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Rabbi Steven Wernick

Are we permitted to have hope in our world now?



Making Meaning Through Argument

Are we permitted to have hope in our world now?

That's the provocative question Rabbah Tamar Elad-Applebaum, a Beth Tzedec Tanenbaum Fellow and now a leading Israeli rabbi, asked my Hartman Rabbinic Leadership cohort.

All of us, including we rabbis and Jewish leaders, have struggled with this question since October 7. As I write this article at the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, it's day 296 in which 111 hostages remain in captivity. Yesterday, 12 Druze Israeli children were murdered while playing soccer by a rocket fired by Hezbollah. IDF warriors continue to battle Hamas in the south; another soldier is killed; 60,000 Israelis remain refugees in their own country as the world waits for Israel to respond to Hezbollah. And as Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed the US Congress, the all too familiar images of anti-Israel, antisemitic hate mobs protested in the streets of Washington, D.C.

We are living in a moment in which it is a struggle to feel and find hope.

Rabbah Tamar reminded us that hope always starts when things are terrible. She shared with us a teaching of Rav Bachya ibm Paquda (1050-1120) who wrote the first Jewish system of ethics titled "Duties of the Heart". Rav Bachya taught that the Hebrew root of the word Tikvah תקוה—hope, is kav וף—a line. The idea is that we are never stuck on a point. We are always moving toward the horizon. In fact, when things get hardest is when we must work to create a new horizon, a new hope.

The Jewish calendar reinforces this idea as it moves from Av to Elul and

then to *Tishrei*. In Av, we commemorate the destruction of the First and Second Temples. The abyss of the Jewish people. Then we count seven weeks of consolation leading to *Elul*, the month of *cheshbon hanefesh*, accounting for our souls in preparation for *teshuvah*, return to God and return to ourselves. The cycle culminates with *Tishrei* and the High Holy Days: the days in which we focus on *tikkun*, repair and renewal. In other words, hope.

For us, time is not cyclical where we are doomed to repeat the past. We are not forever caught in a Groundhog Day loop. Time is linear. It moves forward. There is *teshuvah*, return, learning and growth. There is always an opportunity for change. There is always an opportunity for hope.

How do we find hope? Through meaning. Another teaching from Rabbah Tamar centers on the Hebrew word for possible, efshar אפשר.—Its root is PeSHeR פשר—, which can be translated as "meaning". In other words, when we make meaning, we create possibilities.

Yes, there are dark forces gathering not only for we Jews but for the world too. But we are not powerless, for we have hope which is, as Rabbi Jonathan Sacks^z wrote, "the belief that, together, we can make the world better." We do that, according to Rabbah Tamar, by making meaning. That's what these High Holy Days are supposed to inspire us to do.

So yes, we are permitted to have hope in our world now, especially now. We must.

Shanah Tovah U'metukah.



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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.



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To register, please visit https://bit.ly/hhd-volunteers-honours-2024.



Don Smith, President

I know in the coming year that we as a congregation—lay leaders, staff, and clergy—will be tireless in using that strength to show how we are one people with one heart.

Tirelessly Using Our Strength

In writing a column of this type, I always look to the past for inspiration, the present for critical evaluation and the future for hope.

Writing this in mid-summer, the war continues, antisemitism seems to be mutating and growing and the future is less assured than on October 6, 2023.

At this time last year, Rabbi Steven Wernick and the Spiritual Leadership Team were defining and preparing the theme for the chagim; Va'ani Tefilati: Connecting the Divine within Us. It was a hopeful and beautiful theme and still is. This is what they live and teach, and I wouldn't pretend to expound on the theme when they have brought it home and given it so much meaning. I listen to Rabbi Fryer Bodzin teach Shabbat mornings each week (actually, every second week in Little Minyan). She and Rabbi Lara Rodin bring Torah home to us in a meaningful and practical way. I listen to Reverend Lorne Hanick and Cantor Sidney Ezer every week, and they continually remind me of the level of skill and knowledge we have, which is second to none. Yacov Fruchter and Aviva Chernick bring Jewish spirituality home to me in deep and meaningful ways. Daniel Silverman is the purveyor of quality entertaining and educational programming, and Cantor Audrey Klein brings a love of Torah in a way that delights the children. For much of the year, my shul focus is on finances and observing from the perspective of a professional manager, but I am always conscious that I am surrounded by clergy of honour, courage and deep Jewish values.

The other observation of this year was how important Beth Tzedec is as a community! We help and support through volunteering at the "Walk with Israel", "Out of the Cold" (my pet favourite), Rabbi Wernick speaking at Interfaith gatherings, Pride Month that gives joy to many who have been

marginalised for who they are, and on and on. Rolling up our sleeves and supporting each other is a way of connecting to the divine within us.

The theme for the coming year is AmEchad, Lev Echad-One People, One Heart. It is clear that the Jewish people are facing threats in a way we have not seen in perhaps the last 80 years. I am writing this article a week before the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz, leading up to Tisha B'Av, and reflecting on how our lives have changed since October 7, the final day of last year's chagim. We now have armed police every week. The chief of police stopped by one Shabbat to address us, and even the Prime Minister recognized the need to address our community leaders in a private and frank meeting.

What I see is a community getting closer and more resolved. I think it is also important that we remember that non-Jewish communities are with us, such as when we saw 50,000 people walking at UJA's "Walk With Israel", many of them not from the Jewish community. We should remember that we are safe here in Toronto and have the strength and ability to proudly support Israel. We show our spiritual health in the support and strength of our Small Groups and Chesed Committee, amongst so many other ways. I know in the coming year that we as a congregation—lay leaders, staff, and clergy-will be tireless in using that strength to show how we are one people with one heart in Canada, in Israel and elsewhere.

May we go from strength to strength.

Care, Connect, Learn, Pray, Celebrate, Give & Get.

Am Echad Lev Echad—One People, One Heart.

Now and forever.



Phil David, Executive Director

Our Congregation
has been set up to
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It Takes a Village

The High Holy Days are upon us and membership statements have been issued. It's an exciting time of year when the entire team—Spiritual Leadership Team, Admin, Facility and Security—are working long hours as we prepare to welcome more than 5,000 people into our building.

This is also the time of year I often get asked, "Why should I pay a membership contribution to join the synagogue when I have other pressing financial priorities?"

There is no easy way to answer that question...because synagogue affiliation is personal to each of us.

I'll quickly share mine. In 2010, after I returned to Toronto from my father's funeral down in Cape Breton, I happened to be working at Pearson Airport. I didn't belong to a shul at the time and felt I had nowhere to go during shloshim. So, I walked over to the airport chapel each morning and claimed my own corner of the room to recite Kaddish amongst the many faiths that occupied the space alongside me. It was not meaningful.

This past summer, my mom passed away at age 95. It was just after midnight in mid-July, also in Cape Breton. Within seconds of letting our team know via WhatsApp about my mom and that I wouldn't be returning to the office right away, I received a call from Rabbi Wernick who was studying in Israel, followed by a message from Rabbi Fryer Bodzin to say she was calling me. Not because I work at Beth Tzedec, but because I'm a part of Beth Tzedec. And this story gets repeated every day of the year amongst our congregants.

And therein lies the paradox. Yes, Beth Tzedec is a synagogue—North America's largest Conservative shul—a center of ritual observance for all lifecycle

events from birth to burial. We are the shul that was asked to host thousands of guests for the UJA's hostage rally after October 7, the shul that gets called upon to open its doors to the community in times of despair and celebration.

Beth Tzedec is also a charitable organization—which means <u>it's a business</u> that requires a healthy revenue stream to sustain itself in the long run. And that happens because of the <u>financial support of our members</u>—whether it be through membership contributions, donations, space rentals or hosting *smachot* here at the shul. For a synagogue that is laser-focused in its commitment to member engagement and community building, I do acknowledge the <u>transactional</u> sentiment of my last statement.

At this time of year, it is natural to ask, "What value do I get out of my membership contribution?" It's not just about getting High Holy Day tickets. Your membership contribution—which is tax-receiptable by the way—offers you the following benefits:

- A direct path to our Spiritual Leadership Team 365 days a year for planned celebrations or unexpected bereavement.
- Progressive educational, musical and ritual programs for all age groups from babies to seniors including the launches of our brand new Tzingles Connections and "To 120" clubs.
- The continuation of our innovative and free under-40 Generations Membership program. Already at 1,100 member units strong, this age cohort represents the future of our shul for generations to come.

- Subsidized community Shabbat dinners for all ages which we host ~20 times throughout the year.
- A beautiful, clean and safe shul that is open to you every day of the year.
- A complex Security infrastructure and staffing program to keep you safe. Did you know that after October 7, on top of the close to \$300,000 we already spend on annual security, we added another \$100,000+ to our budget for additional coverage throughout the year.

These benefits remain available to you without having taken a price increase in more than ten years as we aspire to shift our community towards one that is more philanthropically driven than transactionally focused.

Our Congregation has been set up to be your turnkey center for Jewish life, a place and space that is committed to enabling and inspiring meaningful Jewish lives.

Since October 7, there could not be a more important time to band together as we witness the rapid escalation of Jewish hate crimes here in Toronto and globally.

If you ask, "What value do I get out of my annual synagogue membership?", it's ultimately your decision how much you wish to use the shul. Attend one of our many services, come to our education programs, join us for festivals, munch on Nash's delicious Kiddush and breakfast fare, play Mahjong, join a committee and have your voice heard regarding the shul's future, or become part of our Small Groups and volunteer programs. The opportunities are endless but the

reward is priceless—meeting likeminded people who share a common bond steeped in Jewish values—all within the warmth and safety of the Beth Tzedec community.

As Reb Steve often says, "It takes a village to succeed". We welcome you to our village. We thank you for being part of our village. Your support allows us to continue to grow and deepen our impact so that we may inspire and enable our community to live meaningful Jewish lives.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Shanah Tovah U'metukah.



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Milestones and Celebrations

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



Births

Hana Chloe, daughter of Howie Katz & Sydney Lashko, sister of Mara Rose, granddaughter of Janet & Neil Katz and Catherine Lashko and Peter Lashko, born **February 11**.

Lily Wren, daughter of Taryn & Jorge Mejia, granddaughter of Marla & Howard Rosen and Miriam & Julio Mejia, born **May 6**.

Brooke Emma, daughter of Ashlee & Jacob Klugsberg, granddaughter of Warren Sud, Brucyne Sud and David & Janet Klugsberg, greatgranddaughter of Martha Sud, born **May 11**.

Samuel Rudy, son of Sarah Troster & Josh Raizman (of Edmonton), brother of Jonah Raizman, grandson of Line & Steven Troster and Jack & Adrian Raizman, born **June 8**.



Sydnee Rose (Shoshana Sarah), daughter of Adam & Yonit Rapkowski, granddaughter of David & Carol Grossman and Barry & Amy Rapkowski (of Montreal), born July 2.

Paxton Levi, son of Samantha & Rafi Yablonsky, grandson of Tammy Glied & Robert Beliak and Ruth & Reuven Yablonsky, great-grandson of Marika Glied, born **July 4**. Jack William, son of Erin Silver & Joshua Glied-Beliak, grandson of Tammy Glied & Robert Beliak and Faiga & Perry Silver, great-grandson of Marika Glied, Barbara & Marty Sversky and Anita Silver, born July 4.

Chase Sonny, son of Zoe Bundas & Jeffrey Pitch, grandson of Roseanne Mason & Steven Bundas and Debbie & Ray Pitch, great-grandson of Doreen & Michael Mason, Carol & Peter Bundas and Malka Wayne, born July 6.

Eitan Noam, son of Reuven (Ruby) & Orly Feld (of Caesarea), grandson of Alan Feld & Dr. Leeona Fisher Feld (of Caesarea), great-grandson of Judy Feld Carr & Donald Carr, Dr. Benjamin Fisher and the late Dr. Ronald Feld, born July 31.



Moshe Yehuda Leib, son of Rav Daniel & Shira Zimmerman (Beitar Illit Israel), brother to Perel Layah, Chaya, Raizy, Zisha and Yanky, grandson of Anna Day & Oscar Zimmerman, Toby Braverman (Los Angeles) and Levi Greenhouse (Tzfat), born August 15.

Noah Herman, son of Madeleine Gottesman & Jeffrey Hendler, grandson of Liddy Beck & Steve Gottesman and Ellen Sone and Cliff Hendler, born **August 16**.

Congratulations to

Sarah Eligberg, daughter of Rabbi David & Jodi Eligberg, and **Adam Miller**, son of Gary Miller & Susan Qui, on their engagement.

Samantha Fox, daughter of Matthew & Sara Fox, who will celebrate her bat mitzvah on November 16.

Lony & Ruth Gropper, who celebrated their 66th anniversary on August 24.

David & Carol Grossman, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 18.

Rivi Joel, who celebrated the 41st anniversary of her bat mitzvah on July 6.

Cathy & Ron Kaufman, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 11.

Lauren Kanee, daughter of Thea Weisdorf & Allan Kanee, granddaughter of Jack & Judy Weisdorf, Isa Elman-Ots^{z¬}, Sheryl Brander^{z¬} and Benson Kanee^{z¬}, and Daniel Baum, son of Tali & Jeff Baum, grandson of Raizi & George Fleischmann and Claire & Seymour Baum^{z¬}, on their engagement.

Rachel Levy, daughter of Lynn-Beth Sutton Levy & Sheldon Levy, granddaughter of Annette Sutton and Dan Levy, and Jonathan Solomon, son of Iva & Haim Solomon, on their engagement. Sadly missed are Marcia Levyz["], Haya & Liebe Budier^{z"} and Sara Solomon^{z"}.

Leah Posner, daughter of Ari Posner & Tamara Kagan, who will celebrate her bat mitzvah on November 16.

Julian Richmond, son of Erica Chang & Noah Richmond, who will celebrate his bar mitzvah on October 20.

Brenda & Jeroham Singer, who celebrated their 60th anniversary on August 30.

Lyon Wexler, who celebrated his 90th birthday on July 11.

Harold & Carole Wolfe, who celebrated their 57th anniversary.

Weddings

Caroline Miller, daughter of Stella & Mitchell Miller, granddaughter of Sylvia & David Singerz" and Mildred & Joe Millerz"l, and Jonathan Ziv, son of Zvia & Soly Ziv, grandson of Mary & Ezraz" Zeitouni and Mira & Avrahamz" Mor, who were married on June 27.

Rabbi Lara Rodin, daughter of Andria Paul Rodin & Greg Rodin, and Jonah Levitt, son of Beth Gamulka & Walter Levitt, who were married on July 18.

Danny Richmond, son of Mary & Les Richmond, and Maia Lichtenstein, daughter of Rena Fredman & David Lichtenstein, granddaughter of Aaron Fredman (of St. Louis, Missouri), who were married in June (in Tarrytown, New York).

Emily Young, daughter of Steven & Kelli Young, granddaughter of Sonny & Tyrral Prashker and Irving & Pauline Young, and Jeffrey Petroff, son of Howard & Andrea Petroff, grandson of Irving & Elaine Petroff, Julius Lis and Hedy Lis and Pearl Rubenstein, who were married on July 18.

Many Thanks

Beth Tzedec Congregation, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 13 honouring the volunteers who have supported in Beth Tzedec in sharing our vision with the community.

Harley & Tarlora Farovitch, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 15 honouring their daughter **Hazel Farovitch** on her bat mitzvah.

Harold & Ruth Margles, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 15 honouring Harold on his 90th birthday and honouring **Harold & Ruth** on their 60th anniversary.

Dorothy Tessis and family, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on June 15 commemorating the yahrtzeit of Stanley Tessis.

Daniel Stern & Erin Bobkin and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 29 honouring their tenth anniversary.

Rabbi Steve & Jody Wernick, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 29 commemorating the yahrtzeit of Judy Wernick, and honouring Rabbi Steve on his birthday.

Beth Tzedec Congregation, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on June 29 honouring **Dorion** Liebgott on her retirement.

Rivi Joel, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 6 honouring the 41st anniversary of her bat mitzvah.

Sheldon & Patti Rotman, Don Smith & Lianne Eklove, Oscar Zimmerman & Anna Day, Jeffrey Gertner, Sharon Yale & Blake Teichman, Danny & Arlyn Zimmerman, Shep & Lorraine Gangbar, Harold & Carole Wolfe, Lawrie & Ruthann Lubin, Eugene & Esther Bialys and Marvin Miller, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 6 honouring Lyon Wexler on his 90th birthday.

