



BETH TZEDEC

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Wishing You a Joyous and Inspirational Passover!

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Shabbat April 1st

9:00am Shabbat Service

10:45am Tot Shabbat

Sunday April 2nd

10:00am Shul School

1:00pm Human Trafficking Awareness for Teens

Monday April 3rd

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday April 4th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv (Conversion) Class

Wednesday April 5th

6:30pm Beth Tzedec Board Meeting
(Members Welcome)

Friday April 7th

Candle Lighting: 8:02pm

Torah Portion: TSAV

Shabbat April 8th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bar Mitzvah – Elijah Nagy

10:00am Minyan Katan

Sunday April 9th

10:00am Shul School

Monday April 10th

12:00pm OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday April 11th

OFFICE CLOSED

1st Day of Passover

6:00pm Second Seder

Wednesday April 12th

OFFICE CLOSED

2nd Day of Passover

Thursday April 13th

3rd Day of Passover

Friday April 14th

OFFICE CLOSED

4th Day of Passover

Candle Lighting: 8:13pm

Shabbat April 15th

5th Day of Passover

9:00am Shabbat Service

10:45am Tot Shabbat

Sunday April 16th

6th Day of Passover

11:00am Matza Brei Brunch

Monday April 17th

OFFICE CLOSED

7th Day of Passover

Tuesday April 18th

OFFICE CLOSED

8th Day of Passover

Thursday April 20th

7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

7:00pm Level Up

Friday April 21st

Candle Lighting: 8:25pm

Torah Portion: SHEMINI

Shabbat April 22nd

9:00am Shabbat Service

Sunday April 23rd

10:00am Shul School

1:00pm TODAH Meeting

4:00pm Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

Monday April 24th

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday April 25th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv (Conversion) Class

Thursday April 27th

12:00pm HAZAK 55+

Friday April 28th

Candle Lighting: 8:36pm

Torah Portion:

TAZRIA and METSORA

Shabbat April 29th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah – Lia Balaban

Sunday April 30th

10:00am Shul School

6:00pm Torah for Teens

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Rabbinic Reflections

It's all about the Questions, not the Answers!

Undoubtedly, the most familiar part of the Passover Seder is the asking of the *Four Questions*. Every Jewish child is eventually called upon to recite these questions and thus symbolically carry on the tradition of Passover from generation to generation. The first three questions remain valid in our time. However, the fourth question poses a problem for we do not recline during the remainder of the year.

Perhaps, then, the meaning of the fourth question refers to the manner in which we eat our meal. On most nights, we eat in a hurry and not with the entire family. On Passover, we are urged to relax and eat at a leisurely pace. Herein lies an important message about freedom and slavery.

Slavery is no longer an issue of who owns your body but rather who controls your time. Too many of us become enslaved to career, ambition, and related pursuits when our true priorities should be directed toward family, friends, and community. On this Passover holiday, I encourage you to regain mastery of your time. A leisurely and innovative Passover Seder can be a good step in that direction. Here are a few suggestions for your Seder:

Seder means “order.” Every Seder needs a leader. The leader holds the Seder together but good leadership should involve everyone, especially the children. Solicit ideas and comments before the Seder and then incorporate them at the table. If necessary, prepare a cue sheet to assist you.

Free yourself from the *Maxwell House Haggadah*. Who knows what “murrain” are and what “vouchsafe” means? Consider the Conservative Movement’s *Feast of Freedom Haggadah* and then bring other *haggadot* to the table along with press clippings of current events, poetry, songs, stories, puppets, or skits. (When they read “*Avadim Hayinu-we were slaves*” Bukharian Jews stand up and walk around the table in a bent-over position like slaves!).

Use some discussion questions to personalize the story. Make everyone around the table share how they would finish one of these sentences:

“If I was a slave to Pharaoh, I’d ...”

“I can understand why Moses was afraid to be God’s messenger since ...”

