celebrated with Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl. Almost 300 members and the community gathered for an intimate and musical Shabbat at the Floor service followed by a special Shabbat dinner, while others joined in at the community kiddush following Shabbat services. This event was truly a meaningful opportunity to celebrate as a *kehillah*, sharing our appreciation and well wishes with Rav Baruch, Josette and the Frydman-Kohl family. As Rav Baruch officially retires from his work obligations at Beth Tzedec, we wish him rest, new opportunities, time to spend with his growing family and a huge *todah rabah* for the wonderful and inspiring years he has shared with us at our shul.

Thank you to all our members who attended the Annual Meeting on May 23, both in-person and via livestream. I am delighted to welcome Corinne Promislow and Paul Mandel to our Board of Directors. Thank you to Sasha Abrams and Karen Hersh for their time and devotion to the Board. I'm looking forward to a very exciting year ahead filled with programs, promise and positivity.

Shavuot services were extremely well attended followed by a wonderful Shabbat complete with our annual Yasher Koah Awards ceremony during an enhanced community kiddush. Mazal tov and *kol hakavod* to the many

volunteers who were this year's recipients.

We have already begun preparations for our upcoming High Holy Days. We are delighted to welcome back Cantor Moshe Fishel, choirmaster Meir Briskman and the *Lishmoa El Harina* Choir to Beth Tzedec. As always, we look forward to another meaningful and spiritually uplifting Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our Director of Development, Jonny Ain, has been busy working on our strategic direction, building relationships with donors of all ages, helping us to achieve our fundraising targets and encouraging deeper connections within our shul. I am thrilled to share that this year we are launching a two-phase Annual Campaign. Along with our online appeal, we are broadening our goals with the addition of the Tzedec Circle. Thank you to our members Lianne Leboff and David Matlow for agreeing to chair this exciting venture. All the details are shared on [page 18](#) of this *Bulletin*. I look forward to you joining me in contributing to our fundraising goals and helping to make a positive impact on Beth Tzedec.

As we all look forward to longer days, sunny evenings and outdoor BBQs with family and friends, I wish you a restful, safe and healthy summer filled with meaningful connections and new memories.

Let's use the summer as a springboard to the exciting High Holy Days that await us.

*L'shalom*, Patti

## Sharing Your Success!

You've studied and applied yourself for years and now have your hard-earned graduation certificate in hand. It's time to share your success.

Beth Tzedec will include of post-secondary graduation notices in the next edition of the *Bulletin*. Use [this form](#) to upload your graduate's name, parents' names, degree earned and university/college they attend. We'd also be happy to include a digital photo. Deadline for submissions is **Friday, July 14**.

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## Board of Directors Meetings

Members are welcome to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors. To accommodate the need for sensitive items to be discussed in private, each meeting will include an in camera portion, allowing the Board to deliberate confidentially without any guests. Upcoming dates: **Tuesdays, June 20, July 18 and August 22 at 7:30 PM.**

For information or to pre-register for a Board meeting, contact Evon Kassabian at 416-781-3514, ext. 222 or email [ekassabian@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:ekassabian@beth-tzedec.org).

## The Rav Roy Tanenbaum Israel Scholarship

Beth Tzedec is pleased to announce a new scholarship fund for students enrolled in degree programs in accredited colleges or university in Israel. Preference will be given to Beth Tzedec members. For more information, please contact **Hadassah Bernstein** at 416-781-3514, ext. 244 or [hbernstein@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:hbernstein@beth-tzedec.org).



Phil David

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# Our City Within a City

About ten years ago, I was employed by Toronto Pearson Airport, just one of approximately 28,000 staff who called the airport their place of work. Back then, if anyone had a problem with parking services, the taxis and limos or the folks who ticketed you if you idled too long at the entry doors, I was “the guy” to call ... and did I ever get a lot of calls! And that was just the front-of-house. The rest of the facility was always bustling and I recall thinking the airport was like a city within a city.

Fast forward to 2023 and here I am at Beth Tzedec, almost 11 months into my tenure at our wonderful shul and I find myself saying the same thing every time I take a walk through (or around) the building on any given day.

Minyannaires start to arrive around 7:00 AM to get their preferred seat in the Chapel, just before hundreds of students begin to trickle into their RHA classrooms over the next 90 minutes. In fact, I don't even need to look at a clock because the JK and SK classes are on either side of my office so there's never a surprise when the school day begins!

As Nash's delicious (free ... and sponsorable) morning breakfast feast comes to an end around 9:00 AM, our Spiritual Leadership Team, Administration, Programming and Maintenance staff are already churning away at full speed.

That's when the shul really comes to life, and it doesn't stop until we close at 11:00 PM—or after when we host *smahot* receptions. Tots programs, volunteer committee meetings, lecture series, *b'nei mitzvah* lessons, evening minyanim, basketball in the Kimel Family Gym, special dinners, big and small programs, aufrufs, weddings, baby namings and britot ... it's always hopping! That's exactly how we love it ... and why Beth Tzedec really is a city within a city.

There is so much happening and as I

always write, we encourage our members to be a part of the action by finding your 'wheelhouse' and using it as a comfortable entry point into the shul.

A good portion of our members come to pray, celebrate, mourn and reflect. But if you are one of those who join us just for the High Holy Days and perhaps a few other times each year, finding another way to feel part of your shul is easier than you think. For example:

- Do you work in philanthropy? We'd love to tap into your knowledge base as we peel off the layers of our fundraising strategy.
- If you are a lawyer, we can always use help re-shaping contracts.
- If you are a marketer, can you help us find innovative ways to shout louder from the rooftops with relevant messaging for members and prospects alike?
- Are you a chef? Maybe you have menu ideas to spice up Shabbat dinners, Kiddush and daily breakfasts.

I'm sure you get the point. While prayer is of course a core value, we invite you to try Beth Tzedec on in a way that suits you best. Tying into just one of our other core values—Care, Connect, Learn, Celebrate and Give & Get—the possibilities are endless.

So what else is happening at Beth Tzedec? In late March, we welcomed Michael Goodbaum to our Marketing group, which is led by our Senior Marketing Manager Terri Humphries—who celebrates her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Beth Tzedec on July 1. Michael's main responsibility is content creation which Terri will push out through our multi-pronged marketing toolkit, in particular Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and our twice-weekly email newsletters.

As we look ahead from a marketing



standpoint, Michael, Terri and I are very interested in chatting with members who have formal ad agency and branding experience.

We also welcomed Jonny Ain who comes to us with a wealth of Jewish community philanthropy experience as our new Director of Development. Jonny is focused on the launch of our new **Tzedec Circle** in anticipation of the upcoming High Holy Day campaign and will soon be working on the launch of our Legacy Giving program.

Hadassah Bernstein and her Finance team don't just count beans and balance the books. After a months-long review, they are about to launch new accounting software that will translate to improved efficiencies in her department, ultimately helping them serve you better.

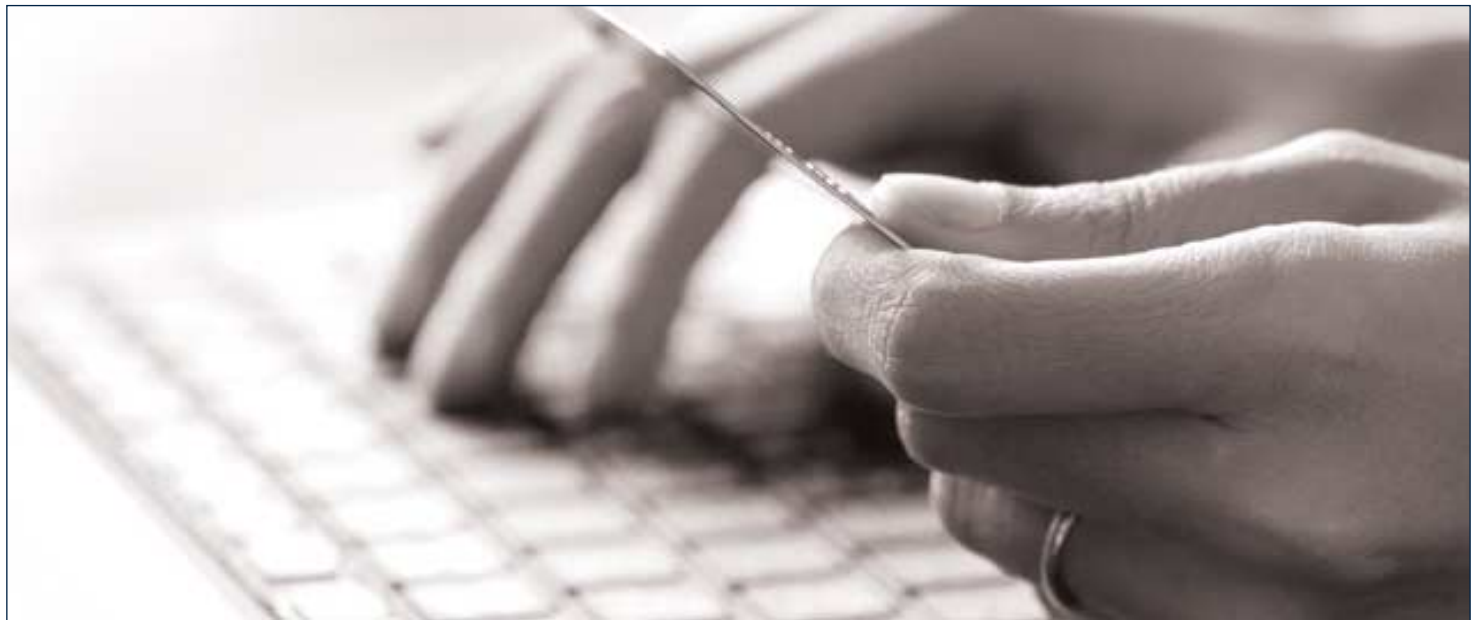
Klara Romm, Membership and Engagement, is focused on the upcoming July 4 annual membership statement issuance. At a time when we have welcomed more than 400 new member units into our Generations Membership initiative, we are pleased to be able to hold pricing steady for our over-40 members.

I offer a shout-out to our intrepid Digital Operations Manager Yuri Vitovsky-Remi. Most of you never see Yuri because he is usually locked away in our state-of-the-art digital studio which is second to none in the synagogue community. It enables the delivery of ritual services, programs, lectures and interactive Zoom meetings right to your computer, smartphone, tablet or TV with the push of a button. We take for granted the

launch of Beth Tzedec TV, but it truly does bring Beth Tzedec to you when you cannot physically come to us. Thank you, Yuri!

There are so many others working behind the scenes to keep our community rolling, and there will be so much more to share as we prepare for the High Holy Days. I look forward to providing details in the next edition of the *Bulletin*. In the meantime, have a safe and enjoyable summer from all of us in this city within a city that (rarely) sleeps.