Rochelle Zabitsky and Esterita Rajsky, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on July 20 commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ida Zelda Chananie.

The Elman Famly, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on July 27 marking the conclusion of Kaddish for David Elman.

Jonah Levitt & Lara Rodin, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 17 honouring their marriage. Harole & Carole Wolfe, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 17 honouring their 57th anniversary.

Barry & Tali Rosenthal, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on August 31 honouring their son Cooper Rosenthal on his bar mitzvah.

Darren & Jennifer Levine, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 21 honouring their son Aiden Levine on his bar mitzvah.

Dot Whitehouse, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 5 honouring her late father Louis Whitehouse on his 100th Jewish and English birthday.

Noah Richmond & Erica Chang, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on October 19 honouring their son Julian Richmond on his bar mitzvah.

Michael Gross and Yoshie Gross.

who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 9 honouring their daughter Rebecca Gross on her bat mitzvah.

Robert & Shauna Fonn, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 16 honouring their son Benjamin Fonn on his bar mitzvah.

Ari Posner & Tamar Kagan, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 16 honouring their daughter Leila Posner on her bat mitzvah.

Matthew & Sara Fox, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 16 honouring their daughter Samantha Fox on her bat mitzvah.

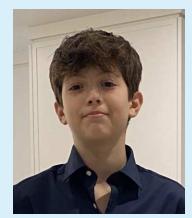
Eli Cooperberg & Joanna Mansfield, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 23 honouring their son Nathan Cooperberg on his bar mitzvah.

Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



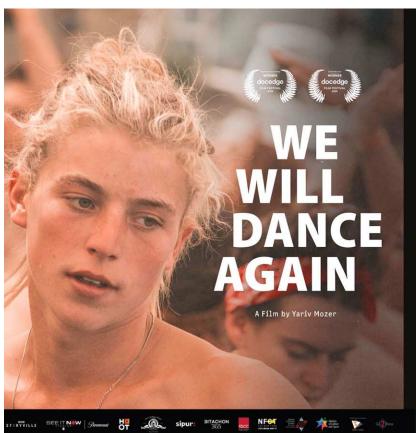
August 29 Cooper Leo Rosenthal son of Barry & Tali Rosenthal לייב חיים בן ברור וטלי



September 19 Aiden Levine & son of Darren Jennifer Levine ליאם אבי בן גבריאל דב בער



November 16 **Benjamin Fonn** son of Robert & Shauna Fonn ברוך בן רפאל הכהן ושרה רבקה



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We Will Dance AgainA Film by Yariv Mozer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 7:30PM

Friendship, love, and freedom—these ideals drew young hearts from around the globe to Nova's EDM music festival in south Israel. But as the sun rose on October 7, the fantasy shattered. Rockets sliced through the sky, and the music cut off. Confusion morphed into terror as gunfire erupted amidst the chaos. Hamas terrorists breached the border fence and unleashed barbarity in its rawest form.

"We Will Dance Again" is a stark portrayal of the experiences of those who survived and those who didn't, meticulously reconstructing the horrifying events, capturing the raw emotions and heroism that emerged amidst the senseless violence.

Purchase tickets at https://bit.ly/WWDA_9_15



Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

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Your Holy Days Preparation

Dear Friends,

Some days it seems like I only just began my time here as one of your rabbis at Beth Tzedec Congregation, but as I glance at the calendar, I realize we are starting our sixth year together. I am so grateful to serve this thriving, growing and dedicated community. No two days are ever alike.

As a rabbi in one of the world's leading congregations, I often get asked to speak, write or participate on task forces and committees. As there are only so many hours in a day, I am often compelled to say no. You and this community are my primary focus.

This year, one unique request drew me in and I said yes without hesitation. I was honoured to be asked to serve on the new Rabbinical Assembly Liturgy and Ritual Task Force. As was explained to me, there are moments and events that call for the recitation of new prayers and the implementation of new rituals. That is what members of this task force will do.

On more than one occasion, my colleagues on the Spiritual Leadership Team and I have noticed that people desire language that is steeped in our tradition to sanctify moments. Examples include enhancing baby namings, becoming empty nesters, words to say during labour and delivery, and words for taking down a mezuzah when selling the longtime family home.

From the initial list of options provided, the prayer that I selected to write was "A Rabbi's Personal Prayer for Preparing for the High Holidays this Year". It took me a while because I loved the process of crafting this prayer and finding words from liturgy, specifically High Holy Days liturgy and Torah to use to assemble this prayer. And let's face it, it has been a tough year.

High Holy Day preparation can start months in advance for clergy. Just as spiritual leaders prepare in advance, I firmly believe all Jews should too. Entering the High Holy Days should require an effort. We should spend serious time thinking about who we have wronged, how we can do better, or set a concrete goal we can strive to reach in the coming year.

With that in mind, I have crafted a prayer for all of you. It is personal prayer you can recite when you start preparing for the High Holy Days.

Almighty God, Ruler of time and space, I am so small in this world that You have created. You give names to every star. I am but one light in Your solar system.

This year has had challenges
For me,
For my family,
For the Jewish community,
And for the community where I live.
Grant me the wisdom to move forward
on the paths of reconciliation, love and
justice.

May this next year be better. May I be stronger. May we be stronger. May fractures heal.

Please let me remember that You love me and You guide me.

I am not ready for this introspective season,
But I will be ready.
As I embark on this holy journey of the Days of Awe,
Please forgive me for all of my sins.
Please remember me favourably.
Make this be a good new year for us all.

Feel free to share this with others.

L'Shanah Tovah.

Almighty God,



Cantor Sidney Ezer

In these tough times, we have come together in song searching for that feeling of "one-ness" that Jews claim is at the heart of our tradition.

From the Far Corners

One of the key findings from the prayer survey spearheaded by our Assistant Rabbi Lara Rodin is the Congregation's overwhelming desire to sing. People are seeking more opportunities for participatory singing at services. Certain challenges in achieving this objective arise: challenges of inclusivity, Hebrew literacy and space utilization.

One of the topics which came out of group meetings following the prayer survey was the importance of acknowledging and utilizing prayer spaces effectively, with a focus on creating intentional and meaningful experiences for congregants. The grandeur of our Sanctuary, while impressive, exemplifies the challenge of creating a personal and meaningful experience within a large space. People tend to spread out to the farthest corners of the shul and further away from each other. Gathering together to pray and sing means not only entering the same enormous room, but also coming close together physically and singing together spiritually.

The theme of this year's High Holy Days is Am Echad, Lev Echad—One People, One Heart. In these tough times, we have come together in song searching for that feeling of "one-ness" that Jews claim is at the heart of our tradition. In our daily morning liturgy, we recount that the angels who served God by singing used music as a way to join together, to find their common purpose in declaring God's holiness: "And all open their mouths, in holiness and purity, in song and melody, blessing and praising...to sanctify their Creator with delight, with clear language and sacred song, all answering as one, speaking with awe: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts, filling the whole world with His Glory". (Isaiah 6:3)

First the angels sing, and then they can come together "k'echad" as one. Music was the way of bringing them together. Music also brings us together, but we must come together to make music. There is a Mishnah in Pirkei Avot which suggests that in the ancient Temple, people were gathered shoulder to shoulder very closely in a communal embrace, but there was still enough room to prostrate. (Pirkei Avot 5:5)

Music calls us to come together to foster a communal spiritual transformation. Twelve of our Psalms are attributed to Assaf who, according to tradition, was a skilled musician like King David and the conductor of the Levite orchestra. The name Assaf means "gatherer". He gathered and organized the musicians and created what must have been an extraordinary musical experience.

In 1 Chronicles 16:5, it tells of Assaf sounding the cymbals. The Talmud records an interesting dialogue regarding these cymbals: "but there was only a sole cymbal". – From where do we know this? Rav Asi said that it was the Scripture that said, 'Assaf sounding the cymbals...' (1 Chronicles 16:5) 'Cymbals...' that implies there were at least two! Since they worked as one, and one person played them, they were called one". (Babylonian Talmud Arakhin 13a).

This excerpt declares that the two cymbals Assaf played should really be understood as a single drum. This vision of two parts brought together to make music is reflective of Assaf's powerful music in gathering people together from all over the land of Israel for worship in the Temple.

In his book *The Torah* of *Music*, to which I am indebted for the contents of this article, Joey Weisenberg makes an interesting observation regarding

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the name Assaf. By changing the order of the letters of Assaf ,פרע-פרא we get מא-פרע-פ, meaning zero. The ends of the earth are referred to ay ארפע ארץ. AFSei Aretz. Just a small switch in the order of the letters significantly alters the meaning of the word. Similarly, a small change in our frame of mind can make the difference between bringing the world together and fracturing it further. As Joey states: "One of our roles as musicians and singers is to

emulate the gathering quality of Assaf, to bring people in from the ends of the Earth to sing together, and to reclaim the one-ness from the zero-ness, the wholeness from the nothingness".

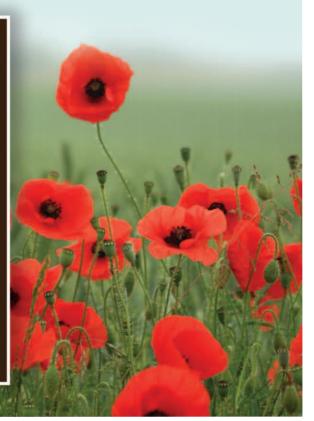
In the second blessing prior to the Shema, we gather our four tzitzit as we recite והביאנו לשלום מארבע כנפות הארץ "Bring us safely from the four corners of the Earth".

Amid these difficult times, the ongoing challenge in our prayer services is to gather ourselves and allow music and song to bring us from the ends of the Earth and the far corners of the synagogue, to come together in oneness and fellowship.

Am Echad, Lev Echad—One People, One Heart.

Shabbat of REMEMBRANCE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 SHABBAT SHACHARIT SERVICE 9:00 AM

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Yacov Fruchter

... we have a responsibility to articulate effectively to our children, as I tried to do with my brother in law, why Israel, with her imperfections, matters to us, and how being connected to Israel will better their lives.

Intertwined Hearts

At 10:00 PM on June 23, 2024, after arriving in Israel earlier that day to begin my first summer of in-person rabbinical ordination studies with the Shalom Hartman Institute, I sat with my Israeli brother-in-law in his Jerusalem apartment. He was bracing himself to return to the hospital where his two-day-old baby had been transferred to the NICU. (He is doing great now!)

We were discussing the University of Toronto encampments, antisemitism and the general experience of Jews in Canada (a light conversation), when he stated with his Israeli directness, "I think Jews outside of Israel should focus more on their own needs and spend less money and energy on Israel. It is too risky for the safety of the Jewish community." In my jetlag stupor, his words, though coming from a place of care, were experienced as a slap in the face. It worsened as he expressed that he didn't understand why some North American Jews care so much about Israel.

I instantly began rambling off a mostly coherent list of common reasons as to why I feel connected to the Jewish homeland:

- My sense of belonging in Israel.
- The fact that Israel is has been the subject and actualization of the collective Jewish prayer for two millennia, or as Yossi Klein Halevi puts it "a story of a dispossessed people re-indigenizing in its ancient homeland".
- The courage Israel's existence gives us to live outside of Israel.
- The only place in the world that operates in Jewish time.
- Israel was where all of my grandparents found refuge after surviving the Holocaust.

• The beauty of the place and the quality of tomatoes and cucumbers, etc.

I then went on to criticize his statement on the grounds of how important our dedication to Israel is for Israel's existence, in terms of our political and financial support. "Don't you know that the Toronto Jewish community raised \$72 million in emergency funds in just a few weeks?", I chirped at him in my firmest Canadian Jewish advocacy tone. From there I went on to correct his assertion that our connection to Israel leads to further antisemitism and risk to Jewish lives in Canada, helping him understand that antisemites have always been around, but just in hiding.

The truth is, despite feeling proud of my responses to my brother-in-law, his concerns about the extent to which Jewish identity is wrapped up with Zionism and connection to Israel are echoed by a growing number of American Jews on the basis of values differences, discomfort with the current government, financial and social priorities, lack of prior connection and fear of alienation from our local communities, and increasingly, a sense that Israel is not doing enough to contribute to the dignity of Palestinians.

While the 2018 Environics study of the Jews of Canada demonstrated that 81 percent of Canadian Jews feel an emotional connection to Israel and that 84 percent of respondents under the age of 40 have been to Israel, we know at least anecdotally that some younger members in our community have been struggling with their connection to Israel.

In this time, many North American Jews are ambivalent towards Israel and a small minority are downright hostile towards the Jewish and democratic state. We who want to see a next generation for whom Israel matters have a responsibility to articulate effectively to our children, as I tried to do with my brother-in-law, why Israel, with her imperfections, matters to us, and how being connected to Israel will better their lives. Most importantly, if you are going to broach the subject with your children, grandchildren or other young people in your life, take a breath and really listen to their questions and concerns. The way we engage with them in what can be

difficult conversations can prove to be crucial to their long-term relationship to Israel and the Jewish community.

The Spiritual Leadership at Beth Tzedec is are here for you and the young people in your life at this heartbreaking chapter in Jewish history.

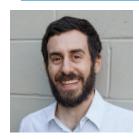
As part of my learning journey this summer, we spent an afternoon at Rachel Korazim's house in Yafo. Rachel is a poetry teacher and is now translating and editing a collection of poems written by Israelis in response to October 7.

When people ask her "Ma nishma, how are you?", she responds: "Shlomi Keshura L'Shlomam, my well-being is connected to theirs". Rachel is, of course, referring to the hostages. My heart aches as does hers as we consider what they are going through at this time. Her husband says, "Shlomi Keshura L'Ami, my well-being is tied to the well-being of my people".

What I really meant when I responded to my brother-in-law is that, indeed, my sense of well-being is connected to the well-being of Israel. It is an inescapable instinct and feeling, and a sense of interconnectedness that we are trying to instill in our children.

Wishing you a sweet new year of family cohesion, and may the hostages be home before this article is published!





Daniel Silverman

This truly has

been a שנה נוראית

a wonderful/difficult,

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enlightening year.

The Days of Awful and Awesome

This is the season where we reflect on the year that just passed and seek to understand how we can reshape ourselves for the year to come. This past year, without a doubt, has been one of the most difficult years for the Jewish people in modern times. What lessons can we take from 5784 (ie. 2024-2024) to help us live more fulfilled and thriving lives in the year ahead?

There is no doubt that the attack of October 7 has changed the Jewish world. Not only were Israelis indiscriminately murdered, assaulted and kidnapped, but the Israeli myth of a technologically superior military guaranteeing safety was shattered. Just as shockingly, though predictably, public support for Israel was short-lived among global institutions, governments and the public in many countries.

Just as shocking and jarring as the October 7 attacks has been the global rise of antisemitism couched in anti-Israel and anti-Zionist rhetoric. For me, personally, this was and still is the hardest part of processing our post-October 7 world. I was born and raised in a place and time where Canadian antisemitism was learned as history, meaning of the past. I never expected to see and live through the circumstances we are now facing. Call me naïve if you like, but I can assure you that any naïveté I previously had is long gone from my worldview.

In short, this year has been pretty awful. Over 1,500 Israeli soldiers and civilians have been killed in terror attacks and war; clear evidence of hatred towards Jews in our home community; physical attacks on Jewish institutions in our country, and verbal attacks against so many Jewish people from neighbours, colleagues, classmates and friends; the

demonization of Israel as the nationstate of the Jewish people; worries about personal safety and concern for wearing visible Jewish symbols.

And yet, amid this awful moment, we see so many signs of hope, optimism and awesomeness. The Israeli public unified in a meaningful way at the start of the war, and even now while tired and increasingly frustrated, there remains a strong civic effort to support soldiers, return hostages and restore internal evacuees to their homes.

Here in our local Toronto community, we have also seen immense unity among the Jewish community and our allies. We have stepped up for Israel and for each other in powerful ways, including through philanthropic giving and joining Israel missions, attending rallies of support and ceremonies of remembrance, deepening our learning about Israel, the conflict and the history of antisemitism, and showcasing increased Jewish pride through both communal and personal acts—baking challah, choosing Jewish day school education for our children, participating in the "Walk for Israel" (which over 50,000 attended), celebrating Jewish holidays in community, and more.