“I feel like a slave today when I ...”

Make up your own questions. Why do we get together as a family so seldom? Why are the women doing all the cooking and cleaning for Passover? What are today’s plagues?

For the children, the Conservative Movement has a coloring book that

complements the *Feast of Freedom Haggadah*. Or simply give the children paper and crayons and ask them to draw the Exodus as they think it might have happened.

Remember, Passover is not Yom Kippur! You are not required to starve until the meal is served. In fact, the Talmud suggests having a bowl of nuts and raisins for the children while the recitation of the *haggadah* is underway. But don't overeat on nuts and *Karpas* hors d'oeuvres since you want the children to anticipate the eating of *matzah*.

Also remember, cushions are for everyone. There are no class distinctions on Passover! And we are required to drink four cups of wine (mix a little club soda with the wine - its kosher and refreshing!). For *maror*, take a bite out of a real, live horseradish. And if your family is into T-Shirts, how about an "I found the *Afikoman* at the <Your Name> Seder!" Other Jewish gifts such as books, videos and Jewish software are great.

Asking questions is a sign of freedom. Slaves cannot ask questions. So, on this Passover, recapture and reorder your time and priorities by asking meaningful questions.

Bobbie joins me and our family in wishing you a *Chag Sameach V'Kasher* - a happy and spirited Passover!

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair

Mazel tov to our own Rabbi Shaul Osadchey!

The Calgary Interfaith Council has been awarded the **2017 His Majesty King Abdullah World Interfaith Harmony Week First Prize Award** for their inaugural UN World Interfaith Harmony Week program held from February 1-7, 2017.

A driving force behind the recent amalgamation of local interfaith groups into the Calgary Interfaith Council, Rabbi Osadchey took the lead in organizing Calgary's UN World Interfaith Harmony Week Program.

Together with two CIC colleagues, Rev. Debra Faulk and Imam Fayaz Tilly, Rabbi and Bobbie Osadchey will attend the award ceremony on April 30th in Amman, Jordan as guests of King Abdullah II who will personally present the First Prize Award along with a gold medal.

Beth Tzedec is proud that Rabbi Osadchey is a role model for congregants and Calgarians. Now his efforts – together with those of his Calgary Interfaith Council colleagues – will serve to inspire others internationally. This is a truly exciting moment for our congregational family!

Yasher koach, Rabbi Osadchey, and nsiah tovah – safe journey – to you and Bobbie.

For further details, please visit www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com.



Cantor's Notes



The folksong, “*Chad Gadya*” (“One Goat” or “The Only Goat”) is one of the most famous songs in the *Haggadah*. It has been set to dozens of melodies all over the Jewish world, and each community seems to have their own way of singing and engaging with the text. Yet, despite how much fun it is to sing, it has such an obscure and confusing text that most of the time, even if we can get ourselves back to the table to sing it after the meal, we just accept the song for its comedic value, and pay very little heed to the deeper meanings hidden within the text.

Composed of ten stanzas the song runs as follows:

A father bought a goat for two *zuzim* (low value ancient coins);
 a cat came and ate the goat;
 a dog then bit the cat;
 the dog was beaten by a stick;
 the stick was burned by fire;
 water quenched the fire;
 an ox drank the water;
 a *shochet* (ritual slaughterer) slaughtered the ox;
 the *shochet* was killed by the Angel of Death who
 is then killed by God.

It is written in the ancient language of Aramaic (the same language as the *Kaddish*) which was the common, and also scholarly, language of the Jewish people in the Middle East from around 200 to 1200 CE. Historians have translated, and continue to discover, many ancient Aramaic poems which deal at length with the holidays, including Passover, and it may be possible that this poem was not written as a stand-alone piece for inclusion in the *Haggadah*, but rather, comes from among collections of other sacred Passover poems, and then found its way into the *Haggadah* over the intervening centuries.