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## Renew Your Commitment to Beth Tzedec

Our annual Member renewal drive kicks off on July 4! Watch your inbox and mail box for details coming soon.

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

# Milestones and Celebrations

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



## Births

**Sadie Harley**, daughter of Robyn Urback & Daniel Tsekman, granddaughter of Sharon & Stephen Urback and Rimma Zaretskaya & Roman Tsekman, granddaughter of Miriam and Percy Urback, born **December 29**.



**Lucy Rowe and Harper Cole**, daughters of Jason & Alexa Wolfe, granddaughters of Wendy & Jeff Wolfe and Ian & Wendy Kady, great-granddaughters of Marjorie Rasky, Sandy & Sheldon Silver, Elizabeth Kady and Joe Wolfe, born **March 2**.

**Romy Shea**, daughter of Ben & Alyssa Risen, granddaughter of Stan & Peggy Risen and Rochelle & the late Alan Slobodsky, born **March 16**.



**Zev Louis**, son of Sophie Gottesman & Bryan Flatt, brother of Henry and Ollie, grandson of Stephen & Ilene Flatt and Steve Gottesman & Liddy Beck, great-grandson of Florence Magram and Phyllis Flatt, born **March 29**.

**Lucy Goldie**, daughter of Max & Rebecca Risen, sister of Lola and Lenny, granddaughter of Stan & Peggy Risen and David & Marilyn Kogon, born **April 1**.



**Jacob Levi**, son of Jordan & Judy Silver, brother of Jeffrey and Justin, grandson of Sheldon & Carol Silver and Izzie & Mila Katzenberg, great-grandson of Anita Silver and Alex & Eva Sokolovsky, born **April 30**.



**Julian Harry**, son of Adrienne Silver & Lee Cohen, grandson of Eileen & Shoel Silver and Ellen & Mark Cohen, born **May 14**.

**Brie Orly**, daughter of Jillian Greenspan Tishman & Lee Tishman, sister of Avery and Chase, granddaughter of Doreen & Jerrold Greenspan and Martha & the late (Avrum) Howard Tishman, born **May 4**.

## Weddings

**Seth Bleiweis**, son of Karen & Marshall Bleiweis, grandson of John & Sheila Zeldin<sup>z1</sup> and Jim & the late Roz Bleiweis, and **Carly Greene**, daughter of Shelley Haber & Rick Greene, granddaughter of Nathan & Barbara Haber and Larry & Syrel Green<sup>z1</sup>, who were married on **March 11**.

**Lorne Tanz**, son of Bernie & Maureen Tanz, grandson of Betty Plotnick and Gilda Tanz & Marty Kelman, and **Natalie Gardner**, daughter of Paul & Lisa Gardner, who were married on **May 6**.

**Samuel Levy**, son of Robert & Patricia Levy, and **Vera Li**, daughter of Zhensuo Li & Junai Wang, who were married on **May 13**.

**Cobi Zimmerman**, son of Danny & Arlyn Zimmerman, grandson of Zoltan<sup>z1</sup> & Sara Zimmerman and Edward & Sandra<sup>z1</sup> Cooperman, and **Emily Karpel**, daughter of Rod & Criss Karpel, granddaughter of Willi Karpel<sup>z1</sup> & Susan Muller<sup>z1</sup> and Irving<sup>z1</sup> & Ruth<sup>z1</sup> Mirsky, who were married on **May 29**.



**Evan Gropper**, son of Bernie Gropper and Elise Stern Gropper, grandson of Lony and Ruth Gropper, and Bernice Stern and the late Leo Stern; and **Rebecca Shalansky**, daughter of Stephen Shalansky and Karen Shalansky, and granddaughter of Carl and Barbara Shalansky, and the late Nathan Moses and the late Gertrude Moses, who will be married in Vancouver, BC on **August 6, 2023**.

## Congratulations to

**Helen Arbus**, who will celebrate her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 7.

**Howard S. Black**, who is the recipient of the 2023 OBA Award of Excellence in Trusts and Estates Law.

**Sandra & Melvin Brown**, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 23.

**Maxwell Sonny Charlat**, son of Rhonda & Dr. Joshua Charlat, grandson of Phyllis & the late Ab Flatt, and **Maya Benquesus**, daughter of Reuben & Naomi Benquesus, granddaughter of Jenö & Judith Gal and Jack & Biba Benquesus, on their engagement.

**Robert Farber**, who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 2.

**Lony & Ruth Gropper**, who will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 24.

**Betty & Stan Klimitz**, who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 10.

**Alexa Marr**, daughter of Ellen & Shawn Marr, granddaughter of Helen Marr, and **Josh Cheifetz**, son of Stephen & Barbara Cheifetz, grandson of Selma Bella, on their engagement.

**Joseph Melotek**, who will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 22.

**Russell Sanders**, son of Lisabeth & Mitchell Sanders, grandson of Joyce & Gordon Strauss and Vera & George Sanders, and **Shari Gasch**, daughter of Risa & Michael Gasch, granddaughter of Beverley<sup>z</sup> & Sam Cohen and Chava & Avi<sup>z</sup> Gasch, on their engagement.

## Many Thanks

**Alan Sless and family**, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on March 25 commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerda Sless**.

The **Tanenbaum Family**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 6 commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Tanenbaum**.

The **Putter and Abrams Families**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 29 marking the conclusion of shiva for **Tona Abrams**.

**Robert & Patricia Levy**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 13 celebrating the marriage of **Samuel Levy & Vera Li**.

**Allan & Elizabeth Spivak and Alan & Etta Sugarman**, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 26 celebrating the marriage of **Michael Sugarman & Jodi Spivak**.

**Mitch & Anne Max**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 10 marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mitch's bar mitzvah.

**Dr. Melvin & Sandy Brown**, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 17 celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

# Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



June 3  
IN THE LITTLE MINYAN  
**Rebekah Elizabeth Storm**  
daughter of Adam & Sherri Storm  
רבקה בת אהרן  
וסף מאיר ושלביה



June 8  
**Maxwell Bleiweis**  
son of Mark & Samara Bleiwas  
חיים דב בן אלימלך מנחם  
מענדל ושמרונה דבורה



June 8  
**Ryan Bleiweis**  
son of Mark & Samara Bleiwas  
אהרן אשר בן אלימלך מנחם  
מענדל ושמרונה דבורה



June 22  
**Adam Greenspan**  
son of Jason & Sarah Greenspan  
אדם דניאל בן יצחק ראובן  
ושרה אלנה



Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

# Relatives, Friends and Strangers May Visit

*My relationship to Israel has changed over the years. My eyes have been opened to just how complex the country is. But my love and connection and devotion remains.*

Dear Friends,

In the springtime, I had planned to spend one week in Poland, and the following week in Israel. Everything was set both at the shul and at home. Members of the Spiritual Leadership Team were covering classes and minyan responsibilities. Since it was the beginning of the *omer*, there was no *smahot*. My husband, God bless him, had a plan for our daughter. As a result, I left for the March of the Living prepared to be away for two weeks, including two Shabbatot.

What I was not prepared for, mentally or literally, was a third and a fourth week out of the office, corresponding to two more Shabbatot away from our Beth Tzedec community. Merely 36 hours after returning home from Israel, I was in the E.R., which led to a week-long stay at North York General Hospital. According to the doctor on 8 West, “bad luck” was the cause for my severe kidney infection. I will spare you

the details and the symptoms. But keep in mind that when I asked a nurse friend of mine, “Who stays in a hospital this long?” her answer was, “Sick people.”

When I was sick in that first week of May, I was uncomfortable, I was in pain and I was miserable. And, for the first time that I can remember, I was the recipient of *bikkur holim*, the mitzvah of visiting or caring for the sick, instead of the professional or personal mitzvah doer. When we had COVID, people couldn’t visit.

During the week that I was home recuperating, as I was trying to comprehend the amount of *hesed* and love that were showered on me and my family, I reviewed the *halaḥot* of *bikkur holim*.

The *halakhah* that jumped out at me over and over again is from tractate *Nedarim*. Aḥa bar Ḥanina said: Anyone who visits an ill person takes from him one-sixtieth of his suffering. I knew that text, I knew that law, but I never experienced it as the recipient before.

Nearly 50 different people from our Beth Tzedec community either came to the hospital or my home to visit me while I was sick. My husband Aaron and my daughter Ariella came to the hospital every single day. They were literally living our values of care and connect. More than that, I actually felt



a smidge better after each visit. My focus could be on other people and their families instead of my own situation.

I also appreciated that unless we were extremely close, most waited a few days to come see me. That corresponded with the story of Abraham and his *brit milah* from *Genesis 18*, when he was sitting at the entrance of the tent as the day grew hot.

Rabbi Hanina in *Bava Metzia* wrote that visitors came to see Abraham three days after his procedure. Later, we find in the *Shulhan Arukh*: It is a religious duty to visit the sick. Relatives and friends may enter at

once and strangers after three days. My life was mirroring this.

It was eye-opening for me to see how generously our community engages in *hesed* and specifically *bikkur holim*. One of our members set up a meal train and we did not need to make dinner for two weeks. People brought me an array of magazines. Representatives from the Family Engagement Committee brought a soft blanket to the hospital so I would be more comfortable while I was stuck in there. People sent me flowers which really and truly brightened my day. Equal to all of that was that nobody said, "Get back to work." Instead, people said,

"Take care of yourself so you can come back as you were before."

A month is a long time for a congregational rabbi not to enter their shul. It was hard for me to let go, especially in the first few days, when I was in the worst pain and the most discomfort. But the gratitude that I have for our community, specifically during this temporary episode in my life, will never be forgotten.

Have a fantastic summer and stay safe.

Many blessings,  
Rabbi Fryer Bodzin



### Mazal Tov Rabbi Fryer Bodzin

We are delighted to share that our own **Rabbi Fryer Bodzin** is now the *Mara D'Atra* (religious authority) of Camp Ramah in Canada, strengthening the deep relationship and connection between Beth Tzedec and Camp Ramah.



Hazzan Sidney Ezer

*Freedom is expressed through song. Moreover, the end of the struggles of this world will be brought about by singing...*

## No Pain, No Gain

“For many of us who are in town during the summer to attend services for Tisha B’Av, besides hearing the chanting of the Book of Lamentations (*Eikhah*), the most well-known and poignant component is the singing of the acrostic elegy *Eli Tziyon*. This *kinah*, or dirge, written in the Middle Ages but of anonymous authorship, consists of 12 stanzas, each closing with the initial refrain: “Wail, Zion and its cities, as a woman in labour pains, and like a maiden girded in sackcloth to mourn for the husband of her youth.”