A common term for the period from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur is Yamim Nora'im (ימים נוראים), often translated as the Days of Awe. The Hebrew word נורא is a very difficult word to translate. It carries both positive and negative connotations depending on its context. It certainly denotes a heaviness, a seriousness and an immensity to whatever other words it is modifying. In modern Hebrew, it usually means Terrible, but in the Jewish religious tradition, the word's original complexity is preserved.

This truly has been a—שנה נוראית a wonderful/difficult, awesome/awful, tragic/uplifting, depressing/ enlightening year.

As we close off this Jewish year and embark on the year ahead, what can we learn from the year that has passed? We know that antisemitism in our society is not gone and our vigilance must remain high. We know that Israel and its legitimate actions of self-defence against terrorism need to be on our lips to educate others who

are open to learning and listening. We know that law enforcement is incredibly supportive and the Canadian legal system has our back. We know that public officials who are intimidated and scared by protest and rhetoric need us to remind them what the morally correct choices are.

We should also seek to continue, preserve and grow the sense of Jewish connectedness that has emerged these past months. Be it one's personal practice of Jewish engagement or community unity, there is much to

grab onto and pull with us into the year ahead.

We at Beth Tzedec are ready to continue to offer spiritual guidance, community strength, pathways of Jewish engagement and authentic Jewish experiences.

May the year ahead be full of joy and celebration, and may we have little to no sorrow in the days ahead.

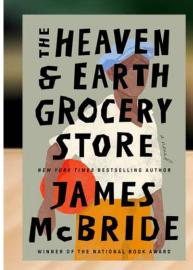
My entire family wishes you and yours a שנה טובה ומתוקה, a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

BETH TZEDEC BOOK AND FILM CLUB

FALL SESSIONS

Wednesday afternoons 12:30 PM

The Beth Tzedec Book and Film Club features published works of Jewish interest. The authors' refreshing, thought-provoking and stimulating ideas will move and enrich you. Our reviewers inspire conversations, provide a cultural connection to Judaism, answer your questions, give unexpected points of view and enhance your understanding of the books and films featured. Each session will include a pre-session lunch. Register for the six-part series or for individual sessions via https://bit.ly/book-and-film-club-2024.



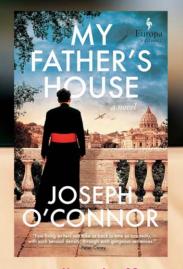
September 25
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

Led by Elaine Newton

In Sickness and In Health NORA GOLD

October 30
In Sickness and in Health and
Yom Kippur in a Gym by Nora Gold
Led by Dawn Promislow and Nora Gold

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November 20 My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor Led by Cynthia Good



Aviva Chernick

For as long as I can remember, I have been moved by both the vulnerability of this text and the theatricality that ushers it into our service.

Hineni-Here I Am!

When Rosh Hashanah arrives, we will be together, whether it be in the Sanctuary or the Mezzanine, the Family Service in the Hendeles Chapel in the tent or in the gym. All throughout the building we will hear the reverberations of the Chazzan chanting, "Hineni—Here I Am."

Hineni is the opening prayer that leads into the High Holy Day Musaf Service. In it, the cantor acknowledges that they will be praying on behalf of the Congregation, even though they and their Congregants are flawed. They ask for their prayers to be received.

For as long as I can remember, I have been moved by both the vulnerability of this text and the theatricality that ushers it into our Service.

I remember this prayer chanted by Yossi Freiman^{z¬}, my *chazzan* and my teacher when I was growing up at Or Shalom Synagogue in London, Ontario. There was Yossi, robed in his crisp white *kittel*, making his way down the aisle towards us and towards the *bimah* from which he would be leading. Yossi was a Hungarian survivor who ended up in Argentina, together with his wife Eva^{z¬}, where they loved to dance.

In London, Yossi and Eva also ran a leather goods business to make ends meet. They were both always exquisitely attired. I can still recall Yossi's patent leather shoes, so shiny at the foot of his slacks, as he walked down the aisle past me, standing in the pew.

Years later, I would learn to chant this text again from my other teacher of chazzanut, Chazzan Beny Maisner. I was serving at Congregation Sha'arei Beth El

in Oakville where I wasn't wearing an ornate hat like the *chazzanim* of the past, but my special white kippah which I wear solely for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and *chagim*. I made my way slowly down the aisle while chanting. The actor in me loved the drama, but mostly I found myself overcome by how small I felt, small amidst the vastness of that which is the Divine.

And now, at this time, I find myself once again deeply humbled. Now I am swept up not so much by the grandness or the theatricality, as by the song of a broken heart begging the Divine to take us in, even though we do indeed have brokenness within us, just like the second set of broken tablets.

I served as the Shlichat Tzibur, prayer leader, for three High Holy Day seasons at Beth Sholom Congregation in San Francisco. My dear friend Rabbi Aubrey Glazer introduced me to the Leonard Cohen song below, "If It Be Your Will", which we would sing as an introduction to the Hineni.

This first excerpt points to the fragility of our lives: we don't know how things will turn out, but we will sing from exactly where and who we are, and this will be our praise. *Hineni*—here I am.

"...If it be your will
That a voice be true
From this broken hill
I will sing to you
From this broken hill
All your praises they shall ring
If it be your will
To let me sing..."

This next excerpt calls to mind all of us dressed in white, from my dear *Chazzan* Yossi, to me at the very beginning of my career, to all of us who serve and attend at Beth Tzedec, *kittels* glowing. We are once again children, held in the loving embrace of a compassionate God who offers what we are so craving. God draws us near into connection and relationship.

"...And draw us near And bind us tight All your children here In their rags of light..."

Hinenu-Here we are

May we stand together, at the High Holy Days, through the difficult anniversary upcoming, and through this year to come, with all that will be for each of us and for our families and community.

May we be courageous to arrive as our full selves, voices true, praises loud, and wrapped in light.

Shanah Tovah.



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Sunday, September 22 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (at Beth Tzedec)

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Thursday, May 29 from 7:00 to 9:30 PM (at Miles Nadal JCC)

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Cantor Audrey Klein

The thing is, there are so many ways that every person in this community can play a part in the sacred work of the running of a synagogue, from the daily goings-on to ensuring the continuity of our Congregation.

Shanah Tovah! G'mar Tov! Do You Need a Job?

My Beth Tzedec origin story, like so many others of a certain age in our community, centres around the Generations Membership initiative. In the summer of 2022, I was driving south on Bathurst Street when I saw the sign in front of the synagogue, advertising no-cost membership for people under 40. I was between pulpits at the time and had just had a baby, so leading services with my High Holy Day congregation in Colorado was not realistic. I was going to be a "Jew in the pew" that year but had yet to determine where that pew might be.

I told my husband Josh about this option, highlighting that, at the very least, I knew the music and choir would be good—I am a cantor after all—and that it wasn't going to cost us anything to join. Josh, who grew up in Cedarvale and attended bar mitzvah classes at Beth Tzedec, agreed, though with some apprehension, noting that the Beth Tzedec of his youth was a little more "traditional" than the inclusive, innovative Jewish community we were looking for. We decided to join for a year and hopefully by this time the following year, I'd have an idea what my next career move would be.

From the moment we received our welcome letter and High Holy Day tickets, both of us were surprised and delighted by the level of warmth and welcome we received as new members. When I read in the High Holy Day FAQ that breastfeeding was welcome anywhere in the building, I almost started to cry. As a new mother, I felt very seen and knew that this was a congregation that wanted families with babies and children—and all the noise and chaos that comes with them—to be a part of the heartbeat of the community.

Yom Kippur morning that year was one of those perfect, warm autumn days, so we decided it was a good time to check out the "Short & Sweet Service" in the tent. And it was exactly what we needed! Music-filled, meditative, down-to-earth, intimate, a beautiful balance of tradition and innovation. After the Service concluded, I made my way to speak with the Service leaders, Yacov and Aviva. I already knew them both as colleagues, though I had not seen Yacov since before the pandemic, so I wasn't sure he would remember me. (Anyone who knows Yacov knows that he always remembers you!) He gave me a big hug and then said something along the lines of "Shanah Tovah! G'mar Tov! Do you need a job?"

Yacov explained that with the recent membership boom due to the Generations Memberships initiative, the shul was looking to hire another spiritual leader to engage with all the new members in the young adult and family cohorts. He thought that would be right up my alley. As soon as the holidays were over, he put me in touch with Reb Steve and the rest is history.

In an article about the role a synagogue can play in our daily lives, Rabbi Paul Kipnes writes:

We live in a world that speaks of consumer values: "What do I get if I pay?" Judaism is a people/religion/nation/culture/ethnicity/more that transcends that question, asking instead, "What will being part of a community do for our world, for all people, for our people, for our community?" That's how I think, and it's how I want my children to think.

When talking about my transition from Beth Tzedec member to employee, I often joke that I liked it so much, I decided to work here. I realize that I am a unique case, as a "new job" is not usually listed as a benefit of synagogue membership. And as much as I'd love to see each of you every day as a colleague, we most definitely do not have enough office space for everyone —we're already screaming for space around here!

The thing is, there are so many ways that every person in this community can play a part in the sacred work of the running of a synagogue, from the daily goings-on to ensuring the continuity of our Congregation. Whether it is connecting with seniors, joining a synagogue committee, learning to read Torah,

leading a shiva minyan or helping to prepare, set up and greet at shul programs and events, there is a role for you at Beth Tzedec.

Being a part of a synagogue community is more than dues and membership. By sharing your time and talent, you are offering something of incredible value to your Congregation—yourself! As it says in the Jerusalem *Talmud*: "Deeds of lovingkindness are equal in weight to all the commandments." ²

As the new year begins, to learn more about this sacred work and all of the ways you can have a role at Beth Tzedec, reach out to me, Cantor Audrey Klein (cantoraudrey@beth-tzedec.org), as well as Yacov Fruchter, Director of Community Building and Spiritual Engagement (yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org), or Klara Romm, Member Engagement and Development (kromm@beth-tzedec.org).

Wishing you Shanah Tovah—a good year—and G'mar Tov—an easy and meaningful fast.

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2024 Annual High Holy Day Appeal

2024 High Holy Appeal Chairs stress that Beth Tzedec's future strength relies on philanthropy

Beth Tzedec's **Annual High Holy Day Appeal** is our Congregation's flagship fundraising campaign, encouraging members to contribute above their membership dues to support our mission of inspiring and enabling members to lead meaningful Jewish lives.

For Allan Kanee and Debbie Rothstein, Co-Chairs of the 2024 Appeal, supporting Beth Tzedec has never been more urgent. They believe that the Congregation's future relies on Beth Tzedec's ability to build a sustainable program of member philanthropy—one that will propel the Congregation into a thriving future.

"Beth Tzedec is my family's history," Debbie reflects. "I walk into the building and immediately think about my grandfather, my parents, my kids' bar and bat mitzvahs. We talk about Beth Tzedec a lot in my house and as a family. For me, it's home."

Allan, while considering himself a newer member compared to Debbie, having "only" been part of Beth Tzedec for 25 years, shares a similar sentiment. He is proud to be playing a significant role in the congregation's journey. "We are part of a pivotal chapter in the journey of Beth Tzedec," he says. "This is an organization with such a deep and important history for Toronto. And that continues into today. No one is saying Beth Tzedec's best days are behind us. Everyone is saying our best days are ahead."

This year, the Appeal has set an ambitious goal of raising \$650,000. The congregation is once again fortunate to have the support of the **Larry & Judy Tanenbaum Family Foundation**, which is providing matching funds of up to \$150,000—further incentivizing generous giving.

However, the success of the campaign isn't just about meeting a financial target. It's also about reinforcing the culture of philanthropy that is essential to Beth Tzedec's long-term sustainability.

"For us to truly pave a path to the future, we have to understand the changes that have happened in the wider community," Allan explains. "The days of our parents and our grandparents, who felt a duty to belong to a shul as part of their community obligations, that no longer exists. At the same time, we know Beth Tzedec is providing a product for which there is incredible community demand. But that requires some new ways of thinking and some new ways of funding."

For both Allan and Debbie, there is deep pride in being part of a congregation that is unique in its scale and scope. Both speak of friends and associates from other communities who cannot comprehend the size of Beth Tzedec's 5,000-strong membership roster. At the same time, both realize that for Beth Tzedec to fulfill its commitment to focusing on the individual, philanthropic

investment is required and will be needed long into the future.

Nothing brings them more confidence than the incredible success of the Generations Membership program which was launched in 2022. With hundreds of families responding, Beth Tzedec now boasts the largest cohort of under-40 members of any congregation worldwide.

However, with success comes the need for continued and increased investment. "We thought we'd make a splash, but the Generations Program was so much more successful than we had dreamed," Debbie explains. "With the response we received and continue to receive, we have exceeded all expectations and more. In the long term, if we're committed to passing Beth Tzedec to the next generation, if we're serious about our continuity and future as a community, then we must get serious about our philanthropic giving."

Allan echoes this sentiment, underscoring the importance of active participation. "If a fellow member with the ability was asking whether they should donate to the Appeal, my answer would be an unequivocal yes. This is exciting philanthropy, the kind in which you can see the results before your very eyes. It's not in some faraway place; it's right here. We are at the vanguard of a cultural change that is going to set us on new paths to success. I'm excited to be part of it."

As Allan and Debbie lead this year's Annual High Holy Day Appeal, they do so with a deep commitment to ensuring that Beth Tzedec continues to thrive, not just for today, but for generations to come. Along with the members of the Annual Appeal

Cabinet, a group of leaders who are helping to bring about the cultural changes Beth Tzedec requires, Allan and Debbie look forward to a bright future for Beth Tzedec and the entire community.

"In the end, it's all about shared values," says Debbie. "I think Beth Tzedec is important to so many of us because it's really a reflection of who we are and who we're striving to be as a community."

Introducing the 2024 Annual High Holy Day Appeal Cabinet

We are proud to introduce the 2024 Annual High Holy Day Appeal Cabinet—a dedicated and diverse group of Beth Tzedec members who have stepped forward as leaders within our congregation. This esteemed team of volunteers is playing a pivotal role in driving the success of our fundraising efforts, helping to ensure a bright future for Beth Tzedec. Together, we will strive to raise \$650,000 to support our community and its vital programs. Together, we will foster a culture of philanthropy that will sustain and strengthen Beth Tzedec, not only for

today but for generations to come. We are profoundly grateful to the members of the Annual Appeal Cabinet, whose commitment and leadership are helping to ensure that Beth Tzedec continues its mission of empowering and inspiring our community to live meaningful Jewish lives.



Allan Kanee Co-Chair



Debbie RothsteinCo-Chair



Glennie Lindenberg



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Thank you to our 2024 Matching Donors

We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of the Larry and Judy Tanenbaum Family Foundation, who are once again providing \$150,000 in matching funds to the 2024 Annual Appeal. Their unwavering generosity and belief in the importance of Beth Tzedec's mission continue to inspire us all. The matching funds not only

help us reach our ambitious fundraising goals but also encourage greater participation from our members by amplifying the impact of each contribution. The Tanenbaum family's dedication to our community is a powerful testament to their commitment to ensuring that Beth Tzedec remains a vibrant and thriving center for Jewish life, now and for generations to come. We extend our deepest gratitude to the Larry and Judy Tanenbaum Family Foundation for their extraordinary support and for being such steadfast partners in our journey.

Please Make Your Gift Today

Beth Tzedec is an extraordinary congregation, setting new benchmarks in Jewish life. Rooted in our core values—care, connect, learn, pray, celebrate and tzedakah—Beth Tzedec has a bold vision for its future in Jewish Toronto and the broader Conservative movement.

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Beth Tzedec continues to be a vibrant congregation, supporting meaningful Jewish lives today and for future generations. Your contribution is crucial to sustaining our community and securing its future.

Thank you for your generous support!

Congregation Faces Mounting Security Costs Since October 7

Members can help by donating to the 2024 Annual High Holy Day Appeal.

The tragic events of October 7, 2023, have significantly impacted Beth Tzedec, forcing the congregation to ramp up security measures to protect its members.

"Security has always been a priority," says Executive Director Phil David.
"But recent events have necessitated upgrades to our infrastructure, more staff, and off-duty police during Shabbat and other events."