Interestingly, the earliest known inclusion of the poem was not in a *Haggadah*, but in a compendium of law codes entitled, “*Sefer Rokeach*,” by Rabbi Elazar ben Yehuda of Worms (1160-1238). We are unclear as to original author, but in its overall form, it is clearly a folksong that imitates other European additive folk songs, or zipper songs, from the same era. They are called additive or zipper songs because they get longer and longer with each consecutive verse similar to “There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.” One challenge for scholars of the song, however, is that the Aramaic text means it may be much older than its medieval musical counterparts. Yet whether it pre-dates or is

imitative of German folksongs does not really matter. Its standing as an indispensable part of the modern *Seder* comes from the fact that we can trace it back at least to the 13th Century.

Yet what do we make of the text itself? Our tradition teaches that the poem is a very significant work with great depth of meaning in its symbolism, and literally hundreds of explanations have been written on it over the centuries. The most common popular explanation goes as follows:

The goat symbolizes the oppressed Jewish people, bought by the father (God) for two coins (the two Tablets of the Law). The subsequent animals and people in the song represent the nations who persecuted the Jewish people over the centuries. The devouring cat represents Assyria; the dog, Babylon; the stick represents Persia; the fire, the Greeks; the water is Rome; the ox, the Saracens; the *shochet* (ritual slaughter), the Crusaders; and the Angel of Death, the Turks who subsequently ruled Palestine. The end of the song expresses the hope for messianic redemption with God destroying the foreign rulers of the Holy Land and vindicating Israel as "The Only Goat."

There are also spiritual elements to the song. The Vilna Gaon (1720-1797) interpreted it as illuminating the many sins of the Jewish people over the centuries. For instance, in his view, fire was the idolatry of the people which brought about the destruction of the First Temple. Water, was the spirit of *K'lal Yisrael* which led them back to their homeland after Babylonian exile, and the ox symbolized Roman rule and the *Sinat Chinam* (baseless hatred) which led to the destruction of the Second Temple.

Even modern artists and commentators have added their voices to the mix. In his video commentary to the *Haggadah*, the great writer and thinker, Elie Wiesel, teaches us that, though the song is a confusing one, if looked at correctly, it has a wonderful lesson to share at the *Seder* table. Wiesel comments, "And here we are, concluding the *Seder* with *Chad Gadya*, a beautiful song, which is not just about a father who buys a goat for his child. It's a song about God's creatures destroying each other. It may be a puzzling way to end the joyous meal but one that is fraught with meaning. The song of *Chad Gadya* reminds us that in Jewish history, all creatures, all animals, all events are connected. The goat and the cat, the fire and the water, the slaughterer and the redeemer, they are all part of the story."

So this year, bring yourselves back to the *Seder* table, and end your evening with a song that will not only wake up the kids and get everyone laughing, but that also has a wonderful history, deep meaning, and, let's be honest, is just a blast to sing!

Chag Sameiach!! Happy Passover!!

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair



Joshua's Jam

The Torah of Life

In the Book of Deuteronomy (in Parashat Re'eh) G-d encourages us to follow the commandments in the Torah **כִּי הוּא חַיֵּיךָ וְאֵרְךָ יָמֶיךָ** “For that is your life and your length of days”. There are several ways in which this is commonly understood. Some are under the impression that this refers to a simplistic paradigm of reward and punishment: “follow the Torah, and I, G-d, shall let you live. Disobey and die.” But there are

many commentators -Rabbinic, Medieval, and Modern- who avoid this interpretation and allude to a very different dynamic. They suggest that Torah, being the blueprint of the Universe is also a survival manual for life; one which increases our odds of living healthier, happier and safer lives.