Though there are several theories as to the origin and migration of the melody, it seems probable that it represents a particular instance of a widespread European “migrant” tune or melodic pattern. Jewish music professor Eric Werner points out that the Festival of St. James in the 9<sup>th</sup> century often coincided with the three weeks leading up to Tisha B’Av, so when people were making a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James in Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain, this is the melody they likely found at that period. It is probable that it became associated at that time with Tisha B’Av.

The earliest notated evidence of the melody found so far is in the manuscript manual of Judah Elias of

Hanover (1743), for *L’kha Dodi* (in a slightly varied form), and in several of the manuals of 18<sup>th</sup>-century cantors. Its earliest appearance in print is in Isaac Nathan’s setting of “O weep for those that wept by Babel’s stream” in Byron’s *Hebrew Melodies* (1815). The melody is of an elegiac character and has become, for all Ashkenazi communities, a symbol of the yearly commemoration of the Destruction. It is often used for *L’kha Dodi* during the “three weeks” from the 17<sup>th</sup> of *Tammuz* to the 9<sup>th</sup> of *Av*, especially on the Friday night preceding Tisha B’Av. The dirge enumerates, in detail, the cruelties suffered by Judea and its inhabitants during the destruction of the Second Temple, all that we materially and spiritually lost.

Yet, despite the tragic loss, the above opening line of the *kinah* provides a ray of hope. Israel’s suffering is not in vain, rather the destruction and exile should be viewed as a period of embryonic development and gestation leading to the rebirth of our nation. The pain of childbirth is indeed excruciating, yet the mother accepts it because it heralds the exhilarating joy of welcoming a child into the world. Similarly, Israel’s suffering is the ordeal that precedes the glorious rebirth of our people.



In a previous article, I mentioned a phenomenon of the Jewish calendar: the first night of Passover always falls on the same day of the week as the night of the following Tisha B'Av. The Rabbis trace the custom of dipping an egg in salt water on the night of the seder to this calendrical phenomenon. We dip an egg at the seder to commemorate Tisha B'Av and the destruction of the Temple. An egg is a sign of mourning, but it is also a symbol of fertility and represents the cycle of life.

The three weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av are called *Bein Hametzarim*,

“between the straits” and between the days of distress. *Min Hametzar*, the verse from Psalms that we sing as part of *Hallel* on festivals and before the sounding of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah reminds us that while we are still caught in a state of narrowness and distress, we may find our freedom: “From the narrow place I called out to God; I was answered with divine expansiveness” (*Psalms* 118:5).

Freedom is expressed through song. Moreover, the end of the struggles of this world will be brought about by singing: “Israel will arise from exile

with a song” (*Tikkunei Zohar*, 3a). On the continuum between narrowness and expanse, between exile and freedom, like the childbearing mother who cries out in *Eli Tziyon*, Israel's indescribable suffering is a travail to endure but the result of which ultimately leads to the glorious rebirth of our people.

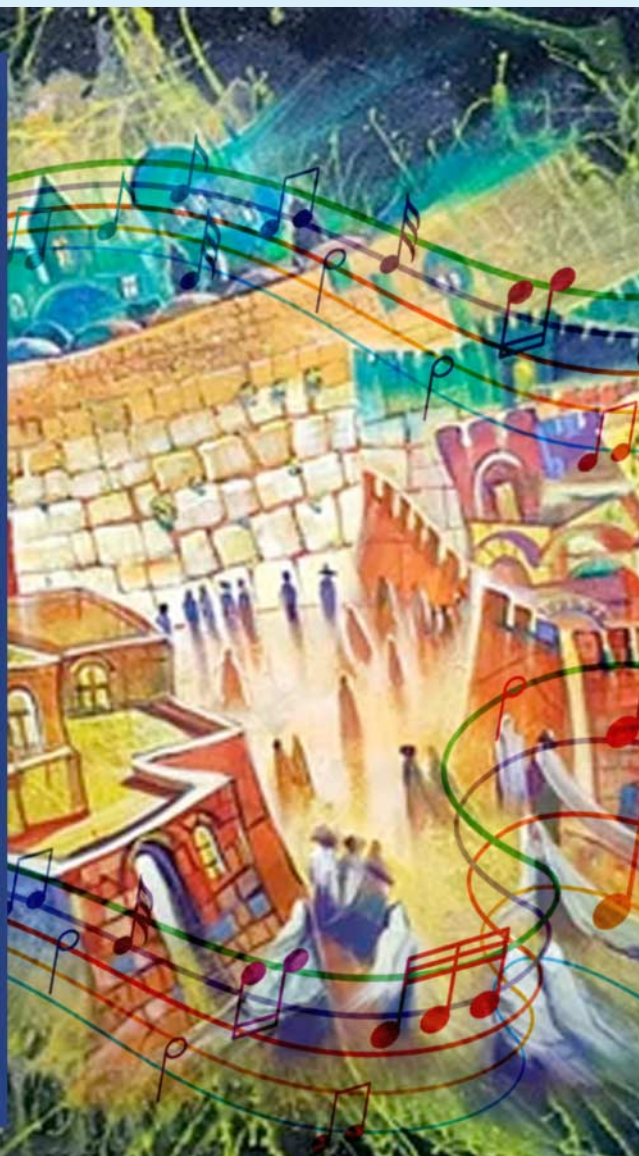
May this hopeful message guide us through any personal or national suffering we may be experiencing in our days.

# MIZMOR MONTHLY

—TAMMUZ—  
WITH CANTOR SIDNEY EZER  
AND ASHER FARBER

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 5:00 PM

Join us as we preview the themes of the Jewish month of Tammuz through music and song. This program is open to everyone with plenty of opportunity to sing along. This program is offered for in-person and online participation via <https://www.bethzedec.tv>.





Aviva Chernick

# Inspiration in the Divine

*Even from the midst of a time that feels quite creatively dry to me, I know that there will be a renewal of creative energy which I so look forward to sharing with you.*

I am writing this article exactly two weeks to the day after my father died.

I am not the same as I was: I am changed. The world does not feel the same as it did when I left for London on May 1 for the final trip while my dad was alive. I am unsure from moment to moment exactly what is unfolding as the landscape is so very new.

As I write this, we are approaching Shavuot and it feels like this is a new book of Torah that I haven't yet read. So it begins, learning the path of grief and life without my dad physically in it.

Some days I am tender and curious, and some days I am dry and fatigued to the bone. There are tears and also numbness. There is a desire to share and then, a strong need to be silent. There is a longing for hugs and then, a request not to be touched. There doesn't seem to be a map for this journey, so I do my best to trust it is all part of the process.

I do my best, day by day, moment by moment, breath by breath, Kaddish by Kaddish. And that brings me to you.

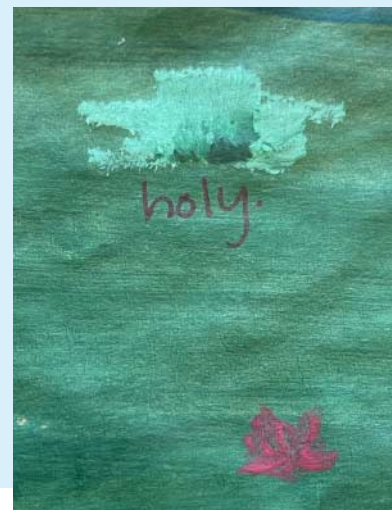
Thank you for the kindnesses, the deep *hesed* you have shown me and my family over this time. This includes my family meeting with Rav Baruch in the midst of the process, as well as an

exquisite ritual he led for me when I got up from shiva. This includes my colleagues on the Spiritual Leadership Team and throughout the staff, checking in regularly from within their own crises, from Israel and from the midst of such a busy shul life. It includes Rabbi Steve Wernick representing all of you at the funeral, driving in and driving back immediately following. AND this includes cards, donations, flowers, hugs and shared resonance with congregants, familiar and now new friends and fellow travellers.

I am part of a club that no one wants to join but everybody does at some point. I am appreciating the contact with fellow *aveilim*, mourners, members of the same club as we recite Kaddish together.

Even from the midst of a time that feels quite creatively dry to me, I know that there will be a renewal of creative energy which I so look forward to sharing with you.

In this spirit, I am sharing with you one of the many creative adventures that I had the pleasure of leading this past year. These pictures are just a short snapshot from the second round of *Bree-AH: The Arts and Pray/Play Lab* that we ran Sunday mornings in March.





I co-led this round with Ayla Lefkowitz, spoken word artist, educator and social entrepreneur.

Seven of us, representing almost every decade from 20 to 80, shared two hours each week, time in creative, song-filled, playful prayer and equally inspiring arts practice in response. Prayers turned into more prayers, turned into more creativity that sparked more creativity.

Captured in the images on the

opposite page is a final session that we had in the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall using just three of the blessings from *Birkhot Hashakhar*—The Morning Blessings. People had all the arts supplies we could think to bring and they followed their instincts, adding colour, drawing shapes, moving their bodies to bring lines and textures and then standing back and taking time before responding with art to other people's offerings.

What is prayer for you, for each of us? How can prayer bring us into deeper connection with each other and with the Divine. This is where we went exploring in our Bree-AH adventure and this is where I look forward to going with all of you as we continue to walk forward together.

May you be blessed in the summer warmth.





Jonny Ain

# Philanthropy is the Key to Today and Tomorrow

*Our collective tomorrow, our ability to enable our Congregants to live meaningful Jewish lives, rests on our commitment to supporting the next generation in ways that are spiritual, psychological, sociological, and yes, financial.*



As one of the newer members of the Beth Tzedec Team, I am thrilled to have joined the Congregation during this invigorating time. The energy and enthusiasm that permeate every aspect of Beth Tzedec's activities are contagious, and I am grateful to be part of a community that is committed to living its values, now and in the future.

The Congregation has reached a watershed moment. Our strategic investments have resulted in the remarkable achievement of welcoming over 400 new families under the age of 40. With this infusion of new members, we now boast the largest under-40 cohort of any congregation across the globe. This milestone not only reflects Beth Tzedec's appeal but also presents extraordinary opportunities in the years to come. Yet like all investments, ours come with upfront costs.

Many congregants may not be aware of Beth Tzedec's financial situation. While membership contributions are an important part of sustaining our operations, they cover only a portion of our overall expenses. We are fortunate to have additional revenue streams from catering, our cemetery, building rentals and investment income, which help support our programs and services. **However, it is congregational philanthropy that offers tremendous potential for growth and has the potential to maximize our ability to fulfill our mission.**

In previous times, synagogue membership was ingrained in our Jewish Toronto community DNA. Yet over the past decades, the reliability of future generations has waned. For many reasons, the days when we could assume that families would pay large amounts in dues to have a place to

bring their families for the High Holy Days are no more. The shifting landscape calls for innovative thinking and a fresh approach to ensure our Congregation's continued success.