These rising costs were not anticipated in Beth Tzedec's fiveyear strategic plan, leaving the congregation to find ways to cover the expenses without increasing membership dues. While reserves exist, David stresses that these are for the long-term future and using them now would impact the synagogue's sustainability.

In December 2023, Beth Tzedec launched the Emergency Security Fund, which received generous support. However, with the ongoing need, this fund is quickly depleting. David urges members to donate to the 2024 Annual High Holy Day Appeal, which directly funds core priorities, including security.

"Your contributions are essential to keeping our community safe and ensuring Beth Tzedec continues to thrive," David reminds members.

Beth Tzedec deeply appreciates all donations that help the congregation fulfill its mission. To make your 2024 gift, visit bt.crowdchange.ca/beth-tzedec or contact Jonny Ain, Director of Development, at jain@beth-tzedec.org or (416) 781-3514 (Ext. 229).









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Lara Rodin

As I learned to articulate what I care about—helping people connect to God, themselves and each other through our Torah—it became clearer and clearer to me that perhaps I should be... a rabbi?

My Journey to the Rabbinate

Growing up in Calgary—day school, summer camp, BBYO and a rich Jewish life at home—grounded my love for Jewish culture and peoplehood. The Hinduism and Buddhism courses I took as an undergraduate at McGill University sparked in me a particular interest in ritual practice and led me to feel that something was missing from my own spiritual life.

My love for Jewish peoplehood and community led me to a semester abroad at Hebrew University of Jerusalem with The Nachshon Project. For the first time, I was completely immersed in the rhythm of the Jewish calendar, the language and text of our people, and the rituals of *shmirat mitzvot*. I was surrounded by role models who I aspired to emulate. I met the first woman in the rabbinate whom I could see myself in!

I realized that like the Buddhist traditions of my academic studies, Judaism, too, has a rich and ancient toolbox for ritual behavior and spiritual expression: tefillah, mitzvot and Talmud Torah. In Parashat Nitzavim, Moshe convinces B'nai Yisrael that Torah is accessible to them. "[Torah] is not in the heavens"; it is not distant or hidden. Rather, Torah is for all of us to live. As I learned to articulate what I care about—helping people connect to God, themselves

and each other through our Torah—it became clearer and clearer to me that perhaps I should be... a rabbi?

I called my mom that first evening that the idea of becoming a rabbi popped into my head and asked her in a whisper if this was the craziest idea she had ever heard. She immediately put my dad on the phone. He surprised me by sharing that when my twin brother and I were born, he "felt a rabbinic presence in the delivery room" and confidently stated that my brother was going to be a rabbi. The feeling returned to my dad often throughout our childhood. My dad and I realized that this premonition should have been attributed to me all along, but he lacked an understanding of the diversity and opportunity available in the modern rabbinate, as did I.

It was this phone call that felt and still feels like the "call" and the push I needed to lean into this surprising path. I feel blessed with the opportunity to respond to this call through the work I do here in our Beth Tzedec community.

With Warm Wishes for a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah—a year filled with the sweetness that comes from community, learning and attention to the spirit.

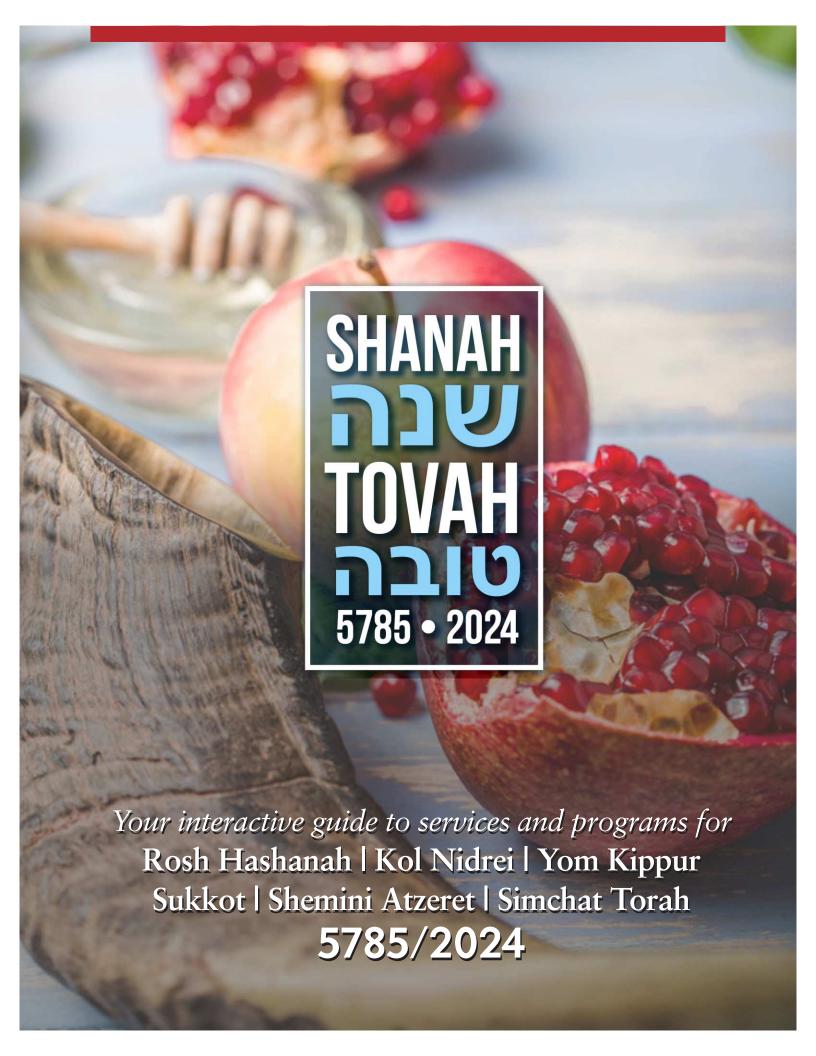
-Rabbi Lara



Sunday, September 29 at 11:15 AM

Revitalize your body and spirit just in time for Rosh Hashanah. Join Beth Tzedec's 20s and 30s community for a private High Holy Day-themed spin class at Rocket Cycle. Stick around after class for smoothies and shmooze, in partnership with Becked Goods neighbourhood baker.

Cost: \$30 (includes a spot on a spin bike, spin shoes, a branded reusable water bottle and a post-ride smoothie made with love by Becked Goods. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit https://bit.ly/spinagogue.



Our Services

We're bringing your favourite High Holy Days services for you and your family to enjoy! Beth Tzedec members can participate either in-person or via our virtual hub to access those experiences most meaningful to you.

This High Holy Days Guide will be updated with direct links to access the services as we move closer to Rosh Hashanah. Check your emails, and weekly eblasts for updated information and virtual links or visit our High Holy Days hub page at https://bit.ly/hhd-davening-2024.



Sanctuary Services

Join Rabbi Steve Wernick, Ḥazzan
Moshe Fishel and Maestro Meir
Briskman, Lishmoa El Harina and
Rabbi Lara Rodin for our spectacular
and inspiring High Holy Day services
with excellent Chazzanut, choral
singing and teaching. Congregational
Torah and Haftarah readers
participate in the Torah Service.

The Shofar Service and initial blasts begin at approximately 10:30 AM. *Chazzan* Fishel and the choir will commence when the Torah Service begins.

The Sanctuary Services will be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Rosh Hashanah

October 3 & 4 at 8:45 AM

Kol Nidrei

October 11 at 6:25 PM

Yom Kippur

October 12 at 9:00 AM



Mezzanine Services

Join Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin,
Cantor Sidney Ezer and Ritual
Director Lorne Hanick for this
inspiring and participatory service.
The warm atmosphere and emphasis
on singing will help every member
engage with the liturgy as we celebrate
the *chagim*. These Services are
offered in-person only.

Rosh Hashanah

October 3 & 4 at 8:30 AM

Kol Nidrei

October 11 at 6:25 PM

Yom Kippur

October 12 at 9:00 AM



Return Again and Again: Meditation

Begin your day with time in silent reflection, simple repeated melodies and deep learning. Spiritual Leader **Aviva Chernick** will guide us using the mindfulness tools of returning to the breath and the body, together with the teachings of this season, to awaken our hearts and open the pathway for the prayers that are waiting to be spoken. All are welcome. Previous experience with meditation is not necessary.

Rosh Hashanah

October 3 & 4 at 9:30 AM

Yom Kippur

October 12 at 12:45 PM



Short & Sweet Outdoor Services

Join Yacov Fruchter, Director of Community Building and Spiritual Engagement, and Spiritual Leader Aviva Chernick for this spirited and welcoming 90-minute Service highlighting essential elements of the liturgy (Machzor), and combining familiar melodies and meaningful takeaways in an approachable way. These Services will be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Rosh Hashanah

October 3 & 4 at 10:30 AM

Kol Nidrei

October 11 at 6:25 PM

Yom Kippur

October 12 at 10:30 AM



Family Services

This 90-minute service is lively and lots of fun. Join **Daniel Silverman**, Director of Education & Program Development, and **Cantor Audrey Klein**, Director of Family & Young Adult Engagement, for stories and songs to delight the family. These Services are in the Hendeles Chapel and offered **in-person only**.

Rosh Hashanah

October 3 & 4 at 10:30 AM

Kol Nidrei

October 11 at 6:25 PM

Yom Kippur

October 12 at 10:30 AM



Kehillah Inclusion Service

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Rosh Hashanah Day 1

October 3 from 10:00 to 11:00 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AM}}$

Yom Kippur

October 12 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM



Festival Mincha-Ma'ariv

Everyone is invited to join us at the end of each day for evening services in the Hendeles Chapel or on our livestream via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

October 2 at 6:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah

October 3 at 6:40 PM and October 4 at 6:00 PM

Kol Nidrei: Early Mincha

October 11 at 2:00 PM



Yom Kippur Mincha Service

Join us in the Sanctuary for our *Mincha* Service with a Torah reading and a reading of the Book of Jonah. It will also be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Yom Kippur

October 12 at 4:15 PM



Neilah, Ma'ariv and Shofar Blowing

Join members of our Spiritual Leadership in the Sanctuary as we conclude the High Holy Days with this beautiful and inspiring service in which we imagine the Gates of Heaven closing and offer our final plea for redemption and life.

Neilah will be followed by Ma'ariv, Havdalah and the final shofar blowing. You are encouraged to bring your shofar

If joining us via our livestream feed, for Havdalah, we suggest that you turn off the lights and turn on a glow stick. Then grab your shofar and sound the final blast with us.

This service will also be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Yom Kippur Evening

October 12 at 5:55 PM



Selichot Service with Rabbi Shai Held, our Shabbat Scholar

Saturday, September 28 10:30 PM

Join us for an inspiring Selichot
Service focusing on the theme of
Am Echad, Lev Echad; One Heart,
One People. The Service features
insightful readings and kavanot by
Rabbi Held. Our Spiritual Leadership
Team—Rabbi Steven Wernick, Rabbi
Fryer Bodzin, Cantor Sidney Ezer, Lorne
Hanick and Aviva Chernick will lead the
Service. A dessert reception follow.
Then at midnight, the Gates open!



Shemini Atzeret Musical Participatory Service

Thursday, October 24 9:00 AM

Join us for a Musical Participatory
Service in celebration of Shemini
Atzeret led by Cantor Sidney Ezer
and the HarmonEzers, our a cappella
choir, conducted by Asher Farber.
Beth Tzedec participated in a global
initiative called the Simchat Torah
Project. During Yizkor of Shemini
Azeret, Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin will
describe the project and her
experience being in Israel in early
September, and bringing back a
special Torah cover, which we will
dedicate that morning.

This Service will be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Our High Holy Days Programs



A Pre-Rosh Hashanah Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, September 27 6:00 PM

Join us as we gather to celebrate the High Holy Days with an inspiring and meaningful Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by a delicious catered dinner. We are pleased to welcome **Rabbi Shai Held**, our Shabbat scholar, who will speak at the Kabbalat Service and the dinner.

Cost: \$48 adults; \$28 children. Reserve by September 22 via https://bit.ly/pre-rhdinner-2024 or call 416-781-3511.



Spinning, Smoothies & Schmoozing: Spinagogue for 20s and 30s

Sunday, September 29 11:15 AM

Revitalize your body & spirit just in time for Rosh Hashanah. Join us for a private, High Holy Day-themed spin class at Rocket Cycle. Stick around after class for smoothies and schmooze in partnership with Becked Goods neighborhood bakery.

Cost: \$30 (includes spin bike, shoe rental, Spinagogue branded water bottle and smoothies/breakfast cookies from Becked Goods). Pre-registration required via https://bit.ly/spinagogue.



Family Apple Picking at Applewood Farm Orchards

Sunday, September 29 1:00 PM

Apples dipped in honey are an essential symbol of Rosh Hashanah. Make the new year even sweeter with fruit you picked!

Join us for a brief *Selichot* ritual to kick-off the High Holy Days, connect with friends and partake in a fall activity. Meet us at the orchard (12416 McCowan Rd., Whitchurch-Stouffville); snacks will be provided.

Cost: \$12 per person (includes one free pickyour-own squash or pumpkin from the field.). Pick-your-own apples can be purchased at the orchard: \$20 for a small bag; \$35 for a large bag

Pre-registration is required by September 22 via https://bit.ly/family-apple-picking.



A Night of Music with Lishmoa El Harina

Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 PM

Join us at Beth Tzedec as our High Holy Day choir, the Lishmoa El Harina Ensemble and special guests present an evening of music, engagement and reflection. Everyone is welcome.



Camp Hi Ho: High Holy Days Children's Care Experience

Welcome to Camp Hi Ho; our High Holy Day children's care experience! While parents are in services, campers (children) will be participating in developmentally appropriate explorations around the themes and messages of the holidays.

Games, singing, acting, escape room challenges, physical play, guided mindfulness exercises, snacks and more await at Camp Hi Ho!

CAMP UNITS:

Shofar Babies: Birth to age two—with professional childcare staff

Tekiah Tots: Pre-K, JK and SK—Ages 3 to 5

Shevet Shevarim: Grades 1 and 2—

Ages 6 and 7

Troop Teruah: Grades 3 and 4—

Ages 8 and 9

YESH/The Tekiah Gedolah Gang:

Grades 5 to 8-Ages 10 to 14

Rosh Hashanah

October 3 & 4 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Kol Nidrei

October 11 from 6:15 to 9:00 PM (Babysitting, childcare and programs for children up to Grade 3 only)

Yom Kippur

October 12 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Pre-registration is requested for all participants in Camp HiHo. To register, please visit https://bit.ly/camp-hi-ho-2024.



A 20s and 30s Trail Torah with Rabbi Lara Rodin

Thursday, October 3 from 11:15 AM to 12:30 NOON

Beth Tzedec's 20s and 30s are invited to join Rabbi Lara, our rabbinic intern, on the trails of Cedarvale Ravine as you reflect on the passing year and the year to come, connect to nature through the lens of Torah and prayer, and build community.

Meet in the upper parking lot by the gate at 11:15 AM. We will use all of our senses—sight, taste, touch, smell and hearing—to bring our bodies and our spirits into the High Holy Days.



Downtown Shofar Blowing with Yacov Fruchter

Thursday, October 3

4:00 PM

Join Yacov Fruchter in the Rosh Hashanah mitzvah of the shofar blowing. We will meet at the Labyrinth (700 Markham St., Toronto). All are welcome.

Pre-registration is not required. If you have any questions, please email Yacov Fruchter at yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org.



Outdoor Family Experience: Shofar Blowing and Tashlikh with Daniel Silverman

Thursday, October 3

3:30 to 4:30 PM

Join Daniel Silverman at the baseball diamond at Cedarvale Park for an outdoor shofar blowing after which we will walk to Cedarvale Ravine to perform the ritual of Tashlikh, symbolically casting our sins into the river. Bring some pieces of bread to 'cast' into the river.

Pre-registration is required via email to dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org.



Outdoor Shofar Blowing and Tashlikh with Rabbi Steve Wernick

Thursday, October 3

4:30 to 5:30 PM

Join Reb Steve in the Beth Tzedec parking lot for an outdoor shofar blowing. Then, at approximately 5:00 PM, we will walk to Cedarvale Ravine to perform the ritual of Tashlikh, symbolically casting our sins into the river.