Indeed it may be difficult to imagine how counting the Omer, putting on *Tefillin*, or avoiding *Shatnez*¹ are life-saving decisions. However, there are many commandments which are much more easily understood in this light. The commandment commonly understood to forbid theft (‘Thou Shalt Not Steal’ of the Ten Commandments²) is actually understood by the Rabbis to refer to kidnapping and not just common thievery. Kidnapping is an act of violence against a person’s life. They may, indeed, survive the ordeal, but during their captivity their most essential rights and dignity as a human being are being grossly violated. Furthermore, survivors of kidnapping and abduction are never the same again; the damage to their lives is permanent.

On April 2nd (1:00pm at Beth Tzedec), we are organizing an educational event to inform both parents and teens of the risks and realities of human traffic in Canada. Recent news articles give us very alarming statistics; studies show that no one is immune to this risk. This event will equip teens and parents with the tools to act as agents of prevention for themselves, their friends, and their communities. This is the kind of Torah which save lives. The words of Deuteronomy ring ever more true in this context.

As we approach Passover, we are prompted to think about slavery past and present. We often assume slavery is something that happens to other people somewhere else, but the truth is that it is happening right under our noses here in Calgary. It is not something to bemoan while dipping an egg and sipping wine; it is something we must actively work against. The first step, of course, is education.

Our *Level Up* class on Jewish Ethics has also taken on the topic of modern slavery. Our most recent session explored the many ways in which human beings are still enslaved all around the world. What are the forces that drive this process? How are we unwitting accessories to this crime? What can we do to

alleviate the problem and end slavery? Answering these questions is absolutely critical if our Passover Seders are to be anything more than hollow rituals. To learn more about how you can raise these issues at your own Seder, please contact me at rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca.

To steal a verse from the New Testament: *the truth will set you free*³.

¹ *Shatnez*, a garment made from a mixture of wool and linen, forbidden for Jews to wear (see Leviticus 19:19 and Deuteronomy 22:11)

² Exodus 20:1-21, Deuteronomy 5:1-23

³ John 8:32

Rabbi Joshua Corber

Our Clergy in the Community

- Rabbi Osadchey and Cantor Russ continued to alternate visits to the Trinity Lodge where they lead a pre-Shabbat service every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.
- Rabbi Osadchey attended the monthly meeting of the Calgary Interfaith Council on March 2nd.
- Rabbi Osadchey gave the sermon at Sunday morning services at Holy Nativity Anglican Church on March 5th.
- Cantor Russ attended the Building Sacred Bridges committee on March 7th to begin planning next year's Building Sacred Bridges interfaith musical event .
- Rabbi Osadchey attended the monthly meeting of the Calgary Council of Christians and Jews on March 9th.
- Cantor Russ led Shabbat services at the Beverly on March 10th.
- Rabbi Osadchey delivered the invocation and the motzi at the B'nai Brith Dinner on March 16th.
- Cantor Russ sang the national anthems of Canada and Israel at the B'nai Brith Dinner on March 16th.
- Rabbi Osadchey led the first meeting of the recently inaugurated Calgary Interfaith Council on March 22nd.
- Rabbi Osadchey attended the Board meeting of the Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good on March 23rd.
- Rabbi and Bobbie Osadchey attended the baptism of Hrag Kalanjoghli on March 26th.
- Rabbi Osadchey participated in a panel conversation at the 2020 Vision for the Future Symposium at Mount Royal University on March 30th.



President's Pen

A Message from Maxine Fischbein

On March 1st, I voted on behalf of our Congregation at a special meeting of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The resolution dealt mainly with Standard V of the USCJ Standards for Congregational Practice regarding who may be member of a USCJ congregation.

In the past, non-Jewish family members of Jewish congregants, while welcomed at programs and services, were not permitted to become members of USCJ-affiliated congregations.

At the annual meeting of USCJ's General Assembly this past December, a proposed change to Standard V was recommended by the *USCJ Commission on Community and Covenant in the Twenty-First Century* and by the USCJ Board of Directors. The resolution, which was supported by the Rabbinical Assembly, Jewish Theological Seminary and the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, read, in part, as follows.