Fortunately, Beth Tzedec has shown great adaptability in addressing the changing community dynamics, as exemplified by the success of the Generations Membership program. At the same time, we are steadfast in maintaining our core values, with our commitment to caring for and connecting with one another remaining at the heart of all we do. This unwavering dedication to our values enables us to navigate the ever-changing world while staying rooted in our rich heritage and tradition.

At Beth Tzedec, we have made major investments in meeting the needs of current and future congregants, and this is where philanthropy has become a crucial factor. Our collective tomorrow, our ability to enable our Congregants to live meaningful Jewish lives, rests on our commitment to supporting the next generation in ways that are spiritual, psychological, sociological, and yes, financial.

With a view to Beth Tzedec's current and future needs, we are excited to be presenting two enhancements to our congregation's philanthropic offerings.

First, our **Annual High Holy Days Appeal (AHHA)** addresses our current needs. Last year, including the matching gift of \$150,000 from **Larry and Judy Tanenbaum**, the Appeal raised \$450,000 in congregational funding, above and beyond membership dues. This year, we are expanding our Campaign, with a goal of generating \$500,000 or approximately ten percent more than last year.

An integrated but new component of the 2023 Appeal is the **Tzedec Circle**. Chaired by congregants **Lianne Leboff** and **David Matlow**, the Tzedec Circle is made up of members who generously donate \$1,800 or more to the AHHA. The names of all Tzedec Circle members will be proudly displayed outside the Sanctuary in time for Rosh Hashanah and will remain throughout the High Holy Days period. Members who wish to learn more about the Tzedec Circle are encouraged to contact me directly at [jain@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jain@beth-tzedec.org) or 416-781-3514, ext. 229.

While the AHHA provides the necessary resources to meet the challenges of today, we recognize that securing the future of Beth Tzedec requires long-term vision. For this reason, following the High Holy Days, we will embark on a comprehensive Legacy and Estate giving program which presents an extraordinary opportunity for Beth Tzedec. By leaving a gift in one's estate plan, members can make a profound and lasting difference in supporting future endeavours, programs and services.

Beth Tzedec is a vibrant and dynamic community that is constantly evolving

and striving for excellence. As the Director of Development, I am thrilled to be part of this journey and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to connect with every congregant. By harnessing our collective energy and passion, we will rise to the challenges of today and tomorrow, ensuring that Beth Tzedec thrives and continues to make a meaningful impact in the lives of its members. Exciting times lie ahead, and I am honoured to be a part of this extraordinary journey with all of you. its members. Exciting times lie ahead, and I am honoured to be a part of this extraordinary journey with all of you.

# Beth Tzedec Generations Membership

Our **FREE** membership  
for those under 40.



For more information about this program, contact Klara at 416-781-3514, ext 220 or [kromm@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:kromm@beth-tzedec.org)

# Care • Connect • Learn • Pray • Celebrate • Give & Get

These six core values represent the unified mosaic guiding the programs, services and events offered by Beth Tzedec that make our *kehillah* such a special and unique place.

## Care



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

**Mondays, June 5, 12 & 26 at 7:45 PM**

The loss of a loved one, at any time, is challenging. Judaism has a clear set of mourning rituals that help us relearn to be in the world after our significant loss. For many of us these rituals have been altered or limited, just as the rest of life has been full of uncertainties.

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

**Registration for the spring cohort is closed; watch for new sessions coming soon.**

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

## Connect



**Babies, Blessings and Shabbat Fun**  
**Fridays, June 2, 9 & 16 at 12:15 PM**

Welcome Shabbat with a music class featuring Shabbat songs and blessings, *hallah*, grape juice and lots of fun with our partner with L'Dance Classes for this special weekly experience for children up to 18 months old, accompanied by an adult. The spring term continues through June 16.

**Drop-in spaces may be available. For information, contact [Penina Hoffnung](#).**



**Little Thinkers**

**Friday, June 2 at 9:30 AM**

Nurture your budding mensch, thinker, leader, problem solver and innovator! Designed for tots ages 18 months to 3 years old with an adult, this program includes fun and interactive activities and critical thinking including STEM activities, arts & crafts, music & movement, sensory games and a Kabbalat Shabbat!



**Shabbat Morning Fun**

(For children ages 0 to 4, with a parent; and for kids ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 12)

**Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM**

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

**9:30 AM** Free Shabbat Play

**10:30 AM** Age-appropriate *tefillah*/prayer experiences, participation permitting, with special guests

**11:30 AM** Blessings and snacks

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





**Let's Sit: LGBTQ+ Pride Mindfulness**  
**Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 PM**

There are many ways to mark this month of Pride. This gathering will celebrate through connection in a warm, loving and playful environment. Join facilitator, Beth Tzedec artist-in-residence and neySHEV Jewish Meditation Community founder Aviva Chernick, together with fellow community members for this opportunity to rest in loving attention through meditation, reflection and song in Jewish Queer and Trans positive space. This event is for LGBTQ+ community members only.

There will also be an opportunity to view the exhibition in the adjacent FENTSTER window gallery, HAMAPAH created by artist duo / married couple Adam W. McKinney and Daniel Banks.

If you have a meditation cushion, please bring it. Chairs, blankets and bolsters will be provided. No previous experience with meditation required.

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**Torah and Tree Pose Series**  
**with Marcee Bar-Isaac and Rabbi Fryer Bodzin**

**Monday, June 5 at 9:00 AM**

Join us for a brief Torah text study followed by yoga and moments of mindfulness and meditation at our last session for this year. Please bring your own yoga mat and water.

**Cost: \$10. Register via Shulcloud.**

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**Following the River: Norman Bacal in Conversation with Jordan Banks for 20s and 30s**

**Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30 PM**

Jordan Banks joins Norman Bacal to talk about his career path—from law student to tech leader/venture capitalist to philanthropist—and share the wisdom he learned along the way.

**No charge. Pre-registration is requested via Shulcloud.**



**Family Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, June 16 at 5:15 PM**

Come together for a delicious Shabbat dinner and great programming for kids of all ages. We begin with pre-dinner activities at 5:15 PM, with a lively abridged Shabbat service at 5:45 PM followed by a delicious dinner and programming for kids and adults, and dessert afterwards. Registration closes at 11:00 AM on **Monday, June 12.**

**Cost: \$60/family for Beth Tzedec members; \$70/family for the community. Register via Shulcloud.**



**ECRUSY Spring Convention at Camp Ramah!**

**(For pre-teens and teens in Grades 5 to 12)**

**June 16 to 18, 2023**

Join your peers for a meaningful Shabbat experience at Camp Ramah in Canada and enjoy fun, teen-led programs, activities, community service projects and more.

**For fees, registration and general information, contact Sylvie Moscovitz.**

**High School Student Volunteers—Calling all students in Grades 9 to 12:** Volunteers are needed for many of our programs, including several beginning in September. If you are looking to fulfil community service requirements or would like to gain valuable experience working on family-oriented programs, contact Sylvie Moscovitz Librach at 416-781-3514 ext. 246 or [smoscovitz@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:smoscovitz@beth-tzedec.org).



### Divas on the Bima: A Night of Song

**Monday, June 19 at 7:30 PM**

Beth Tzedec is thrilled to present Divas on the Bima for a night of song inspiration and celebration. The Divas—Cantors Jen Cohen, Magdalena Fishman, Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Elizabeth Shammash—have hosted many performances through the United States. Join them as they perform an eclectic selection of Judaic, Broadway music, songs of Israel and popular music on our stage.

**Tickets: \$25; Discount for groups of 10 or more; Registration is requested via [ShulCloud](#).**



### Talking Torah with Daniel Silverman

**Every Shabbat morning 9:30 AM**

Take a fresh look at the weekly Haftarah with traditional and modern interpretations of the weekly reading. Intellectually stimulating and challenging.

**This is a drop-in program. Pre-registration is not required.**



### Learn Talmud with Reb Steve

**Mondays, June 5 & 12**

**7:30 to 8:30 PM**

One of Judaism's greatest strengths is its affinity for diverse opinions and the debate, for the "sake of Heaven" to implement God's will in our lives. The *Talmud* is the source from which this affinity for debate and the code of Jewish *halakhah* (law) is derived.

Reb Steve concludes this weekly series at a slow and deliberate pace, studying a single page of *Talmud* each week.

**No charge. Registration is required via [Shulcloud](#).**

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### Learn to Chant a Haftarah! with Lorne Hanick

**Mondays, June 5 & 12**

**7:45 to 9:00 PM**

Ritual director Lorne Hanick leads this beginner's course on cantillation trope in general and the application of the cantillation to learning to chant *haftarah* (the prophetic reading that follows the Torah reading on Shabbat, festivals and other special days with goal that you learn a *haftarah* chant publicly! Reading knowledge of Hebrew is required.

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## Learn



### Torah Through the Ages with Rabbi Fryer Bodzin

**Thursdays, June 1, 8 & 15 at 10:00 AM**

Rabbi Fryer Bodzin looks at the weekly Torah portion with traditional and modern commentaries. This series will be presented via Zoom. Having an *Etz Chaim humash* will be beneficial; other materials will be provided.

**No charge. Registration is required via [Shulcloud](#).**

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### A Heart of Many Rooms: The Visions of Rabbi David Hartman with Rabbi Frydman-Kohl

**Concludes Wednesday, June 7**

**8:00 to 9:15 PM**

David Hartman was an American-Canadian rabbi and professor who became an Israeli thought leader and founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Join Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, one of Rabbi Hartman's students, on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, as he leads this four-part seminar series.

**No charge. Registration is required via [Shulcloud](#).**



**iEngage: The Palestinian Conflict from a Jewish Lens with Reb Steve**  
Thursdays, June 22 and July 20

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Join Rabbi Steven Wernick each month for this monthly series where we will confront the challenges posed by the Palestinian conflict to life in Israel and the Middle East, viewed through a Jewish values lens.

Learn about these critical issues through video, text and discussion, utilizing video lectures from Hartman's team of internationally renowned scholars to address core questions pertaining to the necessity and significance of the State of Israel.

**Cost for series: \$25. Registration is required via Shulcloud.**

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**Mizmor Monthly with Hazzan Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber**

Friday, June 16 at 5:00 PM

Join Cantor Sidney and Asher as they preview the themes of each Jewish month through music and song. This program is open to everyone with plenty of opportunities to sing along.

This program is offered in person and via livestream at <https://bethzedec.tv>.

Registration is required for all via Shulcloud.



**Was Meir Kahane an Anomaly? Six Phases of Jewish Militancy in the Land of Israel with Dr. Shaul Magid**

Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30 PM

There are usually two explanations proffered to understand Meir Kahane, the militant American rabbi who founded the Jewish Defense League in America in 1968 and the KACH party in Israel in 1971. The first is that he was an anomaly, a product of the American race and culture wars of the 1960s that he tried to translate for an Israeli audience. The second is that his militarism was the product of a dangerous amalgam of religion and politics.