Pre-registration is required via email to nleybman@beth-tzedec.org.



Yom Tov Morning Fun

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

Thursday, October 17, Friday, October 18, Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 26 beginning at 9:30 AM

Children up to age 12 are welcome to join our Yom Tov drop-in programs when our holiday services are held during the week. We start with Yom Tov free play then engage in ageappropriate prayer experiences and welcome special guests like our shinshinim. We conclude with blessings and snacks.

This is a drop-in program.



The Beth Tzedec Sukkah has been donate by the Sitzer Family in memory of Minnie Sitzer.

Many of the decorations are provided by the **Greenspan Family**.

High Holy Days Hot Topics!



Thriving Jewish Campus Life Amid Antisemitism

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 from 11:00 to 11:45 AM

As Jewish students return to campus this fall, campus organizations, students, their families and concerned community members wonder and worry about the impacts of antisemitism on campus and how Jewish life can thrive amidst these challenges.

Rabbi Seth Goren, Hillel Ontario's Chief Executive Officer, will share his experience of building Jewish campus life in this climate, and what individuals in the community can do to support Jewish students.



Periphery

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 from 11:00 to 11:45 AM

Organized by Beth Tzedec's REDI Committee, and in connection with the Periphery exhibit on display at Beth Tzedec, we will learn from co-founder of No Silence on Race and participant in Periphery Project, **Akilah Allen-Silverstein**. Akilah, who is a Black and Jewish woman, will share with us her multi-ethnic Jewish experience, and her community and advocacy work, to bring multi-ethnic stories to the forefront in the Jewish community.



Yached Levavekha: Uniting and Healing Hearts

Yom Kippur—Session 1 from 12:45 to 1:30 PM

Beth Tzedec spiritual leader **Yacov Fruchter** will be in conversation with journalist, writer, lawyer and podcaster **Dahlia Lithwick**. In December 2021, Dahlia added to her repertoire "mother of a lone soldier" when her son Coby joined the IDF. He is currently stationed in Northern Israel and his brother Sopher will be enlisting in the spring. We will discuss her experience spending half of her time in Israel since October 7, the state of Jewish unity, and Jewish texts that can help sustain us at this time.

BUILDING BRIDGES

COMBATING ANTISEMITISM TOGETHER

Interfaith Allies Fighting Antisemitism and Building Bridges

Yom Kippur—Session 2 Monday, September 25 from 3:15 to 4:30 PM

Rabbi Steve Wernick will be joined by Rev. Jason Byassee of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church and Rev. Dave Larmour of King Street Memorial Church, as they discuss the current state of antisemitism in Ontario and their joint interfaith efforts to combat it since October 7.



This Simchat Torah, when we Jews celebrate concluding the annual reading of the Torah and starting all over again, we've got a question for you—What's your favourite story from the Torah? And a follow up question: What would that look like on top of your head?

Taking a page from the style and spirit of the Royal Ascot, the Kentucky Derby and the Met Gala, everyone is invited to create their own Torah Top Hat, Bible Bonnet, Five Books Fascinator, Deuteromic Derby, perhaps a Pentateuchic Pillbox, or a Scriptural Skullcap. Design a hat based on something found in the Torah!

For more information, visit https://bit.ly/simhat-torah-caps.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

We are happy to be able to extend our Holy Days celebrations with programs and events highlighting Sukkot and Simchat Torah.



Sukkah Decorating and Schmooze for Grades 5 to 8

Sunday, October 15

5:30 to 6:30 PM

You're so invited to our Sukkah decorating bash. Get ready to show off your inner artist at Beth Tzedec.

Bring your BFFs and join the fun, where we'll be dressing up the sukkah. Create your own paper chains, pictures and more decorations—it's all in your hands. Help get the Beth Tzedec Sukkah ready for our whole community. We'll bring the drinks and snacks, you bring the creativity. See you there!

There is no charge but pre-registration is required via

https://bethtzedectoronto.shulcloud.com/form/sukkah-decorating-2024.html.



Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service and Sukkah Hop

Thursday, October 17 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a special Short & Sweet Sukkot Family Service! Shake the lulav and etrog (bring your own or use ours), pray, sing and have lots of fun on Yom Tov! After services, we'll have lunch in stages as we visit sukkot in the neighbourhood. (In the case of rain, lunch will be at Beth Tzedec).

For more information, visit https://bit.ly/family-sukkah-hop..



Family Simchat Torah Celebration

Thursday, October 24

5:30 to 6:45 PM

Celebrate the Torah in style at our Family Simchat Torah celebration! Join us for fun Torah-related activities (including the chance to vote for your favourite entry in our "SimHAT Torah competition"—see page 33 for details!—lively hakafot (aka Torah parade) and a light, dairy dinner. You are then welcome and encouraged to stay for Ma'ariv (evening service) and the congregation-wide hakafot and dancing beginning at 6:45 PM.

Cost for dinner: \$20 adults; \$15 children ages 3 and older. Pre-registration is required via https://bit.ly/family-simchat-torahdinner



Simchat Torah Community Hakafot

Thursday, October 24 at 6:45 PM

Come Hug A Torah!

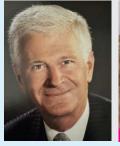
Let's celebrate Simhat Torah with Hakafot and dancing at Beth Tzedec.

- · Candy Bar
- Drinks Bar
- Dessert spread
- For all ages
- Dress code: Torah dancing casual

Everyone is welcome.

Pre-registration is not required!

Everyone is welcome. Pre-registration is not required!





Simchat Torah Luncheon honouring Blake Teichman and Dorion Liebgott

Friday, October 25

Following Services

Join us as we gather for Simchat Torah Services honouring our Chattan Torah **Blake Teichman** and our Kallat Bereisheet **Dorion Liebgott**.

Following an uplifting Service, we'll gather in our beautiful Orenstein Mezzanine Hall for a delicious catered luncheon where we can reconnect with friends, neighbours and fellow congregants while celebrating with the Teichman and Liebgott families.

Watch for registration information coming soon.







SENSORY ROOM

With gratitude to a generous anonymous donor, Beth Tzedec is pleased to announce the launch of our Sensory Room pop-up during the High Holy Day services, a space specially designed for children ages 4 to 18 who are neurodiverse or have sensory processing considerations.

Our Sensory Room offers controlled sensory experiences to create a soothing and engaging environment. It will provide a safe space for individuals to engage with various stimuli, helping to manage sensory overload, increase the sense of calmness and decrease anxiety.

Those wishing to access the Sensory Room must pre-register, and spaces will be allotted for 40-minute segments on a first-come, first-reserved basis. Each child registered for the space must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

For more details and to register, please visit https://bit.ly/bt-sensory-room.

*Please note that the Sensory Room is a fragrance-free space.

Images do not specifically depict the items in the Beth Tzedec Sensory Room.

Kehillah Inclusion Service

for children in Grades 1 to 6 and their families

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 3 and Saturday, October 12 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Beth Tzedec is thrilled to offer our Kehillah Inclusion Service this High Holy Day season.

This service offers a safe and inclusive space for children in Grades 1 to 6 with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families to engage in multi-sensory learning and prayer. Open to members and non-members, we hope you and your child will join us to uplift your spirit and nourish your soul.

To ensure your spot and for other inquiries, please be in touch with Rabbi Lara at rabbilara@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 225.



Celebrating Our Simchat Torah Honourees

On Friday, October 25, join us at Beth Tzedec as we celebrate our Simchat Torah honourees S. Blake Teichman, who will be honoured as Chattan Torah, and Dorion Liebgott, who will be honoured as Kallat Bereisheet. Each have demonstrated an outstanding dedication to our Congregation and the community.

S. Blake Teichman



Blake Teichman is a lifelong member of Beth Tzedec, having joined the synagogue with his parents when he was just three years old.

This early introduction to the community laid the foundation for a deep and abiding connection to the synagogue.

Blake's Jewish education began at Beth Tzedec Day School, where he attended kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2. This intensive early education instilled in him a strong sense of Jewish values and a commitment to community service.

Over the years, Blake has demonstrated unwavering dedication to Beth Tzedec, serving in various leadership roles on the Board of Governors. He was first elected to the Board in 1998 and has since held numerous executive positions, including Parnos, Chair of the Board, Vice-Chair, Vice-President, and President. Throughout his tenure, he has chaired and served on various committees, including the Ritual and Religious Services Committee, Renovation Committee, Personnel Committee, Legal and Estates

Committee, By-Laws Committee, Young Families Committee, Cantorial Search Committee, and Hesed Committee (which he cochaired with his wife, Sharon Yale).

Blake's contributions to Beth Tzedec extend far beyond his board service. He has been an active volunteer, frequently taking on the "graveyard shift" at the Out-of-the-Cold program, and leading services at shiva houses when a prayer leader was needed. Alongside Harold Margles, he ran a Friday afternoon abridged Kabbalat Shabbat service for Jewish residents at Forest Hill Place for many years. He and Sharon also led Friday services at Kensington Gardens during her mother's residency.

Blake is particularly proud of having co-chaired the Renovation Committee along with Stephen Kauffman, which accomplished the redesign of the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall and planned for further renewal of the building.

The accomplishments as a board member and executive that Blake is most proud of include being the first Parnos to have women regularly serve as Gabbai on the bimah and supporting initiatives that brought talented cantors to Beth Tzedec, elevating the level of chazzanut in the synagogue's services.

Blake's commitment to Beth Tzedec is matched only by his commitment to his family. He and Sharon have been married for 38 years, and their children and two grandchildren are also committed lifelong members of Beth Tzedec.

Dorion Liebgott



Dorion Liebgott was born in Coventry, England where her father, a doctor, and her mother played important roles in the war effort.

At age 7 until 13, Dorion studied Hebrew during the holidays at the one synagogue in Coventry, under Rabbi Landy. In 1956, Dorion came to Canada with her parents and two sisters. She attended the art program at Central Technical School, Northview Hts. Collegiate and graduated from the Ontario College of Art (now known as OCAD).

Dorion began working at Beth Tzedec as the curator of the Museum in 1992. Previously, she had worked at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care where she was the director of the Arts and Crafts Program in the Terrace. Here she supervised volunteers as well as managed a shop selling the products made by the residents.

Dorion had long dreamed of owning a gallery of handcrafted Judaica and in the late 1980s opened Dorion Fine Judaica. The artists' works came from Israel, the United States and Canada, and the gallery was open until the opportunity of working as curator at Beth Tzedec Museum presented itself—a great transition for her. Dorion followed in the footsteps of curator Judith Cardozo Tanenbaum and before her, Simcha Simchovitch.

Dorion has been married to Dr. Bernie Liebgott since 1962 and is mother to Rachel and Joanna (married to Michael Morrison) and has one grandson, Noam. Both daughters are creative like their mother!

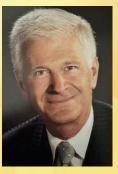
Dorion feels fortunate that she was able to have a long-standing career at Beth Tzedec, spanning 33 years. During that time she created exceptional exhibitions on numerous and varied subjects including The Toronto Garment Industry, an exhibition devoted to Cecil Roth and his outstanding collection that has found a new home at ROM; Jewish Restaurants from the Early 1900s to

the Present; Title, Jewish comic book writers and producers; The Jewish Wedding; The Sephardic Journey; and many art and photography exhibitions in the hallways of Beth Tzedec.

Dorion has had a growing network of colleagues all over the world from other Jewish Museums, many that she has visited including Australia, Poland, Israel and countless US cities. Many of their travelling exhibitions were hosted at Beth Tzedec Museum Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum.

Dorion was particularly touched that she was chosen to be *Kallat*Bereisheet this coming Simchat
Torah. It is a culminating event closing the circle as she retired as curator of the now defunct museum.
She continues to work occasionally as needed to assist with exhibitions.
And she feels glad that she can still be around with the staff who are a second family to her!

Beth Tzedec's Annual Simchat Torah Luncheon





Join us on Simchat Torah as we honour *Chattan Torah* **S. Blake Teichman** and *Kallat Bereisheet* **Dorion Liebgott**

Friday, October 25, following Services

Check our weekly enewsletters for registration information coming soon.



Greetings from Sisterhood

The Beth Tzedec Sisterhood wishes everyone a healthy and happy new year

For information about the Sisterhood, please contact Ruthann Lubin or Rhoda Salama through the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.



Shira Bodnar

Welcoming Shira Bodnar, Our Tanenbaum Fellow 2024-2025

Beth Tzedec is very pleased to introduce **Shira Bodnar**, our Anne & Max Tanenbaum Fellow for 5785.

Shira is a cantorial student at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Shira believes that art and curiosity are fundamental tools for creating strong, compassionate communities, and she is deeply curious about what it means to honour all kinds of wisdom in an everchanging world.

As a descendent of Holocaust survivors, Shira has felt the intergenerational effects of loss of culture and displacement from the Shoah. Now several years into her journey of reconnecting, she is very passionate about how music can be an invaluable tool for reclaiming one's Judaism.

Shira sees her journey at cantorial school as both an opportunity to deeply immerse herself

in learning and reclamation, as well as an opportunity to develop the skills to serve and give back to her communities as a spiritual leader.

Before beginning her cantorial journey, Shira received an Honours Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance from Sheridan College, which allowed her to investigate the role of storytellers in our society. Following her graduation, she spent a year working as an outdoor educator at Shoresh where she spent meaningful time devoting herself to environmental causes and education—both of which are close to her heart.

In her free time Shira enjoys exploring parks and ravines, painting, and learning to play new instruments!

REDI Committee Update

The REDI Committee is excited to announce that Beth Tzedec has engaged Coriphery Holistic Consulting Solutions to help guide us further in fulfilling our commitment to equity and inclusion at Beth Tzedec.

Tamara Rebick, Coriphery's Founder and Chief Experience Officer, who is driving this process together with our team, has a deep connection with our synagogue and a strong background to help us do this work.

The first phase of the project will involve a top-to-bottom assessment of Beth Tzedec from an internal operations perspective, followed by training for our clergy, staff and lay leadership/volunteers. By embarking on this project with Coriphery, we are working to further engage our membership and continue Beth Tzedec's leadership as an open and inviting place for community members and their loved ones to worship, connect and grow.





Michael Goodbaum

Getting @Beth Tzedec on Social Media

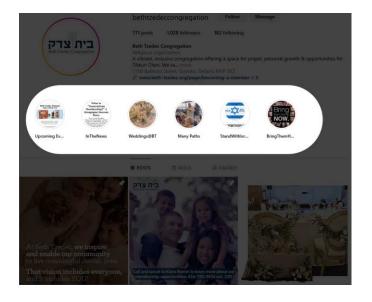
As a synagogue operating in the year 2024, we think that social media plays an important role in how we communicate with our members. While we do send out a lot of emails every year informing you about our upcoming programs, as well as important community events, we hope that seeing reminders about what's coming up on your social media will help to keep us in mind when you're planning your week/month.

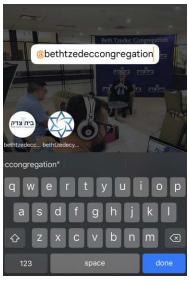
If you want to quickly see what events are coming up at a glance, we share story highlights on Instagram. On our profile page, right above all our photo and video posts, you'll see small circles with our various highlights. On the left, is our Upcoming Events highlight: there you can quickly go through upcoming events, where you'll see the option in each one to click a link to learn more and/or register. Convenient! Beside our Upcoming Events, we also have highlights for times that BT and our members are written about in the media (labelled "InTheNews"), some of the inter-faith projects we've worked on ("Many Paths"), our events that support the State of Israel ("Stand with Israel") and events and rallies that specifically call for the release of hostages from Gaza ("BringThemHome"), and of course we're always excited to share beautiful wedding photos, including delicious food and #aesthetic scenes ("Weddings@BT").

If you ever have a story, post, or reel, that you think would be relevant to share to any of these highlights, or that you'd just like to share with your friends at Beth Tzedec, please feel free to tag us or add us as a collaborator! On Instagram, just click the "sticker" icon and you'll see the option for @mention-type "bethtzedeccongregation" and you can tag us. If you're already following the Beth Tzedec profile, it will autofill our name so you don't have to type the full thing. From there we can add it to our Instagram story and share it with our thousand-plus followers, a number that grows every month. On Facebook, you can also type @bethtzedeccongregation and you'll be able to easily tag us, so we can approve it to share on our page.