USCJ, as a valued and trusted partner, is committed to assisting vibrant and caring Jewish communities in fully engaging the spiritual gifts of all community members. We celebrate the diversity among and within our kehillot and encourage the engagement of all those who seek a spiritual and communal home in an authentic and dynamic Jewish setting. We call on all of our kehillot to open their doors wide to all who want to enter. Let us strive to make the words of Isaiah a reality in our time: "My House will be called a house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:7).

Following the lead of an overwhelming number of congregations within the movement, USCJ and its partner organizations acknowledged the desirability and need to open our tent even wider to welcome non-Jewish family members into our Synagogues.

The wording of the new Standard V does not require Beth Tzedec – or any other affiliated Synagogues – to make any changes. But it does affirm our commitment to welcome supportive, non-Jewish family members into the Synagogue community. (In fact, we recently opened a new section of our Memorial Park so as to facilitate interfaith burials.)

This and other changes are consistent with the actual practices of approximately 76% of Conservative Synagogues that responded to an earlier USCJ survey.

It is important to note that community and covenant are not one and the same. Conservative Rabbis are not permitted to perform interfaith marriage; neither can they recognize patrilineal descent. Participation in some rituals would, similarly, be a no-fly zone for friends and family members who – while freely choosing to cast their lot with us – have not become members of the covenant through conversion.

The changes in Standard V allow us to create a safe and welcoming space where Jews and their non-Jewish loved ones can be part of the same community, building a life infused with Jewish practice and values.

In some cases this will, no doubt, lead to conversion. While we cannot reasonably expect or (God forbid) demand that everyone makes that choice, we can make the decision to welcome all with open arms – and why wouldn't we so honour non-Jews who support the Jewish aspirations of their partners, children and extended family members?

Last month, with the unanimous support of the Beth Tzedec Board of Directors, I proudly cast my vote in favour of the changes to Standard V. The resolution passed by a landslide of over 91 percent.

This does not herald any change at Beth Tzedec. But it does affirm our current practice of rolling up our flaps on all sides and welcoming non-Jewish family members as Beth Tzedec members. In doing so, we emulate the Torah values of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah.

As Passover approaches, it is similarly inspiring to recall that when we escaped bondage in Egypt and began our journey toward freedom it was as a “mixed multitude”. Throughout Jewish history, those who have said “wither thou goest, I shall go,” have played game-changing roles in the development of the Jewish people.

How blessed we are to continue that journey with the guidance of our amazing clergy and the support of a Conservative movement that, while rooted in tradition, is open to change.

Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach – Happy Passover to you and ALL your loved ones!

Maxine Fischbein,
President

PS – If you or a loved one would like to discuss becoming a member of Beth Tzedec Congregation, please contact our Executive Director, Max Lipsman, at mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688, Ext. 1.



Hi Everyone,

I'm David Inhaber, your treasurer at the Beth Tzedec Congregation. As I'm quickly coming to the end of my first two year term, I thought I would take the opportunity to share with you some preliminary results for this year and a few of our challenges ahead as we continue down our road to financial stability.

During my tenure we saw the passing of two balanced budgets. I proudly note that this has been the trend at Beth Tzedec for some time now, thanks to the combined efforts of successive Boards of Directors and Synagogue staff.

I'm happy to report that on a cash flow basis our current operating budget is forecast to show positive results once again. We continue to build our restricted funds. As I so often say to our Board, we have a good news story to tell.

Executive Director Max Lipsman ensured every dollar that was spent was ordinary and necessary for our fundraising, programs and general operations. I have a big smile on my face every time I hear our president, Maxine Fischbein, say that Max has kept our synagogue together with string, love and duct tape. A huge *yasher koach* to Max and all his staff for keeping our operations so lean while looking after us so well.

As we move forward into the 2017-2018 fiscal year, commencing April 1, 2017, we have a number of challenges we have not faced for some time.