In this presentation, Dr. Magid will argue neither is true. Rather, he claims Kahane is a particular instantiation of a history of Jewish militancy in Mandate Palestine and then Israel.

Join Dr. Magid as he exhibits this history in six distinct but also overlapping phases from the 1920s until the present.

**No charge. Registration required via Shulcloud.**

THE WEISFELD FAMILY LECTURE

# Pray



**Weekday Shaḥarit Services**

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

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

Sundays: <https://zoom.us/j/894447868>  
Weekdays: <https://zoom.us/j/733141765>

You can also join by phone. Visit [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org) for the phone numbers and meeting IDs.



**Weekday Minhah-Ma'ariv Services**

Every Sunday to Thursday evening;  
at 7:00 PM

At the end of the day, join us in person in the Hendeles Chapel or on Zoom for our evening services via <https://zoom.us/j/668598809>.

You can also join by phone only by calling 647-374-4685 and inputting the meeting ID 668-598-809.



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



### Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv

Every Friday evening at 6:00 PM

Prepare your spirit for Shabbat with song, comfort and community at our Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv services, either in person in the Hendeles Chapel and livestreamed via <https://bethzedec.tv>.



### Shabbat at the Floor Services

Friday, July 7 at 6:00 PM

Shabbat at the Floor is a welcoming, inclusive, musical, connected, caring and relevant monthly Kabbalat Shabbat experience. It's not just another service, we choose music intentionally to represent diverse Jewish voices, identities and life stories—some familiar, others new.

Prepare to be moved and inspired. The Shabbat at the Floor services are offered in person and livestreamed via <https://bethzedec.tv>.

For a taste of our Shabbat at the Floor services, [click here](#)>>

Visit our website at [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org) for updated information.



### Shabbat Sanctuary Services

Every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM

Our Shabbat Service offers the energy and inspiration of a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience as you sing along with Cantor Sidney Ezer. Rabbi Steven Wernick and Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin offer insights into our Torah reading, expertly chanted by ritual director Lorne Hanick. Lift your soul in prayer as you sing with us or close your eyes in meditation and be carried away by the magnificent harmonic sounds of the service.

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



### Minḥah / Seudah Shlisheet / Ma'ariv Services

Saturday evenings;  
Check website for times

Please join us for *Minḥah* in the Hendeles Chapel followed by *Seudah Shlisheet* (the third Sabbath meal) and Torah study. We will return to the Chapel for *Ma'ariv* and Havdalah following.

These Services are offered for in-person participation only.



### Musical Participatory Services

Saturday, June 17 at 9:30 AM

Join us for a musical participatory service led by Cantor Sidney Ezer, Asher Farber and our small vocal ensemble, The HarmonEzers. They introduce new melodies and revive older and familiar ones in a way that will be sure to get our toes tapping and voices singing in harmony. Services are offered in person and livestreamed via <https://bethzedec.tv>.



### Little Minyan Service

Saturday, June 2 & 17 at 9:30 AM

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

This Service is offered for in-person participation only.





### Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service

Saturday, June 10 at 10:30 AM

Our monthly Family Service offers a lively, engaging prayer service incorporating the participation of the children, teens and families in attendance, with a community dairy luncheon following.

## Celebrate



### Community Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 16 at 6:00 PM  
(at Cecil Street Community Centre)

As part of the Pride Month celebrations, you are invited to the annual Pride Shabbat!

We will gather as a diverse Jewish community to celebrate Pride and be in community with one another at our Pride Shabbat service followed by a kosher, vegan dinner.

This event centres on LGBTQ+ Jewish community members. Allies to both Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities are welcome. Families are encouraged to bring children, as programming for those ages 8 to 17 will be offered by Machane Lev.

Tickets: \$25 for adults; \$10 for children.

To register, [click here](#)>>



**CSX**  
Congregational School Experience



Directed by an accomplished educational professional and staffed by well qualified teachers, CSX makes a personal connection with every child.

At CSX, your child will:

- Develop a sense of Jewish identity and learn about Jewish traditions, holidays and customs
- Gain familiarity with prayer and Jewish ritual
- Learn to read and write Hebrew
- Use technology, art, music and movement to create meaningful and lasting learning experiences
- Have the opportunity to meet other children and make friends
- Establish a vibrant link to Israel
- Begin a path to a more meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience

*Limited spaces available. Register your child today!*









## Next Year's Shinshinim

We are looking for host families for our new *shinshinim*. Can you make a five-month commitment to welcome them into your home? To learn more about the opportunity to be a host family, please contact **Michael Friedman** at [michael.friedman@rogers.com](mailto:michael.friedman@rogers.com).

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.



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



# Be a Small Groups Leader

The number three is significant in many ways. *Hazakah* means that if you do something three times, it becomes permanent.

Our third year of Beth Tzedec Small Groups is coming to a close and we have moved from being a pilot to being an important part in creating and sustaining a relational culture at Beth Tzedec.

This year, we had 14 Small Groups on a wide range of topics including two social action book clubs, Zentangle meditative drawing, career advancement and memoir writing, to name just a few. In celebration of Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, we had a group on Zionist Ideas with another on *Discovering our History Through Objects*. All were led by dedicated Beth Tzedec members.

We are excited to expand our offerings for 2023-2024, and we are looking for new group leaders.

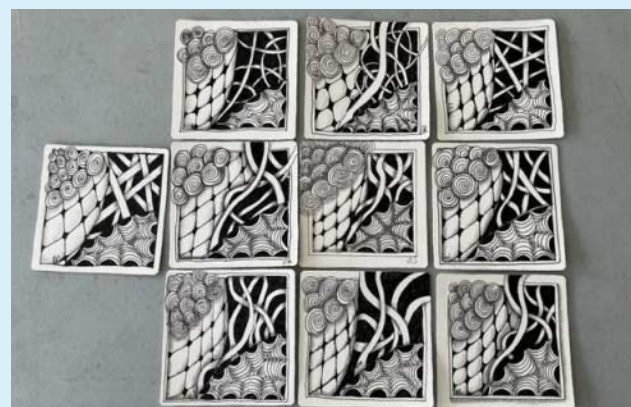
Do you have a passion, interest or hobby that you can share with others? Do you enjoy facilitating groups in discussion of a shared purpose? Experience is not necessary; BT Leadership will provide you the training and tools you need for success.

## Impact of Being a Group Leader

As a group leader, you will help members learn new skills or knowledge, help build caring relationships between group members and increase the sense of connection. Judy Berman, who co-led *The Good Life Conversations* with Judy Moncik said, "Being involved in a Small Group has enabled me to experience Beth Tzedec on a more intimate level, creating a sense of community among members who share my interests."



The purpose of Small Groups is to learn, laugh and develop meaningful, caring relationships that deepen connections to other members, to Judaism and to Beth Tzedec while engaging in activities that are important to YOU. Through participating in BT Small Groups, congregants have expressed feeling a greater sense of community and camaraderie when in the synagogue, and decreased feelings and experiences of isolation.



### Responsibilities of a Group Leader

You would identify an activity that can be done over eight to ten sessions; lead/host the group in-person or through Zoom; facilitate discussion and create a sense of connection among seven to 15 group members.

### What Makes a Great Group Leader?

Are you empathic with high IQ? Leaders should have an area of interest or expertise they are willing to explore, basic facilitation skills and some understanding of group dynamics or a willingness to learn. You should be comfortable with on-line technology.

### Training and Support

You will not be alone! Group Leaders will take part in a minimum of two initial training sessions and additional training will be provided.

Each Group Leader will be assigned a coach to assist with facilitation and problem solving. You will also be connected to other leaders and coaches.

### Commitment

The commitment is from September to late June. Groups take place monthly or bi-monthly with each session being one to two hours. There will be some preparation time between sessions including scheduling meetings.

### Format and Location

Groups can take place in person, on-line, a hybrid or a combination based on the needs of the group members. Groups can take place at the Synagogue, in members' homes or in other place appropriate to the activity.

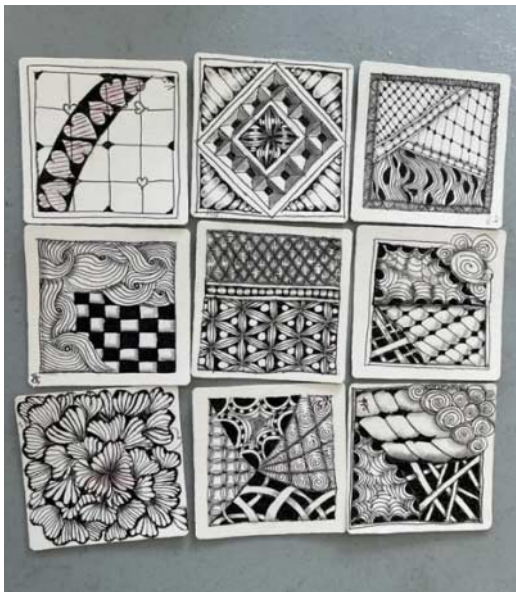
If you want to meet new people, share your passion with others, increase your leadership skills and help to build a caring community, email Yacov Fruchter at [YFruchter@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:YFruchter@beth-tzedec.org) or Joanne Schwebel at [joanneschwebel@gmail.com](mailto:joanneschwebel@gmail.com) to find out more about leading a Small Group.

—Joanne Schwebel

Chair, Beth Tzedec Small Groups

—Yacov Fruchter

Director, Community Building and Spiritual Engagement



### Our "Zentangles" Small Group

*Zentangle is a relaxing, easy-to-learn and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns using combinations of dots, lines, simple curves and circles. Members of this Small Group met to connect with each other and create beautiful works of art using the Zentangle Method.*



# Volunteering: A Tradition

Three years ago, when the pandemic was rearranging our lives, I was asked to create a weekly Zoom get-together for seniors at Beth Tzedec who might be feeling isolated and lonely. On a whim, I chose a theme based on some delightful Yiddish cooking videos that I found on the Forward website, and so I named the group “Ess Gezunterheit (Eat in Good Health”).

In truth, I was a bit apprehensive about how I’d keep the conversation going among a group of people who didn’t know one another. What would we talk about? Would this be awkward?

Three years later: the E.G.H. group is still “Zooming” together Thursday afternoons. The gang is now a dozen regular participants, with some drop-ins. One fellow even Zooms in from California!

Each week, we marvel at how we’ve all become real friends. We share each other’s week, our stories, our *naches* and our challenges. We trade Pesah recipes. We watch a bit of ballet video at the end. We are delighted to see each other in real life, when we come to shul. And it’s been a life-enhancing surprise for me, the once-reluctant volunteer host.