We're also on X and LinkedIn, where we actively engage with the broader community. Please feel free to tag us there, @BethTzedec on X and @Beth Tzedec Congregration on LinkedIn. But don't forget to also stay subscribed to our eNewsletters - some of our events are so popular, that we can't even share them to our social media channels because they sell out as soon as we go live with registration, like our Young Family Shabbat Experiences. It's a good problem to have.

Looking forward to sharing lots of great programs and services with you in 5785!





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Shabbat Scholar Weekend

Celebrating Selichot

with Rabbi Shai Held

Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28

Beth Tzedec is pleased to welcome **Rabbi Shai Held**, President and Dean at the Hadar Institute, alongside our Spiritual Leadership, for a Selichot Shabbat scholar weekend, including a Friday night service, community dinner and talk, a Shabbat morning presentation from the bimah and Saturday night Selichot Service.

Friday evening at 6:00 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Pre-Rosh Hashanah community dinner and a presentation by Rabbi Held on "Turning Suffering Into Love: The Bible's Great Moral Revolution". Cost for dinner. Pre-registration is required by Monday, September 23 at 11:00 AM.

Saturday morning at 9:00 AM

Shabbat Sanctuary Service and bimah address from Rabbi Held on "Love in the Ruins: Responding to Devastation (and to October 7)". A community Kiddush follows services.

Saturday night at 10:30 PM

Rabbi Shai Held concludes his Shabbat weekend with Beth Tzedec at an inspiring Selichot Service on the theme Am Echad, Lev Echad; One Heart, One People. The Service features insightful readings and kavanot by Rabbi Held. Our Spiritual Leadership Team—Rabbi Steven Wernick, Rabbi Fryer Bodzin, Cantor Sidney Ezer, Lorne Hanick and Aviva Chernick will lead the Service. A dessert reception follow.

And at midnight, the gates open!



For more information and dinner reservation links, visit https://bit.ly/selichot-scholar-rabbi-held

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 for Those Who Have Lost Parents

Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 7:00 to 8:00 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 as a community. We are here to provide an opportunity for you to meet, support and share—together.

No charge but pre-registration is required via https://bit.ly/grieving-together-parents-fall-2024.

Connect



L.O.V. Elul: A Concert with Cantor Sidney Ezer and Asher Farber

Sunday, September 10 1:30 PM

The month of *Elul* is a Hebrew acronym for *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li*—"I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." Though this is an allegory of the love relationship between God and the people Israel, this famous verse is recited under the *chuppah* and has inspired Jewish poets and songwriters throughout the ages.

Join Cantor Ezer and Asher on Rosh Chodesh Elul as we present a musical program centering on the theme of love. Light refreshments to follow.

There is no charge; a suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated. Register via https://bit.ly/LOVElul.



Games Afternoons

Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:30 PM

The Games are back! Join us for a social afternoon of Mah-Jong, Bridge and Canasta. For beginners and seasoned veterans alike.

Mahjong and Canasta lessons are now available. To arrange for lessons, contact the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.

Cost: \$2 donation supporting Beth Tzedec's Chesed initiatives.



20s and 30s Shabbat Dinner Fridays, November 1 and December 6 Services 6:00 PM | Dinner 7:15 PM

Join Beth Tzedec for a 20s and 30s Shabbat dinner as we come back together following the summer months. We begin with our Shabbat at the Floor Service followed by a catered Shabbat dinner by Apex Kosher Catering.

Registration is required the Monday prior to each dinner. Watch for links coming soon.





Shabbat Morning Fun

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

Saturday mornings 9:30 AM

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

We start with Shabbat play, then divide into an older group and younger group for *tefillah* (prayers) and an activity connected to the Torah portion. Following a snack and a program with our *shinshinim* or a guest, we return to our families and help lead the concluding prayers.

This is a drop-in program. For more information, email Cantor Audrey Klein at cantoraudrey@beth-tzedec.org.



Shabbat Afternoon Games Café and Open Gym

Saturday afternoons 12:30 PM

Every Shabbat, join us for group activities featuring Shabbat-compliant board games for every age and level of interest, an open gym time in the Kimel Family Gym and Mahjong with Jody Wernick. Fun for all ... from pre-school, through serious Euro-game players.

Please note that this program will not

Please note that this program will not be held on Yom Kippur.

This is a drop-in program. For more information, email Penina Hoffnung at phoffnung@beth-tzedec.org.



YESH! Youth. Energy. Shabbat. Happiness. (for Grades 5 & 7)

Saturdays, September 7, October 26 and November 9 at 10:30 AM

Join us on Shabbat mornings for YESH, our new Shabbat experience! We'll come together to hang out with our friends, meet other tweens in the community, get a head start on b'nei mitzvah prep (optional opportunity to start learning how to read Torah), and have plenty of time for snacks and schmoozing!



Babies, Blessings and Shabbat Fun Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and December 6, 13 & 20

11:45 AM to 12:30 PM

Join us as wel welcome Shabbat with a 45-minute music class feturing Shabbat songs and blessings, challah, grape juice and lots of fun. We have partnered with L'Dance Classes for this special, weekly experience for children up to 18 months old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

Note that registration for the Early Fall sessions in September is closed.

Cost: \$120 for Beth Tzedec members; \$180 for the community at-large. Pre-egistration is required via https://bit.ly/babies-blessings-late-fall.



Tzingles Connections Shabbat Service and Dinners

Fridays, September 13 Service 6:00 PM | Dinner 7:15 PM

Beth Tzedec's Tzingles Connections are invited to join us for a catered Shabbat dinner where we will connect and share over a delicious dinner. We begin at the Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Pre-registration is required by Monday, September 9 via https://bit.ly/tzinglesshabbat-dinner-sep-13.

and then meet for a delicious dinner.

TZINGLES CONNECTIONS IS OUR GROUP ESPECIALLY FOR GEN-X AND BOOMER SINGLES AGES $55\ \text{To}\ 74$



Family Shabbat Dinners Fridays, September 20 and November 15

5:15 to 8:00 PM

Join us for our fabulous monthly Family Shabbat experience and dinner.

A limited number of "annual passes", guaranteeing your immediate family a spot at each of our nine family Shabbat dinners are available. Annual passes are for Beth Tzedec members only.

Cost for dinner; fee is dependent on your membership status and the number of people in your party. To register for the September dinner, visit https://bit.ly/family-shabbat-dinner-sep-24

Learn



We Will Dance Again: A Premiere Screening

Sunday, September 15 7:30 PM

An exclusive premiere screening of this difficult but important film.

Friendship, love, and freedom—these ideals drew young hearts from around the globe to Nova's EDM music festival in south Israel. But as the sun rose on October 7, the fantasy shattered. Rockets sliced through the sky, and the music cut off. Confusion morphed into terror as gunfire erupted amidst the chaos. Hamas terrorists breached the border fence and unleashed barbarity in its rawest form.

We Will Dance Again is a stark portrayal of the experiences of those who survived and those who didn't, meticulously reconstructing the horrifying events, capturing the raw emotions and heroism that emerged amidst the senseless violence.

We Will Dance Again is a co-production of Susan Zirinsky's See It Now Studios with SIPUR and factual producer Bitachon 365, in collaboration with MGM Television, a division of Amazon MGM Studios, BBC Storyville, and HSCC. Broadcasters include BBC Storyville, Paramount+, CBS, and Hot Channel 8. Event booking contact: Go2Films.

Cost: \$10 per person. Registration is requested via https://bit.ly/WWDA_9_15.



The Periphery Exhibition Opening Thursday, September 18 7:30 PM

Join us at Beth Tzedec for the opening of the **Periphery Exhibit**, an evocative photographic and film project that celebrates ethnic diversity in the Jewish community. Sharing courageous, honest, and deeply personal narratives from individuals of multiracial and multiethnic backgrounds, this project, a partnership between No Silence on Race and Ontario Jewish Archives, centres Jewish voices not historically included in dialogue of who Jewish people are, globally.

This exhibit opening event will feature music from the Jewish diaspora with Beth Tzedec's Aviva Chernick alongside Gisun and Jesse Levi. Periphery project reps Sara Yacobi-Harris and Akilah Allen-Silverstein and documentary participant Asha Allen-Silverstein will speak about the exhibit.

For more information, visit https://bit.ly/periphery-opening.



United Against Antisemitism with Michal Cotler-Wunsh and the Honourable Linda Frum

Thursday, September 26 7:30 PM

Beth Tzedec is pleased to partner with Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in presenting **Michal Cotler-Wunsh**, Israel's special envoy for combatting antisemitism, in conversation with the **Honourable Linda Frum** for a discussion on empowering communities through education.

Cost: \$25 General Admission; \$18 Students. Pre-registration is required via https://bit.ly/UnitedAgainstAntisemitism-9-26.

PRESENTED BY CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM AND BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION

The Kaplan Family Fund for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program

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

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

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



Beth Tzedec Book and Film Club

Wednesday afternoons 12:30 PM

Join us for the return of our Book and Film Club, launcing in September and including a pre-session lunch.

FALL SESSIONS

September 25: **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, a dilapidated neighbourhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins struggle and what they must do to survive. Led by Elaine Newton.

October 30: In Sickness and in Health and Yom Kippur in a Gym by Nora Gold

In Sickness and In Health: Lily had epilepsy as a child, so her most cherished goal has always been to be "normal". By age 45 she has a "normal" life, including a family, friends, and an artistic career, and no one, not even her husband, knows the truth about her past. But now some cartoons she drew threaten to reveal her childhood secret and destroy her marriage and everything she has worked so hard for. A moving novella about shame, secrets, disabilities, and the limits and power of love.

Yom Kippur in a Gym: Five strangers at a Yom Kippur service in a gym are struggling with personal crises. Lucy can't accept her husband's Parkinson's diagnosis. Ira, rejected by his lover, plans to commit suicide. Ezra is tormented by a mistake that ruined his career. Rachel worries about losing her job. Tom contemplates severing contact with his sisters. Then a medical emergency unexpectedly throws these five strangers together, and in one hour all their lives are changed in ways they would never have believed possible. Led by Dawn **Promislow and Nora Gold** who join in conversation about Nora's novellas.

November 20: **My Father's House** by Joseph O'Connor

Book 1 in the "Rome Escape Line Trilogy", My Father's House is a powerful, heartbreaking literary thriller based on the true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, who risked his life to smuggle thousands of Jews and escaped Allied prisoners out of Italy under the nose of his Nazi nemesis.

A deadly high-stakes battle of wits ensues in this astonishing, unforgettable story of love, faith and sacrifice, exploring what it means to be truly human in the most extreme circumstances. **Led by Cynthia Good**.

Cost for six sessions: \$125 for Beth Tzedec members; \$165 for the community at-large; Individual session: \$30. Register via https://bit.ly/book-and-film-club-2024.

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The Spring series begins March 26.



Shabbat 101

Saturdays, November 9, December 14, January 18, February 15, March 15 and May 10 10:00 to 11:15 AM

Shabbat 101 is a once-monthly 75-minute experiential Shabbat morning service for anyone interested in becoming familiar with the structure, choreography and deep meaning of the traditional Shabbat morning service. Join us for one session or for all 6! It is geared especially for conversion candidates, past conversion candidates and those lacking literacy and wanting to gain skill in prayer.





Lishma: Jewish Learning Project for 20s and 30s

Wednesdays, October 25 and November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Lishma: Jewish Learning Project brings together a community of learners in their 20s and 30s who are excited to share their desire for greater Jewish engagement, are willing to ask questions of our tradition and want to explore how it informs our lives today.

Whether you're a seasoned scholar or brand new to Jewish learning, Lishma values the perspectives and experiences you bring to the class.

Class information and registration links will be coming soon. For information, visit www.lishma.ca.



Pray



Na'aleh: Nashuva/Return

Sunday, September 22 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Na'aleh is a Toronto-based Jewish Mindfulness Collective, led by a team of individuals and organizations devoted to teaching, facilitating and practicing Jewish mindfulness. Join us at Beth Tzedec for Nashuva/Return, the first session of a four-part series, where together, we will reflect on the process and experience of returning in preparation for the Days of Awe.

For information about Na'aleh Toronto Jewish Mindfulness Collective, visit https://bit.ly/na-aleh-collective.

Cost: Offered on a sliding scale. Visitng the registration page for more information.

Register via https://bit.ly/naaleh-series-2024.

NA-ALEH IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE BETH TZEDEC CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING, INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH SPIRITUALITY, MILES NADAL JCC, ANNEX SHUL, NEYSHEV AND BETH DAVID SYNAGOGOUE



Weekday Shacharit Services

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

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

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

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



Weekday Mincha-Ma'ariv Services

Every Sunday to Thursday evening; check website for times

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

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



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://bethtzedec.tv.



Shabbat at the Floor Services Fridays, September 6, November 1 and

Fridays, September 6, November 1 and December 6 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://bethtzedec.tv.

For a taste of our Shabbat at the Floor services, please visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v = 7ux-jyabh4Q.



Shabbat Sanctuary Services

Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM

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

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



Mincha-Seudah Shlisheet-Ma'ariv

Every Saturday evening; check website for times

Join us for Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheet (the third Sabbath meal) and Torah study. We will then return to the Chapel for Ma'ariv and Havdalah following.

The Saturday evening services are offered in-person only.



Little Minyan Learning and Service

Saturday mornings, September 7, 21 & 28, October 19 & 26 and November 16, 23 & 30 at 9:00 AM

For those looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience, the Little Minyan offers a traditional service in a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere. Participants lead portions, 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 simply to experience a Shabbat service full of song, spirit and warmth.

Prior to each Little Minyan Service, join Rabbi Fryer Bodzin for "Little Minyan Learning" and engage your mind before we engage our souls with Tefillah.



Musical Participatory Services Saturdays, November 9 & 30 at 9:30 AM

Join us for a musical participatory service led by Cantor Sidney Ezer and the HarmonEzers, our a cappella choir, conducted by Asher Farber. We will explore many classic and familiar melodies, as well as new and modern ones. With inspiring arrangements and innovative harmonies, we welcome you to sing along with us.



Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service and Luncheon

Saturdays, September 14, October 17 and November 2 at 10:30 AM

Our monthly Short & Sweet Family Service offers a lively, engaging prayer service incorporating the participation of the children, teens and families in attendance, followed by a community dairy luncheon.

No charge. For info, contact Cantor Audrey Klein at cantoraudrey@beth-tzedec.org.

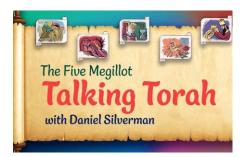


A Shabbat of Remembrance Musical Participatory Service

Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 AM

As part of our morning experience with Rabbi Steven Wernick, Rabbi Fryer Bodzin and ritual director Lorne Hanick, Cantor Sidney Ezer, Asher Farber and The HarmonEzers lead morning services as we reflect and remember through music and prayer. Explore melodies and themes intrinsically linked to Remembrance Day that remind us of loss and sacrifice, and yet inspire us towards hope, life, love and peace.

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



Talking Torah with Daniel Silverman

Every Shabbat morning 9:30 AM

Join Daniel Silverman, Director of Education, for a weekly examination of the Five Megillot. These short Biblical works, each read on a different holiday, continue to offer tremendous insight for how to live and conduct our lives today.

Megillat Eicha (Lamentations)
September 7 to October 6
Megillat Kohelet (Ecclesiastes)
October 12 to January 18
Megillat Esther (Esther)
January 25 to March 29
Megillat Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs)
April 5 to May 24
Megillat Ruth (Ruth)
May 31 to June 21



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

Wednesdays, September 25 and November 6 & 27

8:00 to 9:00 PM

Join Marcee Bar-Isaac and Rabbi Fryer Bodzin for a brief Torah text study followed by yoga and moments of mindfulness and meditation. Please bring a yoga mat and water.

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Torah Through the Ages with Rabbi Fryer Bodzin

Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM beginning November 7

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

No charge. Pre-registration is requested via https://bit.ly/torah-through-ages-2024.
This program will be offered for in-person participation.

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Blessing of the Animals: A Parent and Pet Get-Together

Sunday, November 3 4:00 PM

If the past year has taught us pet owners anything, it is that our dogs and cats—and bunnies, birds and guinea pigs—are a special blessing for us. On Sunday, November 3, we reciprocate with the blessing of our animals.