Like most organizations in Calgary, we are not immune to the current economic woes. Bantrel, which leased our parking lot during the day, will not be renewing their lease this year due to staff reductions. The result for Beth Tzedec is an annual revenue loss of \$102,000.

While we look forward to bringing it back in the future, Beth Tzedec opted not to proceed with our Annual Robbie Burnstein Dinner this year, representing a reduction of \$50,000 in net profit.

Finally, an increase in operational expenses (all one needs to do is review their own energy costs two years ago compared to today) means that we find we will need another \$50,000 to maintain our status quo on the operations side.

In order to continue funding the many programs and services we offer at Beth Tzedec, we must raise upwards of \$200,000 to have the same results we continue to enjoy this year.

Your Board is tackling this challenge by exploring all options, including potential cost-saving measures and revenue sources.

Our next Board will have a number of tough decisions to make. Last year, many congregants saw no change in their financial commitment at Beth Tzedec. We simply asked individuals and families to maintain their previous annual commitments and to add their previous Kol Nidre donation so as to eliminate the need for a separate appeal.

While we will, once again, refrain from making a financial pitch in Synagogue on the holiest night of the year, we will be asking for your increased participation as volunteers and financial contributors so as to maintain and build upon the amazing strength and vibrancy of our Shul.

Our fiscal year ends March 31st. In the coming weeks you will, as usual, receive your annual commitment statement. Thanks, in advance, for your continued and generous support of our Synagogue.

I look forward to sharing our financial results with you at the Annual General Meeting as well as a sustainable plan for moving forward.

David Inhaber
Vice President and Treasurer

2017 AGM

Annual General Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday June 22, 2017

7:30pm at Beth Tzedec

Please join us as we celebrate Beth Tzedec highlights, share financial reports and cheer on our newly elected Board and Executive. Watch your inbox, your mailbox, *Shofar* and *Shalom Byte* for more information.

Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

Sensei Ken Madden

Hello! I have been enjoying my time at Beth Tzedec, learning about your own traditions while having an opportunity to speak to you about our Buddhist ‘understandings’. Thank you!

In the previous *Shofar* articles, I attempted to outline the Buddhist worldview of testing everything, that there is a wide variety of understanding within Buddhism because the man who is most often called the Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, taught in different ways to different groups even during his own time, so that we might better understand his insights. These different areas of focus within his teachings continue to this day: some Buddhists are concerned with karma, some with meditation, and some with neither.

But there are some basic doctrines that lead to this worldview, something that Buddhists ought to have in common. If you have attended my talk sessions, I have done my best to outline these, but some people may not have been able to attend, or would find value in a refresher, so here is a summation of those basic teachings so far:

4 Noble Truths: Siddhartha’s first teaching can be thought of as the start of Buddhist understanding: That “Life can cause us difficulty” or that “Life is a bumpy road.” Why? Because we want things to go OUR way. When things don’t go OUR way, or if they did but change, this causes us difficulty!

**There
is suffering.**

Say I want to be at an appointment on time but there is traffic. I feel stress about this.

**Suffering has
an origin.**

Or perhaps I want to talk to my grown child who lives in another city but they are too busy to call. I am unhappy with them, even as I love them. Perhaps I seek wealth or fame and it eludes me.

**Suffering can
cease.**

The cause of our difficulty is our want.

**There is a path
out of suffering.**

Now, a certain amount of want is natural. It gets us up in the morning to face our day. But at a certain amount of craving, it becomes controlling. This amount, this ‘too much’ is what causes us difficulty.

But there is a way to lessen our “craving desires.” The Buddha called this Way “The Eightfold Path to Happiness.”

The Eightfold Path to Happiness are eight ways of living your life that help you become aware of and then lessen your difficult desires. They start with “**Seeing** the World in a Correct Way” – that you are NOT the Centre of the World!

To cultivate **thoughts** that are kind and peaceful.