On May 27, Shabbat Shavuot, we honoured some special Beth Tzedec volunteers at our second annual *Yasher Koah* Awards event in the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall with a short, joyful program (with ice cream). We hope many of you were able to join us!

Volunteer engagement at Beth Tzedec is growing, and there are going to be wonderful opportunities for more participation. Volunteering is a great way for you to be involved, at whatever time commitment works for you. There are many projects, both short- and long-term, that can use your skills and energy. You’ll get to know others, make new friends and deepen your connections with our shul community.

Research on volunteering consistently shows that volunteers benefit in many ways. Volunteers report feeling happier, with more robust social connections. And it’s known that volunteering has a positive effect on both physical and mental health.

I hope many of you will take some time and consider becoming one of our Beth Tzedec volunteers!

—Judy Libman

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood wishes everyone a wonderful and enjoyable summer and looks forward to launching new engaging and informative programs this fall.

 BETH TZEDEC  
צדק בית SISTERHOOD



—2023—

# Yasher Koah Award

**For building a community of care  
in extraordinary times**

*Jerry Grammer*

*Sarah Goldberg*

*Shane Grosman*

*Edna Hussman*

*Naomi Kramer*

*Leah Mauer*

*Gella Rothstein*

*Eric Sobel*

*Dana Solnik*

*Jason Stein*

*Maureen Tanz*

*Lyon Wexler*

*Zev Zabitsky*

The Yasher Koah Awards acknowledge and honour Beth Tzedec's volunteers who have gone above and beyond, supporting our *kehillah* and the larger community with programs and initiatives they have spearheaded, enabling our community to continue to live meaningful Jewish lives during these very challenging times. They are pioneers in meeting new challenges and community builders, creating opportunities for us all to **Pray, Care, Connect, Give & Get, Celebrate** and **Learn** ... with intention.

בית צדק



# REDI, in Action

Our communications team spoke with two of our anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (REDI) members to bring you inside the conversation happening at Beth Tzedec, as we continue to make our synagogue more a more inclusive and welcoming place for all.

Leah Mauer and Jennifer Lau have been key volunteers in the establishment of the REDI Committee.

Read through to learn about the important work of this Committee, their goals and some opportunities for you to become involved.

## Why is now the time to launch REDI?

The REDI (anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Committee actually launched several years ago in the wake of George Floyd's murder. At the time, like many communities, the Jewish community began to reckon with how we treat Jews of Colour and non-Ashkenazi Jews in our North American Jewish communities. It was important for Beth Tzedec to be part of this conversation in the moment.

Recognizing that Beth Tzedec is comprised of Jews from many different backgrounds, from the early days of the Committee's work, we pledged to not just be a group that checks the EDI box, but to be committed to doing this work and making Beth Tzedec a more equitable and inclusive place. We hope that because of our size and stature in the larger Jewish community in Toronto, Canada and North America that we can inspire others to do this work alongside us.

## How do you see Beth Tzedec's role in representing that diversity to the Jewish community?

Beth Tzedec, as a congregation in midtown Toronto, caters to one of the most diverse groups in Canada.

Forward thinking initiatives, like our Generations Membership, have attracted many members, especially younger members, of our diverse Jewish community to us in the last year. We now have a responsibility to show that we are an accepting, welcoming place that can be a Jewish home to Conservative Jews from all walks of life.

We hope that by making systemic changes to become a more inclusive *kehillah* for everyone that we can inspire other congregations to do the same for their members.

## What Makes a Great Group Leader?

Are you empathic with high EQ? Leaders should have an area of interest or expertise they are willing to explore, basic facilitation skills and some understanding of group dynamics or a willingness to learn. You should be comfortable with on-line technology.

## What onsite resources do you offer to facilitate discussions on race and equity?

Each of our meetings opens with a learning opportunity. Sometimes we circulate an article or short video for discussion before our meeting with some guiding discussion questions that will serve as a learning opportunity on race and equity. Other times, we engage speakers to lead a discussion with our Committee.

We are working on ways to bring this learning from our Committee to the wider congregation, whether that be in programming that we open to our membership, education and training sessions we run with our staff, spiritual leadership and lay leadership, or the work that we have our committee members do as they sit on other shul committees.

**What success stories can you share that promote diversity and inclusion through REDI?**

We are very happy that we now have an all gender washroom, located across from the nursery classrooms in the school wing!

**What drew you to become a member of Beth Tzedec?**

*Leah:* I became a member because my husband, Josh, has been a member of Beth Tzedec for most of his life. When we got married, he felt strongly that we should join. I was hesitant—not being from Toronto and not growing up in the Conservative movement, Beth Tzedec's size and stature were intimidating for me. However, quickly after becoming a regular attendee and involving myself in the shul it felt like home.

*Jennifer:* I am a Jew by Choice and a

Jew of Colour. I converted to Judaism while my husband and I were living in Brazil several years ago. When we moved back to Toronto, we wanted to find a synagogue that was warm and welcoming, committed to equality, had a diverse congregation and was well-supported for programming and community engagement.

**What plans do you have for the future of your Committee's work in this area, and how can members of the Congregation get involved and support your efforts?**

We are working to enlist the work of an equity consultant who will examine all aspects of our organization from a REDI perspective and provide recommendations on what we can do to better engage all of our members. We also are working on a Hot Topics! session over the High Holy Days, and some projects around the connections

between the Jewish and Indigenous communities in Toronto.

If you would like to get involved, please email us at [REDI@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:REDI@beth-tzedec.org).

**What positive engagement have you seen in the kehillah as a result of the REDI committee?**

REDI seems to be top of mind for many of our staff and lay leadership in a way that it wasn't before our work began. Many of our spiritual leadership, staff and lay leaders have been involved in the Committee over the years, and we have noticed how their participation in our learning sessions has made them more aware of REDI in their daily practice.

*Kol hakavod* to those leaders in our kehillah!

## WATCH FOR NEWS COMING SOON!

*Adam Sandler's movie, "You Are SO Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah" is coming to Netflix soon! Last summer, Beth Tzedec had the privilege of being the synagogue where the bat mitzvah scenes were filmed. We can't wait to see our shul on the screen. I think this calls for a viewing party!*





*It is a challenge to grow up as a KC—kid of the clergy.*

# Allan Soberman: Still Searching for His Voice

Think Soberman and you think music. The surname is recognizable to thousands of people, many of whom were students of the late Cantor Morris Soberman<sup>z1</sup>.

Cantor Soberman played a pivotal role in the lives of many Beth Tzedec members, and well beyond the membership. For over 35 years, he was the Cantor Sheini at Beth Tzedec, and during his tenure, he taught over 2,800 *b'nei mitzvah* students. Let that number sink in for a moment. The result of his lifetime of teaching is that, even in 2023, there are people in every part of the world who chant the Haftarah just as he taught and who hum melodies that he introduced. That is an impressive legacy!

The legacy goes even further with his son Allan.

Allan, 73, is paying tribute to this legend of the Toronto liturgical musical world with his show, *Searching for My Voice*. And that title reflects, in large part, the story of growing up as the son of Cantor Morris and Tillie Soberman.

It is a challenge to grow up as a KC—kid of the clergy. Whether you like it or not, you and your siblings are watched, inspected, discussed and dissected in ways that your peers can never imagine. Allan was no exception. He and his sister, the late Susan Soberman<sup>z1</sup>, often felt like they were under a microscope. Think of the 1946 movie *The Jolson Story*, the fictionalized story of the life of Al Jolson, and you get a glimpse into Allan and Susan's childhood years.

Allan did perceive his identity as “the Cantor's son”. What helped him come to accept this role was his life with music. Growing up in a fourplex on Vaughan Road and later in a home in Cedarvale, Allan was a product of the 1960s and the music that was so prominent in that era—pop and folk music and the Beatles. This was, of course, in addition to his involvement in the Junior Choir and reading a bit of Torah. The result was a mixture of different melodic styles swirling in his head.

Allan dived headfirst into the music of his era when his father bought him his first guitar. In his teens, he picked up the bass and later performed with wedding bands and many local folk groups in Toronto. As an olive-branch gesture to his family, Allan graduated with a Commerce and Finance degree from the University of Toronto.

After graduation, he joined the early 1970s throngs of confused youth who did not see a clear life direction. He ended up in Israel for eight months on a kibbutz. When he returned to Canada, he tried to build a musical life. He married and had two children—and now four grandchildren. Always constant in his life was his music.





Allan appeared onstage opening for Billy Joel, among others. He worked with Juno award-winning performers like Bob Schneider, recording on Schneider's records and performing on his TV specials. Allan also co-wrote songs with a multitude of Nashville's top country songwriters throughout the '80s, gaining exposure to the larger musical stage.

Something major changed in 1999. After the death of his father, Allan was motivated to record *Searching For My Voice*, the first of two Hebrew albums of liturgical melodies from his synagogue youth, merged with the more contemporary sounds of his formative years. Allan liked to

characterize the musical results as "The Beach Boys and Queen have a bar mitzvah".

With this project, Allan built a bridge between the liturgical and popular music styles, bringing him closer to his father.

When *Searching For My Voice* was released in 2002, it met with much acclaim. Praise was widespread throughout the Jewish world.

Allan's latest project is a theatrical version of *Searching For My Voice*, premiering this June at the Prosserman JCC. Presented as a solo theatre piece, "Searching For My Voice" will intertwine the original songs from the album along with archival projections to tell his personal life story.

Beth Tzedec has reserved a block of tickets for the open night performance—Thursday, June 15—which can be accessed online [here](#) or in person at the Prosserman JCC, 4588 Bathurst St, North York.

See *Searching For My Voice* on stage Thursday, June 15, Saturday, June 17 and Sunday June 18.

—Gerry Posner

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



SEARCHING  
FOR MY VOICE:  
A PERFORMANCE BY ALLAN SOBERMAN  
JUNE 15, 17 AND 18, 2023  
(AT PROSSERMAN JCC)

Allan Soberman looks back at his musical influences, from his Cantor father—Beth Tzedec's esteemed Cantor Morris Soberman<sup>41</sup>—to the popular culture of the 50s and 60s, brought to life through photo and video imagery, enjoy traditional liturgical melodies and heartfelt original songs. Enjoy a night out with great music and a bit of Beth Tzedec history.

Thanks to a generous donation, Beth Tzedec's 20s and 30s members have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the June 15 performance at a special, discounted rate of \$10 plus service fee. Click [TICKETS](#) and you will see the option for Beth Tzedec Congregation Reserve Seats.

For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here](#)>>

# New Faces ...

We are pleased to officially welcome the newest members to our professional team—Jonny Ain, Michael Goodbaum and, beginning in July, Cantor Audrey Klein.

## Jonny Ain



Jonathan (Jonny) Ain joins Beth Tzedec as our Director of Development.