Join us at the Cedarvale Park dog park where we can all connect and chat with each other while our fur (or feathered) family members enjoy the fun and fresh air.

Celebrate

A Pre-Rosh Hashanah Community Dinner with Shabbat Scholar Rabbi Shai Held

Friday, September 25 Services 6:00 PM | Dinner 7:15 PM

Join us as we gather to celebrate the High Holy Days with an inspiring and meaningful Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by a delicious catered dinner. We are pleased to welcome **Rabbi Shai Held**, our Shabbat scholar, who will speak at the Kabbalat Service and the dinner.

Cost: \$48 adults; \$28 children. Reserve by September 22 via https://bit.ly/pre-rhdinner-2024 or call 416-781-3511.

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Simchat Torah Luncheon honouring Blake Teichman and Dorion Liebgott

Friday, October 25, following Services

Join us at our Simchat Torah Services where we will honour our *Chattan* Torah **Blake Teichman** and our *Kallat* Bereisheet **Dorion Liegbott**.

Following an uplifting Service, we'll gather for a delicious luncheon where we can celebrate with the Teichman and Liebgott families.

Give & Get



How Civil Leadership is Changing the City: Fresh Strategies for Food Security in Jerusalem's Diverse Neighbourhoods

Monday, September 9 7:00 PM

Join us at Beth Tzedec for a special evening about Jerusalem and how civil society leadership is transforming this diverse and complicated city.

Featured guest **Daniella Seltzer** of JLM Food Rescuers will speak about innovative efforts supporting Jerusalem's varied communities with a more equitable and sustainable urban food system. Presented by the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada, supporting programs in the city committed to communal strength and shared society, creative culture, and future leadership.

Prior to the lecture, you can shop for beeswax and honey products from Shoresh, just in time for the High Holy Days!

No charge. Registration is required via https://form.jotform.com/242346087901255

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This year, when you CELEBRATE • HONOUR • COMMEMORATE Choose 'Treasures of Beth Tzedec' Tribute Cards

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

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

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

Getting to Know Harold Wolfe



For anyone with even the slightest connection to the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, it would be hard for that person to miss the name Wolfe. The Wolfe family has been associated with the synagogue long before the building opened on Bathurst Street in Toronto. A key player in the Wolfe history at Beth Tzedec was and still is Harold J. Wolfe. In fact, for any reader of this article who can go back that far, you might recall that Harold was the last person to have had a bar mitzvah at the McCaul Street Synagogue, a predecessor to Beth Tzedec. Two years later, in 1955 Harold was honoured to carry the first Torah into the Beth Tzedec Chapel at its opening. Harold has since been involved in many roles in the governance of Beth Tzedec as a board member and on many committees. The roots at Beth Tzedec are deep with HJW. He stands tall in his contribution to the synagogue as well as tall in stature. You might notice him almost as soon as you enter on Shabbat.

Harold was a graduate of the University of Toronto Law School, which he entered in the fall of 1963. I know that date well since I was a student in the same class as Harold, where I first met him. Aside from the many distinctions Harold has earned over the years, one significant distinction, at least for me, was that in the fall of 1963, Harold Wolfe took it upon himself to do something quite simple. He invited me, then a lonely young kid away from home in Winnipeg for the first time, to his home for a Shabbat meal. Not a big thing, and yet with about 30 Jewish boys in the class (almost entirely male at that time), only Harold and one other classmate invited me over for Shabbat, a gesture reflecting Harold's warm personality.

Some people might know Harold for his love playing the trumpet and especially Klezmer music. His band, Klezkonnection, practices at Beth Tzedec. Many others might know him from his bicycle riding activity or from the gym where he is a regular workout participant. Still others will recognize him for his many charitable works including Mount Sinai Hospital, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the United Jewish Appeal, and Camp Ramah, Canada. Harold contributed to these causes in all sorts of ways, including monetarily and by rallying others to support these institutions, thereby contributing to their ongoing success.

What is not known about Harold is that he recently became a published author by virtue of his book, titled Oshawa And Me, his story about growing up in and later working for the entity that became known as The Oshawa Group Limited. The business was started in the early 1900s by Harold's father, Max Wolfe and Max's brother Maurice Wolfe. The book is a memoir of Harold's many years at Oshawa and his various roles in this huge grocery business, which was a major force right across Canada. The hardcover book gives a very complete

picture of the origins of the business and then proceeds to deal with various family members and others who had a definite place in the company hierarchy. Harold also discusses some of his own personal history, but for the most part, the book aims to give a portrait of how Oshawa was operated and some of what Harold refers to as "the family hiccups". What is clear from the book is just how much this large grocery business was governed-and governed well-by one of Toronto's Jewish leaders of that time, as in Ray D. Wolfe, a son to Maurice Wolfe and a first cousin to Harold. Ray was instrumental in taking the company to heights even the founders could never have dreamed about. When Ray died at age 72, the company never could replace him or capture the vision he had for Oshawa. Harold deals with that topic in a chapter relating to succession. Later, he confronts the ultimate sale of the business to Sobey's and the reasons for it. Harold is not afraid to talk candidly in the engrossing book.

What are possibly the best parts of the book, at least for me, are the various inserted comments by other people who were connected to the



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business. Thus, when Harold addresses a certain theme, there are comments made on that same theme by other Wolfe family members, such as Harold's sister, Phyllis Flatt, Harold's wife Carole, his cousin Elizabeth Wolfe—the daughter of Ray Wolfe—and several Oshawa non family members such as Al Graham, Bill Atkinson and Saul Shulman, to name a few. These comments all give

context to the topic addressed in each chapter. In other words, this is a Harold Wolfe book with contributions by many others who have valuable insights to offer regarding each subject Harold introduces in the book.

The downside of the book is that it was not written for general circulation. Therefore, if you try to access the book on Amazon or go to a bookstore, you will be disappointed. It was written with a purpose, as Harold sets out in the dedication, as follows:

"I am writing this book for the benefit of my children, grandchildren and future generations of our family. This book is dedicated to them. I want them to know something about my life, and the story of the family business that I was involved in for

much of my career. I hope that, in due time, each of them will understand the history, and appreciate the contributions made by the extended Wolfe family in Canadian enterprise and sundry Jewish philanthropic causes. I am also dedicating the book to my wife, Carole, with whom, as of this writing, I have lived happily, for 55 years."

-Gerry Posner



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





Maureen Tanz

Chesed Report

Out of the Cold Program Returns

Out of the Cold BethTzedec/Beth Sholom 2025 will again resume at Beth Sholom on Monday nights beginning in January and continue for 12 weeks. It will operate from 5:30 until 9:30 PM and offer a hot dinner, clothing distribution, an art program, BINGO and bagged lunches. Unfortunately, the sleepover and breakfast program will not be offered but the annual Art Showcase and Sale featuring the work of our talented artists in the OOTC Art Circle will be held at the end of the 12-week term.

There will be many volunteer options available for adults and teens, as well as many opportunities for the bar/bat mitzvah groups to get involved. Community service hours will be provided to high school volunteers. Shifts are approximately two hours and volunteers can sign up for the dinner set up, dinner service, distribution of clothing or volunteering in the art program and BINGO. Adult volunteers are needed to supervise students in the sandwich-making program and to oversee the volunteer and guest check-in desks. Shift leaders are also required. Watch for registration information in Beth Tzedec's weekly enewsletters and website in early October.

OOTC is a self-funded initiative, relying on donations from both synagogues and their memberships. Our clothing and supplies inventory has been depleted through our partnership with a downtown church over the past few years. Adults-only new or gently used jeans, pants, t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, warm ski jackets, running shoes, winter boots, hiking boots, hats, scarves and gloves are urgently required. New sleeping bags and underwear, and hotel-sized toiletries are also required. Please do not donate summer clothing or child-sized clothing. Donations should be bagged, labelled and dropped off at Beth Sholom, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM beginning November 3.

For more, please contact the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 or **info@beth-tzedec.org** and leave a message for Maureen Tanz.

Thursday Games Afternoon is Thriving!

Thursday Games Afternoon is in full swing and the number of players who are coming to enjoy either Canasta or Mahjong games is steadily increasing. It is so wonderful to see so many of our seasoned players again and to welcome new players who are enjoying a social afternoon. We run every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 to 4:00 PM and ask for a contribution of \$2 per week. Please feel free to join us on any Thursday, whether you come on your own or with a set group of players.

For anyone interested in either Mahjong or Canasta lessons, Judi Rosen has been teaching for several years and is an expert in both games. Please contact Avital in the Synagogue officce, and Judi will contact you directly with all of the details.

If anyone has a spare Mahj set that they would like to donate to the Synagogue, it would be most welcome. We always like to keep a couple of extra sets on hand just in case they are needed.

Chesed Fund Occasion Cards

Tribute *chesed* cards are available for purchase through the Synagogue office for all of your family occasions, including Rosh Hashanah. Please consider supporting our program by having the funds directed to the Out of the Cold program.

I would like to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah and may the coming year be filled with good health, happiness and peace for everyone.

> -Maureen Tanz, Chair, Chesed Committee



Men's Club Makes a Difference



Men's Club Scholarship Program

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is pleased to sponsor our annual, long-standing scholarship program to assist young men and women who are pursuing programs of higher Jewish education.

A number of funds are available, and the deadline for submissions is **April 11, 2025.**

To view the criteria for each scholarship or to access the application form, please visit https://bit.ly/scholarships-2025.

Men's Club Honourees

The Men's Club held a special ceremony honouring **Adam Rachlin** as Man of the Year and **Ryan Lapedus** as Youth of the Year. Mazal tov to you both on this well-deserved honour.

Fighting Antisemitism

During the past year the Beth Tzedec Men's Club has been active in fighting the dramatic rise of antisemitism by making financial contributions to B'Nai Brith, Allied Voices, Hillel and Mercaz. We have also had various speakers from different levels of government and B'Nai Brith address us at our monthly dinner meetings speaking about this serious problem and providing ideas on what we can do to cope and counter.













Men's Club Blue Jays Baseball Night

On August 20, the Beth Tzedec Men's Club hosted a night at the Rogers Centre for a late-season Blue Jays game. A group of 50 fans boarded a yellow school bus and headed downtown to see the Jays triumph over the Astros—with the Jays hitting five home runs! What a night!

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- ✓ 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



Do you have a Men's Club card? Call Avital at the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 if you have not received your card.

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 and Culture Fund

Aviva Chernick, acknowledging **Robert Sunderland and Jackie Glazer** in memory of **Sheila Sunderland**.

Aviva Chernick, honouring

Dot Whitehouse.

Aviva Chernick, honouring **Michael Friedman**.

Aviva Chernick, honouring **Penina Hoffnung**.

Aviva Chernick, honouring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**.

Aviva Chernick, honouring the **Beth Tzedec Spiritual Leadership Team**.

Aviva Chernick, honouring the **Beth Tzedec Staff**.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Stephen Margles**.

Camp Ramah Fund

Dot Whitehouse, honouring **Rabbi Lara Rodin** on joining the Beth Tzedec Spiritual Leadership Team. Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Rabbi Lara Rodin and Jonah Levitt** on their marriage.

Cantor Sidney Ezer Discretionary Fund

Susan Arbuck, Sandy Arbuck and Naomi Kalev, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Susan Arbuck, Sandy Arbuck and Naomi Kalev, honouring the memories of **Mort and Edith Arbuck**.

Anne Clavir and family, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Vera Finkelstein and family, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, Shaun and Gillian, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer**.

Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund

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 **Myer David Berlin**.

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

Caren Ruby and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Reta Isenberg**.

The Carr and Allen Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lillian Allen**.

The Carr and Allen Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Murray Allen**.

Miriam Drukker and family, honouring **Ella Druker Stern** on her bat mitzvah.

Nancy and Bruce Elman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fani Adelsberg**.

Nancy and Bruce Elman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norman Adelsberg**.

The Elman Family, marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **David Elman**. Vera Finkelstein and family, marking

the conclusion of Kaddish for **Larry Finkelstein**.

Jeffrey and Jane Gertner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Gertner**.

Jeffrey and Jane Gertner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Oscar Stern**.

Marcie-Ann Gilsig and family, honouring **Avram Spatz and Georgia Besant** on their *aufruf*.

Melissa and Sam Glazer, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Saul and Gertrude Pasen**.

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

Sam and Melissa Glazer, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Jennie and Melville Potash**.

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

Annette Grafstein and family, marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **Harold Grafstein**.

Gloria Houser and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cyril Houser**.

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

Neil and Janet Katz, honouring the birth of their granddaughter **Hana Chloe Katz**.

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

Lowell and Dena Pancer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Seymour Pollack**.

The Promislow Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arlene Gandler**.

David Promislow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dorothy Promislow**.

David Promislow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Promislow**.

The Kideckel and Rothman Families, honouring their children **Cortney Kideckel and Marshall Rothman** on their marriage.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Marnie Burke** in memory of **Steven Burke**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norem Litvak**.

Sheila Rubinoff and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Langer**.

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

The Seigel and Beckerman Families, marking the conclusion of shiva of **Joan Godfrey**.

The Shiff Family, marking the conclusion of shloshim for **Ralph Shiff**.

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

Michael Tenenbaum, honouring the memories of **Abram and Héla Tenenbaum**.

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

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

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

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

Naomi Zittell and Jared Stein, honouring their son **Jack Stein** on his *tefillin* bar mitzvah.

Sephi, Jeff, Ira, Ellen and Zoey, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Freda Band**.

Emergency Security Fund

Ruth Axler and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mary Margles**.

Earl Berger, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Salome Berger**.

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

Lynn Catzman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of the **Honourable Justice Marvin Catzman**.

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

Pearl Elman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Clara Zucker**.

Pearl Elman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William Ostreger**.

Pearl Elman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Miriam Ostreger**.

Pearl Elman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Moishe Zucker**.

Ron and Dianne Ennis, honouring **Harold Wolfe** on the launch of his book. Maxine Fish and family, commemorating

the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Levin**.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harold Gallander**.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helaine Gallander**.

Richard Gelb, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harriet Linda Gelb**.

Daniel Gold and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of the **Honourable Alan Gold**.

Marc Goodman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Lloyd Pivnick**.

Marc Goodman, honouring the memory of **David Pivnick**.

Rhonda Gordon, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Allan Sonny Turner**.

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

Nathan Greenberg, acknowledging **Judy Ostrower** in memory of **Steve Ostrower**.

Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Greenberg**.

Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rebecca Greenberg**.

Beverly Kupfert and Brian Heller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Eva Kupfert**.

Rayna Jolley, honouring the memory of **Faye David**.

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

Riva and Jerry Kirsh, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fradel Schneider**.

David Koff, commemorating the vahrtzeit of **Simon Zalman Kof**f.

Pauline Konviser, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rachel Ray Konviser**.

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

Judith Kostman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Charles Sternberg**.

Adrienne Levinter, honouring **Art and Carole Andrew**s on the marriage of their grandchild.

Adrienne Levinter, honouring **Sheldon** and **Patti Rotman** on the birth of their grandchild and for all the wonderful things they do for the Beth Tzedec community.

Claire and Newton Markus and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isadore Steinberg**.

Mary Ellen Herman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael John Herman**. Roslyn Mendelson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Bigman**.

Roslyn Mendelson and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Murray Mendelson**.

Roslyn Mendelson and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Audrey Bigman**.

Pauline Menkes, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Florence Weintraub**.

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

Murray and Susy Miller and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bessie Miller**.

Murray and Susy Miller and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Allan Miller**.

Sybil Milstone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Penny**.

Sybil Milstone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jacqueline Penny**. Bettina and Ian Morris and family.

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

Marjorie Rasky, honouring **Brian Dias**. Marlene Rattner and family, acknowledging Phil David in memory of **Faye David**.

Leslie and Mary Richmond, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Richmond**.

Leslie and Mary Richmond, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ethel Roth**.

Gella and Paul Rothstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pauline Goldhar**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, commemorating the yahrzteit of **Marjorie Rothstein**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Brian Dias** on his new position.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his 90th birthday.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**. Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Marlene Rattner and family** in memory

Brian Segal and Roslyn Levine, honouring **Patti Rotman** on the successful completion of her term as President of Beth Tzedec.