Jonny has over 20 years in the not-for-profit sector and over 15 years in senior fundraising roles. And most recently, he served as the CEO of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

With a passion for Jewish life and the State of Israel, Jonathan has spent the majority of his career within the Jewish community, including having served as Director of Development for CJPAC and Holy Blossom Temple. The remainder of Jonathan's fundraising experience comes from the healthcare sector, where he has held roles at both SickKids and CAMH.

A native Torontonionian, Jonathan resides in North York with his husband, Sam and son, Nathan – along with their furry feline, Roy the Cat.

Jonathan greatly looks forward to the journey with Beth Tzedec whose membership, clergy team, and staff he has always admired. And time with family and friends.

You can reach Jonny by phone at 416-781-3514 ext. 229 or by email at [jain@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:jain@beth-tzedec.org).

## Michael Goodbaum



Michael Goodbaum joins Beth Tzedec as our Manager of Marketing and Communications.

Michael is a communications specialist with a

heartfelt focus on the Jewish community and not for profit spaces. He is excited to work at Beth Tzedec in this pivotal time as more young families join the community. Michael's prior involvement in communications included political engagement through Rock The Vote, and fundraising at the Jewish National Fund.

He is a talented pianist, guitarist and songwriter. A graduate of the music program at Northern Secondary School, he studied songwriting at UBC before going on to perform as a professional musician across Ontario. He also has experience in audio production and podcasting.

Michael began his career as a teenager, working in the city's top catering and restaurants, where he earned the title of chef. One of his most prized possessions is his Bubbie Esther Goodbaum's handwritten recipe book.

His favourite place to be is the Kawartha Highlands of Ontario with his wife Alex and their new-born son.

You can reach Michael by phone at 416-781-3514 ext. 267 or by email at [mgoodbaum@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mgoodbaum@beth-tzedec.org).

## Cantor Audrey Klein



In a major move toward meeting the needs of our growing Congregation, Beth Tzedec is delighted to announce that Cantor Audrey

Klein has accepted the position of Beth Tzedec's Director of Family and Young Adult Engagement, beginning in July.

Carrying a deep appreciation for the link between family, community, and spirituality, Cantor Klein has dedicated her life to sharing joyful connections. Her career includes experience at two prominent Toronto synagogues—Temple Emanu-El and Temple Sinai. She currently sits on the Executive Board of the Women Cantors' Network and co-chaired their annual conference in 2018.

Hailing originally from Shaker Heights, Ohio, Cantor Klein is a graduate of the Theatre Program at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She received her cantorial ordination and master's degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew College in Newton, MA. Cantor Klein resides in midtown Toronto with her husband Josh, a native Torontonionian, and daughter Nora.

In her role as Director of Family and Young Adult Engagement, Cantor Klein will ensure that new members are brought into the fold and given a deeper connection to their Jewish journey through Beth Tzedec. With young families increasingly moving to the area, now is the time to grow our team and better serve this growing segment of our Congregation.

We look forward to welcoming Cantor Klein and her family this summer.

# Men's Club Makes a Difference



## Yom Hashoah Candle Campaign

More than 90 percent of Beth Tzedec Congregation members received Yom Hashoah candles that were personally delivered by our volunteers. If you or a family member helped deliver candles, please contact Adam Rachlin at [arachlin@sympatico.ca](mailto:arachlin@sympatico.ca). Also, let me know if you wish to volunteer for next year.

Yasher Koah to all our volunteers!



## Got Your Men's Club Card?

Complementary Men's Club cards were mailed to all male synagogue members between the ages of 20 and 40. The card identifies a Beth Tzedec member and member of Men's Club.

The card also has a handy three-year Jewish calendar. If you wish to be added to our mailing list and be invited to a free dinner, let us know by contacting Art Andrews at [aandrews@rogers.com](mailto:aandrews@rogers.com).

## Toronto Blue Jays Family Night

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club has planned a family Blue Jays Baseball

Night for Tuesday, August 29 for our Beth Tzedec community.

They have secured an excellent block of seats in the 100 Level near the third base line, available at a discounted cost of \$50 per ticket. Tickets include transportation from and back to the Beth Tzedec parking lot. Only 50 tickets are available and are offered on a first come, first served basis. The bus will leave Beth Tzedec at 5:15 PM.

For information or to reserve tickets, contact Avital in the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.



## NOW ... MORE THAN EVER ... BETH TZEDEC NEEDS A STRONG MEN'S CLUB

For only \$36, Men's Club Contribution gives you

- A Personalized Plastic 3-Year Membership Card & Jewish Holiday Calendar
- Preferred Seating at Selected Men's Club Sponsored Events
- Benefits from National Men's Club Federation
- FREE Dinner with Fellow Men's Club Board Members



# Tributes

Make a donation, send a tribute card and include your listing here to honour your friends and loved ones. For more information about tribute opportunities, call the office at 416-781-3511.

## Arts & Culture Fund

An anonymous contribution, honouring **Aviva Chernick**.

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

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

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

Joni Cohen, honouring **Aviva Chernick** on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her bat mitzvah.

Brenda Orser, honouring **Aviva Chernick** on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her bat mitzvah.

Marjorie Rasky, honouring **Linda Levine** on her special birthday.

Toby Saltzman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Kenneth Saltzman**.

## Camp Ramah Fund

Diane and Ronnie Ennis, acknowledging **Les and Lisa Aaron** in memory of **Irving Aaron**.

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

Phyllis Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Fruitman**.

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

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging **Les Aaron** in memory of **Irving Aaron**.

## Cantor Sidney Ezer Discretionary Fund

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

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

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** for his dedication to liturgical music and his special attention to Sephardic melodies.

Jimmy Shekarchi, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Saleh Jacob Shakarchi**.

Albert Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sarah Weinstein**.

Albert Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sheldon Weinstein**.

## Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund

Rosalee Berlin, acknowledging **Eric Sobel** in memory of **Norman Sobel**.

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

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

Marshall and Karen Bleiweis, honouring **Seth Bleiweis and Carly Greene** on their *auf ruf*.

The Dobner and Koifman Families, honouring **Maya Dobner and Jules Koifman** on their *auf ruf*.

The Friedman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Henry Friedman**.

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

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

Marika Glied, Sherry and Richard, Tammy and Robert, Michelle and Allan and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William (Bill) Glied**.

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

Caroline Bokar Gordon and Errol Gordon, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bob Bokar**.

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

Corinne Hart, commemorating the fourth yahrtzeit of **Myer Hart**, and honouring him on his birthday.

Corinne Hart, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for **Dovena Hart**.

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

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

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

Harriet Lilker and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Emmanuel Solomon Lilker**.

Ruthann and Lawrie Lubin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leo Joseph Cutler**.

The Mandel Family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Joshua Mandel**.

The Milner/Gerson Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jerry Milner**.

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

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

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

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Eric Sobel** in memory of **Norman Sobel**.

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

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

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

Alan Sless and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maureen Sless**.

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

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

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

Joseph Weintrop, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Weintrop**.

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

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

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

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

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Srul Irving Glick**.

Daniel and Arlyn Zimmerman, honouring **Cobi Zimmerman and Emily Karpel** on their *auf ruf*.

## Food Insecurity Fund

An anonymous contribution, honouring **Ryan Faust**.

Liddy Beck and Steve Gottesman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Tom Beck**.

Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Glicksman**.

Ahuva Neufeld, honouring **Ryan Faust**.

Amy Phillips and Paul Sheldon, acknowledging **Amy Phillips** in memory of **Murray Phillips**.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Dr. Lisa Berger and Dr. Richard Stall** on the birth of their granddaughter **Aura Stall**.

Daniel and Elana Shapiro, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rona Phyllis Shapiro**.

Larry and Nina Wallach, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** for their *Mishloah Manot* tradition.

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

## General Fund

Ruth Axler, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Margles**.

Cherryl Berliner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Hertz**.

Lyle Cappe, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Solomon Freedman**.

Alyn Glazerman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fred Glazerman**.

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

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

Arlene Himel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mel Himel**.

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

Ellen and Alan Levine and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Sidney Steinberg**.

Mark and Judith Libman, acknowledging **Brian Dias** in memory of **Adriano Dias**.

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

Ian and Janet Roher, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dorothy Roher**.

Hascal and Sandra Rosen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Amelia Berenbaum Rosen**.

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

Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Marcia Gilbert, honouring the **Beth Tzedec Board of Directors**.

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

## Hesed Fund

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

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

Barbara Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Albert Swartz**.

Bayla and Leo Chaikof, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Appel**.

Ellen Feinman, honouring the memory of **Leah Feinman**.

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

Judith and Aubrey Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Samuel Freedhoff**.

Judith and Aubrey Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gertrude Golden**.

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

Brenda Orser, acknowledging **David Promislow** in memory of **Shirley Promislow**.

Molly and John Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Minnie Koffman**.

Esterita Rajskey and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edith Rajskey**.

Esterita Rajskey and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Oskar Rajskey**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, honouring **Aviva Chernick** on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her bat mitzvah.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Les Aaron** in memory of **Irving Aaron**.

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Duke Segel and Rose Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Esther Segel**.

Duke Segel and Rose Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isaac Segel**.

Rose Sobel, acknowledging **Coleman and Wendy Rotstein** in memory of **Eleanor Charney**.

### Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

Art and Carole Andrews, acknowledging the **Rosenberg Family** in memory of **Phil Rosenberg**.

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

Art and Carole Andrews, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sarah Anelevitz**.

Richard and Naomi Sherman, acknowledging the **Singer Family** in memory of **David and Sylvia Singer**.

### Jewish Family Living Fund

Brenda Orser, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the marriage of the daughter **Lauren Rotman & AJ Goldberg** and for Lauren's success in the field of medicine.

### Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

Mary Ellen Herman, acknowledging **Jackie and Norman Kahn** in memory of **Jonathan Kahn**.

Patti Rotman, honouring **Jackie Kahn**.

### Kaddish Fund

Lana Kerzner, Sheldon Kerzner and Jamie Mudrick-Kerzner, honouring the memory of **Miriam Kerzner**.

### Kosher Food Bank Fund

Mark Burstyn and family, honouring **Jeffery Markus and family**.

Diane and Ronnie Ennis, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Rose**.

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

Mindy Simon and Michelle Galper, acknowledging **Les Aaron and family** in memory of **Irving Aaron**.

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

Henia Muller and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **John William Muller**.

### Little Minyan Fund

Brenda Orser, honouring **Ellen and Alan Rosenbluth** on the marriage of their daughter.

### Membership Relief Fund

Diane Grafstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Slavin**.

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

Evelyn and David Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Libby Orenstein**.

The Friedlich Clan, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aurelia Aranka Friedlich**.

The Walters Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jeanette Walters**.

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

Cecile Zaifman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Zenia Zaifman**.