Marvin and Carole Sherkin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Sherkin**.

of **Ian Rattner**.

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

Sharon Singer Karlin and Ivan Karlin, acknowledging the **Shiff Family** in memory of **Ralph Shiff**.

The Stern Singer Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Beverley Stern**.

Lola Snidman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Michael Snidman**.

Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Alexander Staiman**.

Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shirley Jane Staiman**.

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Deborah Staiman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rebecca Staiman**.

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Sylvia Steinberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arnold Steinberg**.

Sylvia Steinberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Glanzsdein**.

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

Dorothy Tessis and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Zenek Waigensberg**.

The Pupko Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Pupko**.

The Pupko Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hershel Greenspan**.

Dot Whitehouse, honouring the **Beth Tzedec staff and the paid-duty officers** whose vigilence, professional skills and care keep us all safe.

Dot Whitehouse, honouring **Brian Dias** on his promotion.

Daniel Wilchesky and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Nathan (Chuck) Wilchesky**.

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

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring **Carol Sussman** on her special birthday. Phyllis Flatt, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**.

Family Shabbat Dinners Fund

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the birth of their grandson.

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the marriage of their son **Shaun and Gillian**.

Riva and Jerry Kirsh, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Toby Waltman**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging **Anne Max** in memory of **Ralph Shiff**.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring **Marcus Scoler** onf his 85th birthday.

Food Insecurity Fund

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General Fund

Janet Durbin, honouring **Alex Devon** and **David Durbin**.

Marion and Ron Feld, honouring **Judy Libman**.

Elayne Freeman, honouring **Bonnie Greenberg**.

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

Milt Goldstein, honouring **Judy Libman**. Jerry Grammer, honouring **Judy Libman**. Bernie Gropper and Elise Stern Gropper, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**.

Lou and Magda Hoffer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Hoffer**.

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Judy Libman**. Paul Sheldon, honouring **Clare Sheldon**. The Synagogue and Temple Administrators of Toronto (STAT), acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**.

Gertrude Diamond Memorial Fund

Mitch Altman and Shirley Meisels, honouring the memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Ruth and Terry Altman, honouring the memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Eleanor (Silverberg) and Barry Appleby, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Mark and Cheryl Appleby, acknowledging **Annie Appleby** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Lisa and Paul Feinstein, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Alex and Miriam Finkelstein, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Harvey and Bernice Finkelstein, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Zana Glina, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Harriette Laing, acknowledging **Annie Appleby** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Marissa Leiderman, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Susan and Norman Mogiil, honouring the memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

David and Ronnie Newman, acknowledging **Annie Appleby** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

David and Ronnie Newman, acknowledging **Brenda Brown** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Vivian and Sheldon Silverberg, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Elaine and Sheldon Spears and family, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Arthur and Ruthy Train, acknowledging the **Diamond Family** in memory of **Gertrude Diamond**.

Hesed Fund

Fredelle and Harold Brief, honouring **Harold and Ruth Margles** on their 60th anniversary and on Harold's 90th birthday.

Marion and Ron Feld, acknowledging **Judy Shiff** in memory of **Ralph Shiff**.

Sondra Fink, honouring **Rivi Joel** on the 41st anniversary of her bat mitzvah.

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**.

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

Brenda Orser, honouring **Cantor Deborah Staiman**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging **Moshe Rosen** in memory of **Hava Rosen**.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

Art and Carole Andrews, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**. Jerry Grammer, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** on the birth of their grandson and on the marriage of their son **Shaun and Gillian**.

David and Carol Grossman and family, acknowledging the **family of the late Dr. Melvyn Kay**.

David and Carol Grossman and family, acknowledging the **Price Family** in memory of **Theo Price**.

Adrienne Levinter, honouring **Larry Rachlin** on receiving the *Yasher Koach* Award.

Jewish Family Living Fund

Melvin and Sandra Brown, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**. Brenda Orser, honouring the memory of **Jakob Shapiro**.

Shaun and Gillian Rotman, honouring **Patti Rotman** on her service as President of the Congregation.

Kosher Food Bank

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

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

Little Minyan Fund

Adam Goodman, acknowledging **Gary Elman and family** on marking the conclusion of Kaddish for **David Elman**. Sephi Band and Jeff Mitz, honouring **Michael Friedman** for his leadership of the Little Minyan.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging the **Milner Family** in memory of **Israel Milner**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, acknowledging the **Shiff Family** in memory of **Ralph Shiff**.

Online Learning Fund

Phyllis Flatt, honouring **Morley Goldberg**.

Out of the Cold Fund

Andrew Himel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Malka Green**.

Morton Rapp and family, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of **Carol Rapp**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, honouring **Patti and Sheldon Rotman** on the birth of their grandson **Jonas Wolf Goldberg**.

Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin Discretionary Fund

Anne Clavir and family, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

Sam and Melissa Glazer, honouring the memory of **Faye David**.

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

Anthony Sigel, Joan Sternthal, Errol Soriano and Rena Brickman, honouring **Joelle Soriano and Alexander Sigel** on their marriage.

Jeffrey Stutz, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin**.

Rabbi Steven Wernick Discretionary Fund

Elaine and Jack Barkin, honouring **Sheldon and Patti Rotman** on the birth of their grandchild and on the wedding of their son **Shaun and Gillian**.

Anne Clavir and family, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick**.

Rabbi Seth Goren, honouring **Rabbi Steven Wernick**.

Hilary and Brian Himel, Taylor and Noah Osher and Elaine and Benny Osher, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick**.

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

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Harold and Ruth Margles** on their 60th anniversary. Rayna Jolley, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick** on his birthday.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick**.

Jerome and Pearl Kazdan, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anna Kazdan**.

Jerome and Pearl Kazdan, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jeanette Schwartz**.

Joel and Jill Reitman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Cyril Reitman**.

Stan and Peggy Risen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Risen**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, Shaun and Gillian, honouring **Rabbi Steve Wernick**. Deborah Staiman, honouring **Harold**

Margles on his 90th birthday and honouring **Harold and Ruth Margles** on their 60th anniversary.

Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Cathy Surdin and Lawrence Schiff, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pearl Surdin**.

The Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl Endowment Fund

Diane and Ronnie Ennis, honouring **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** on their anniversary.

Judith Friedland, commemorating the yahrtzeiten of **Mike and Tillie Pless**. Rayna Jolley, honouring **Dorion Liebgott**. Judith Kostman, honouring the memory of **Tania Pardo**.

Sephi Band and Jeff Mitz, honouring the memory of **Ralph Shiff**.

Yom Hashoah Candle Fund in memory of Jules and Pearl Surdin

Cathy Surdin and Lawrence Schiff, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Pearl Surdin**.

Victims of Terror Fund

Frances Ackerman, acknowledging **Betty Sharpe and family** in memory of **Lionel Sharpe**.

Frances Ackerman, honouring **Dorion Liebgott** on her retirement.

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

Art and Carole Andrews, acknowledging the **Kay and Stein Families** in memory of **Goldie Kay**.

Art and Carole Andrews, honouring **Faith Ross** on her 80th birthday.

Lisa Balfour Bowen, honouring **Flory Cohen** on her birthday.

Rosalee Berlin, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**.

Rosalee Berlin, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his birthday.

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

Paul and Tammy Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gina Brown**.

Mark, Kerry and Riley Burstyn, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his 90th birthday.

Judy Feld Carr, honouring **Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin and Aaron Bodzin**.

Tova Clark, acknowledging **Susan Zeldin** in memory of **Karen Bleiweis**.

Jan and Gary Elman, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his birthday.

Diane and Ronnie Ennis, acknowledging **Wendy Hakoun and family** in memory of **Dr. Henry Shub**.

Ron and Dianne Ennis, honouring **Veronica Torma** on her 90th birthday.

Kathy, Brian and Bobby Feldman, honouring **Ruth and Harold Margles** on their anniversary.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, acknowledging **Andi and Ian Rolin** in memory of **Cheryl Sniderman**.

Maxine Gallander Wintre, acknowledging **Susan and Marty Goldberg and family** in memory of **Ruth Durbin**.

Ronnie Gavsie, honouring **Flory Cohen**. Arlene Goldberg, honouring **Flory Cohen** on her birthday.

Adam Goodman, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his 90th birthday.

Nathan Greenberg, acknowledging **Dr. Stephen Kay and family** in memory of **Dr. Melvyn Kay**.

Jerrold and Doreen Greenspan, honouring **Amalia Berg** on her daughter's wedding. Sharon and Paul Haberman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Doris Winer**.

Corinne Hart, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his 90th birthday.

Rayna Jolley, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his 90th birthday.

Noreen Kay and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gary Kay**.

Malki Lazar and family, commemorating the yahrzteit of **Evelyn Lazar**.

Malki Lazar and family, commemorating the yahrzteit of **Lazer Lazar**.

Malki Lazar and family, commemorating the yahrzteit of **Regina Lazar**.

Gerald Lupu, honouring **Lyon Wexle**r on his birthday.

Claire, Marty and Joey Friedlich and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Thomas Friedlich**.

Andrea Plonka, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his 90th birthday.

Mary and Les Richmond, Judi and Jeff Alter and Suzie Mittelman Sokol and families, commemorating the 20th yahrtzeit of **Olga Mittelman**.

Morris and Lorraine Rotbard, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Rotbard**.

Debbie Rothstein and Michael Friedman, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his birthday. Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Rabbi Adam Cutler** in memory of **Barry Cutler**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Dr. Ira Kirshen** in memory of **Elaine Kirshen**.

Sheila Rubinoff, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gary Brian Rubinoff**.

Ferne Rubinstein, honouring **Bonnie Greenberg**.

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

Jeanne and Irving Salit, honouring **Mel and Sandy Brow**n on their 60th anniversary.

Albertin Sarraf, commemorating the yahrtzeit of husband, **Morad Sarraf**. Albertin Sarraf, honouring the memory of **Esther Shenassa**.

Carol Segal, Michael and Muriel Wexler, honouring **Lyon Wexler** on his birthday.

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

Dot Whitehouse, honouring **Jeffrey Gertner** and **Lawrie Lubin** for their faith, patience and persistence.

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Arlyn and Danny Zimmerman, acknowledging **Phil David** in memory of **Faye David**.

Arlyn and Danny Zimmerman, acknowledging **Anne and Mitch Max** in memory of **Ralph Shiff**.

Young Professionals Fund

Kanishka Gaggar, honouring the memory of **Rajesh Malpani**. Francine and Alan Peters, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sol Unger**.

Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger

The Kruger and Goldhar Families, acknowledging Michael Goldberg and family in memory of Tillie Goldberg. Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging Dr. Ira Kirshen in memory of Elaine Kirshen.

Sheila Rubinoff, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gary Brian Rubinoff**. Ferne Rubinstein, honouring **Bonnie Greenberg**.

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Website Development Fund honouring Lorne Hanick

Shoshanah Steel, honouring **Lorne Hanick**.

Young Professionals Fund

The Balsky and Gould Family, honouring **Yacov Fruchter**.

Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger

Judy and Steven Kruger and Lori and Alan Goldhar, acknowledging the Isakow Family in memory of Fay Isakow



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Soups & Appetizers	Quantity	Mains	Quantity
BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND PEAR SOUP		CRISPY BREADED CHICKEN ROULADE	
\$18 PER LITRE (SERVES 4)		STUFFED WITH SMOKED PASTRAMI AND	
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP		CARAMELIZED ONION SERVED WITH AU JUS	
WITH BRUNOISE OF		\$24 PER PORTION	
CARROT, CELERY, ONION, AND DICED CHICKEN		SEARED CHICKEN SUPREME	
\$20 PER LITRE (SERVES 4)	10	WITH HERB AND GARLIC SERVED WITH CAST IRON	
MATZAH BALLS		GRAPE AND MANDARIN SALSA WITH AU JUS \$21 PER PORTION	
\$2 PER PIECE (2.5" – 3" DIAMETER)		CHICKEN SCALLOPINI	_
SWEET GEFILTE FISH		TOPPED WITH SPINACH, ARTICHOKE,	
WITH RED HORSERADISH AND CARROTS		MUSHROOM RAGOUT	
\$5 PER 4 OZ PORTION		\$19.50 PER PORTION	
SALT AND PEPPER GEFILTE FISH		APPLEWOOD HOME-SMOKED	
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Salads		\$30 PER 8 OZ COOKED WEIGHT	·
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WITH AGED BALSAMIC WATERMELON, SWEET PICKLED		WITH A STRAWBERRY MANGO SALSA	
CABBAGE, ROSEMARY GRILLED PEACHES, CHERRY TOMATOES, RASPBERRY VINAIGRETTE		\$23 PER PORTION (6 OZ)	
\$6 PER PORTION		Additions	
CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD		Additions	
ROMAINE, HERB AND GARLIC CROUTONS		CHICKEN FINGERS	
CREAMY CAESAR VINAIGRETTE		WITH KETCHUP AND PLUM SAUCE	
\$6 PER PORTION		\$30 PER DOZEN	
TOSSED CHICKPEA SALAD		CHIPOTLE CHICKEN WINGS	
CHICKPEAS, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, EDAMAME,		\$24 PER POUND STICKY HONEY GARLIC	=
MAPLE DIJON ROASTED SWEET POTATO, SWEET AND SPICY	(
CROUTONS, HONEY LIME VINAIGRETTE		CHICKEN WINGS	
\$7 PER PORTION (5 OZ)		\$24 PER POUND	
Sides/Starches		APPLE KUGEL	
Sides/ Startines		\$16 PER PAN (7"X4")	
MAPLE DIJON ROASTED SWEET POTATOES		POTATO KUGEL \$14 PER PAN (7"X4")	
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POTATO LATKE		and design and designed color designation.	
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AVOCADO HARISSA "BUTTER"		\$65 PER CAKE (SERVES 12)	
ROASTED TRI COLOR CARROTS, PARSNIPS,		APPLE CRUMBLE TART	
BUTTERNUT SQUASH		\$38 PER TART (8-10 SERVINGS)	=
\$6 PER PORTION (6 OZ)		ASSORTED BISCOTTI APRICOT AND CRANBERRY,	
HERB SAUTÉED MIXED VEGETABLES		CINNAMON SUGAR, MOCHA CHIP	<u></u>
\$6 PER PORTION (6 OZ)		\$36 PER DOZEN	
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Condolences

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

Paul F. Anisman
Karen Bleiweis
Dr. Gilbert Chapnick
Murray Collis
Dr. Bernard Crystal
Faye David
Gertrude Diamond
Ahuva (Anne) Feld
Joan Charna Godfrey
Album Golombek
Dr. Gerald Halbert

Sandra Karp
Michael Mizrahi
Lionel Newton
Tania Pardo
Gloria Robins
Salvatore Ruscica
Pearl Seetner
Rick Seligman
Esther Shenassa
Hersh (Gerald) Sone
June Wiener

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

Memorial Plaques

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

Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

Beth Tzedec has a number of opportunities for members wishing to support our *tzedakah* initiatives. Honour the memory of a loved one by making a contribution to one of our funds or inscribing a *siddur* on a *yahrtzeit*.

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



Beth Tzedec Small Groups Initiative

We are excited for our 2024-2025 year of Beth Tzedec Small Groups. Beth Tzedec Small Groups are an opportunity to connect with other Beth Tzedec members over a shared goal, project or interest.

BT Small Groups are not just a 'program'. They are a way to commit to a new peer group and learn, explore and build community together.

Registration opens on September 6 and will continue through October 21, and is open for both Beth Tzedec members and the community at large.

This year's Small Groups include:

- Advancing Your Career Mentorship Group, for 20s and 30s
- B-Fit: An Interactive Wellness Small Group, for Boomer Women
- Between the Lines: A Social Justice Book Club, for 20s and 30s
 - Chapters for Change: A Social Action Book Club
 - Ess Gezunterheit
 - Have You Dreamed of Writing a Story, for Seniors
 - These Are a Few of My Favourite Things
 - Zentangle

New groups will be added over the coming weeks.

Check the information and registration link at the bottom to see updated program opportunities.

Do you have an idea for a Small Group?

Contact Yacov Fruchter at yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org.

and share you ideas or interests.

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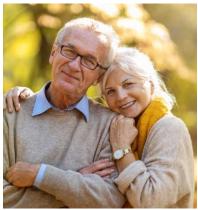
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