### Music Fund

Jennifer Gorman, honouring **Dot Whitehouse**.

### Online Learning Fund

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

Brenda Orser, acknowledging **Elaine and Joey Steiner** in memory of **Jonathan Steiner**.

# FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, June 16 at 5:15 PM

Come together for a delicious Shabbat dinner and great programming for kids of all ages. We begin with a family activity and a lively, abridged Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious catered dinner and programming for older kids. Participants are welcome to join for the pre-dinner activities at no cost.



**Cost:** \$60/family for Beth Tzedec members; \$70/family for the community. Participants are welcome to join for the craft and service at no cost. Pre-registration is required by 11:00 AM on **Monday, June 12**.

## Out-of-the-Cold Fund

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

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

Beverly Applebaum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ida Ragals**.

Bella and Leonard Brody, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Betty Brody**.

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

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

Sally Gallinger, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edith Rubenstein**.

Sally Gallinger, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Herschel Rubenstein**.

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar, acknowledging **Brian Dias and family** in memory of **Adriano Dias**.

Marcy Greenglass and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Slotnick**.

Esther Kay, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lea Silberstein**.

David Hager and Marsha Kazman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Hager**.

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

Malki Lazar and family, acknowledging **Sara Jesion** in memory of **Moshe Jesion**.

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

Wendy Koblin Radzinski, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Koblin**.

Mary and Les Richmond and family, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging **Martin Hirschberg** in memory of **Marion Hirschberg**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Murray and Adrienne Levinter** on their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edna Itkoff**.

Anna-Lynne Taradash and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Sossin**.

Anna-Lynne Taradash and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Faye Sossin**.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, honouring **Patti Rotman** on her birthday.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman**.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale, honouring **Stephen Kauffman**.

Bari and Teddy Zittell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Stanley Stern**.

## Prayer Book Dedications (Siddur)

Brenda Orser, acknowledging **Denise Chriqui** in memory of **Moshe Chriqui**.

Rachel and Joel Rubenstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leon Shupak**.

Rachel and Joel Rubenstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mindel Shupak**.

## Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin Discretionary Fund

Sidney Golden <sup>z1</sup>, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rayzel Miriam Golden**.

Sidney <sup>z1</sup> and Nancy Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Charlotte Belz**.

Sidney <sup>z1</sup> and Nancy Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fanny Rosen**.

Sidney <sup>z1</sup> and Nancy Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Golden**.

Sidney <sup>z1</sup> and Nancy Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Myrna Elaine Reese**.

Tuvyah and Zalman Hart, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

Jodi and Paul Mandel, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

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

Brenda Orser, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

Mary and Les Richmond and family, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

The family of the late Bruce Eusen, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

Shoshanah Steel, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

## Rabbi Steven Wernick Discretionary Fund

Gabriel Beck and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Desiderius Samu**.

Gabriel Beck and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Erna Samu**.

Marsha Bronfman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Edward Bronfman**.

The Buchman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Buchman**.

Leo and Bayla Chaikof, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mary Mania Chaikoff**.

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

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

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

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

Shelley Wexler-Friedman and Neil Friedman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pearl Wexler**.

Ralf and Ileana Gold, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marcel Gold**.

Sid <sup>z1</sup> and Nancy Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Charlotte Belz**.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
DONATE TODAY.**

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

Sid<sup>z1</sup> and Nancy Golden, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Myrna Elaine Reese**.

David and Carol Grossman, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick** for his support and guidance.

Michael Hartt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Hartt**.

Ziva and Shaya Izenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Visenberg**.

David and Karen Jackson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Jackson**.

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Rabbi Steve and Jody Wernick**.

Michael Katz and Deborah Nyman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ricky Katz**.

Michael and Skye Katz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Katz**.

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

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

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

Jeffrey and Lynnda Pancer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Louis Pancer**.

Barry and Susan Phillips, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arnold Phillips**.

Barry and Susan Phillips, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ethel Hamer**.

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

Howard and Joy Simmons, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hilda Simmons**.

Deborah Staiman, wishing **Rabbi Steve and Jodi Wernick** a happy Passover.

Deborah Staiman, acknowledging **Stephen Ruby** in memory of **Vivian Ruby**.

Jeffrey Stutz, honouring the **Daily Minyan**.

### Refugee Program

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

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

Brenda Orser, honouring **Sara Kachuck** on her birthday.

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

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

### The Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund

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

Dennis Brockman, Mona Lee and family, honouring the memory of **Lou Brockman**.

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

Halle Cohen, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on his birthday.

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

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

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

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

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

Jeffrey Cummings and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Cummings**.

Diane and Ronnie Ennis, wishing **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** a Happy Passover.

Sherry and Jay Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Alan Barad**.

Sherry and Jay Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hillary Firestone**.

Marika Glied, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** on being inducted into the Order of Canada.

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

# Making a Minyan WhatsApp Group

## Join Our WhatsApp Group and Help Us Make a Minyan

Do you live in the shul neighbourhood? Please join our new WhatsApp Minyan Group to help us ensure a minyan when we are short. Once a week, once a month—it's really up to you!

You will fulfill several *mitzvot*. You will make a minyan. You will give yourself time to engage with God. You will enable others to recite Kaddish. And you will strengthen our Beth Tzedec community by getting to know more of our members. It's a win-win-win! And did we mention the free breakfast?

It's easy to join. Click this [LINK](#) to join the WhatsApp Minyan distribution list.





Ronnie Hoffer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Esther Rutman**.

Adi Isakovic, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** for leading the "Abraham Joshua Heschel: Spiritual Grandeur and Human Dignity" classes.

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

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

Lorna Kahn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Casher**.

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

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

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

Igor and Bonnie Korenzvit, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eugenia Melnikova**.

Jan and Mark Lapedus and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Lapedus**.

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

Mona Lee, Dennis Brockman and family, honouring the memory of **Harvey Lee**.

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

Marjorie Rasky, honouring **Yittie Starkman** on her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Jack and Jill, Daniel and Cynthia Spitz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lawrence (Larry) Sprackman**.

Martha Sud and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Etty Grossman**.

Martha Sud and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Grossman**.

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

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

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

### Torah Through the Ages Fund

Susan and Leslie Goldenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Garth Magidson**.

### Victims of Terror Fund

Oscar Zimmerman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Israel Zimmerman**.

### Website Development Fund, in honour of Lorne Hanick

Mindy Simon-Galper, honouring the memory of **Morris Simon**.

Jodi and Paul Mandel, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Barry Simon, honouring the memory of **Morris Simon**.

Shoshanah Steel, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

### Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Bernie and Elise Gropper, honouring the memories of their family murdered in the Shoah.

### Young Professionals Fund

Jodi and Paul Mandel, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

Joanne and Earl Schwebel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mannie Robbins**.

# Community Pride Shabbat

## Friday, June 16 at 6:00 PM

(Cecil Street Community Centre, 58 Ceil Street at Spadina)



As a part of our Pride Month celebrations, we invite you to our annual Pride Shabbat 2023. We will gather as a diverse Jewish community to celebrate Pride and be in community with one another at our Pride Shabbat service, followed by a Kosher vegan dinner. This event centres on LGBTQ+ Jewish community members. Allies to both Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities are more than welcome to join us. Families are encouraged to bring children, with programming offered by Machane Leu for those aged 8 to 17.

**Tickets:** \$25 for adults; \$10 for children. If this cost is prohibitive to your attendance, you are welcome to select the \$18 ticket option. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.amilia.com/store/en/miles-nadat-jcc/shop/activities/4500668>.

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# Mahzor Lev Shalem



Several years ago, Beth Tzedec introduced *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, a completely updated prayer book for the High Holy Days.

You can inscribe a volume of *Mahzor Lev Shalem* in honour or in memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion. Each *mahzor* will bear a personalized bookplate in acknowledgement.

To inscribe a *mahzor*, contact the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511

# Inscribe our Siddurim!

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## Condolences

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

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| Tona Abrams             | Marion Hirschberg     |
| Hajji Mushtaq Ahmad     | Helen Karney          |
| Susan Baumgarten        | Harry Katz            |
| Szyja (Sy) Berliner     | Miriam Kerzner        |
| Vivian Bernard          | Howard Shayne Kutner  |
| Rima Buritinsky         | Ellie Leboff          |
| Dr. Avinoam B. Chernick | Harvey Rachman        |
| Nathan Cohen            | Vivian Ruby           |
| Adriano Dias            | Shirley Rotstein      |
| Celine Dupont           | Mark (Max) Schechter  |
| Bruce Eisen             | Morris Shamis         |
| Leonard Eisen           | Norman Sobel          |
| Dr. Sidney Golden       | Marvin Turk           |
| Shirley Hager           | Gerald Wilks          |
| Samuel Hirsch           | Dr. John Zeldin       |
|                         | Sheina (Sheila) Zidel |

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

## Memorial Plaques

If you wish to honour the memory of a dear one, a fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a memorial plaque and lamp. Each plaque, bearing the name and yahrtzeit date, is mounted on a bronze tablet in the Sanctuary. The lamp is lit on the Shabbat of the week of the yahrtzeit, on the day of the yahrtzeit, and on the four festivals during the year when Yizkor is recited. To order a memorial plaque, [click here](#) or contact our Ritual Director **Lorne Hanick** at 416-781-3514, ext. 240.

## Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

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

Beth Tzedec provides a welcoming environment for all. We are an accessible (with elevators, ramps, accessible washrooms, hearing assistive devices, etc.) and inclusive space for all. We are also a fragrance-free facility and encourage everyone to refrain from wearing scented products (perfumes, detergents, lotions, etc.) when visiting our spaces.

# Yizkor Memorial Booklet

It is time to send information to include the names of your loved ones in the annual Yizkor Memorial Book used at Yizkor Services on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesah and Shavuot for the years 5784. The cost is \$18.00 per memorialized name per household. Submission deadline: **Friday, July 14.**

**Yizkor Memorial Booklet Donation**  
Make cheques payable to: Beth Tzedec Congregation  
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Phone: 416-781-3514 ext. 212 Fax: 416-781-0150  
E-mail Terri Humphries: thumphries@beth-tzedec.org

**DEADLINE: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON JULY 14, 2023.**

## Beth Tzedec — Yizkor Memorial Booklet Donation Form



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# Was Meir Kahane an Anomaly?!

## SIX PHASES OF JEWISH MILITANCY IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

with Dr. Shaul Magid

Thursday, June 22 at 7:30 PM

There are several explanations proffered to understand Meir Kahane, the militant American rabbi who founded the Jewish Defense League in America in 1968 and the KACH party in Israel in 1971.

Dr. Shaul Magid joins us to exhibit this history in six distinct but also overlapping phases from the 1920s until the present.

No charge but pre-registration is requested.  
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or scan the QR code.



**The Weisfeld Family Lecture**