To **speak** words that are helpful, not gossipy or untrue or destructive. That are kind.

To do **acts** in your life that are kind, helpful, peaceful and pure.

To **make a living** in a way that doesn't harm people of the planet. Or better, to cause helpfulness and peace.

To put forth **effort** to do all of this as much as you can. To apply yourself in all that you do.

To be **aware** when you are doing things. You have to experience this moment anyways, why not be aware of what you are doing also?

To apply **concentration**, will and effort in all.

RIGHT VIEW
RIGHT INTENTION

} *prajna*
wisdom

If you are aware of the things in your life, the people, the places, the animals, your thoughts, your life will be better.

RIGHT SPEECH
RIGHT ACTION
RIGHT LIVELIHOOD

} *sila*
ethics

Siddhartha also taught that the world is Impermanent – everything changes and there is nothing that doesn't change over time. Are you the same as when you were 12 years old? Will you be the same in 500 years? Look around you now. Is there anything that will be the same in a million years? A thousand even? No. Not one thing.

RIGHT EFFORT
RIGHT MINDFULNESS
RIGHT CONCENTRATION

} *samadhi*
mind

In fact, everything that you see around

you is made up of other things. Things that existed before it was what it was. Ingredients.

This includes you and me. I am made from my parents. I eat food and breathe air and these things make me what I am today. Same as you. Same as everything. In fact, we are not and cannot be, separate from this world and all that makes it up.

These three things: Impermanence, inter-connectedness, and not being separate from the world, are known as the Three Marks of Existence. Everything that exists is subject to these qualities.

This changes how we view the world. When added to the Eightfold Path, we now have a way to live. Religion speaks of Humankind's relationship to Deity. Buddhism speaks of Humankind's relationship with this life.

In Gassho (in peace),

Sensei Ken Madden

Calgary Buddhist Temple, Jodo Shinshu



Sisterhood Sentiments

Sisterhood has a long tradition of successful programs and this year's Seniors Forever Young Purim Luncheon has been a part of that tradition. ***Todah Rabah*** to all the volunteers who came out to support the Purim celebrations. It was a wonderful, multi-generational day at Beth Tzedec with something for everyone. It also demonstrated a great partnership with the synagogue team, and we look forward to the opportunity for more joint events.

Todah rabah to the **Voices Seniors Choir** under the direction of Katrina Szulc and her guitar accompaniment. A special surprise was the **Beth Tzedec Youth Choir** under the direction of Cantor Jayne. Thank you to all who brought the joy of song to our Purim celebrations.

Special thanks to **Darlene Switzer Foster** for her leadership in organizing the luncheon and to **Helmi Switzer** for her guidance and direction at the luncheon. We couldn't do this event without all of the volunteers who support this mitzvah. On behalf of the Sisterhood board of directors, please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your support. Now onto our next event.

Sisterhood Shabbat – May 6th!

In celebration of Mother's Day, Sisterhood will be leading services on Saturday, May 6th and we want to have as many women as possible join us in celebrating this tradition of our all women-lead service, with a special Kiddush to follow. Please contact Linda Gutman at imgutman@shaw.ca if you would like to take on a part of the service – English or Hebrew – there is room for all.

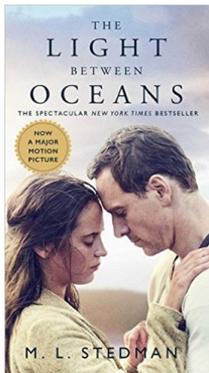
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

This past weekend, March 26th, our 'Sisters' from across the Pacific northwest joined together for a morning of study on Jewish Feminism exploring texts. Thanks to modern technology for internet teleconferencing we were able to join with WL Education Director Liza Kogen in New York to look at the challenges and changes over the past 100 years.

In September 1916 Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah WIZO wrote a letter to Haym Peretz on his offer to say Kaddish for Henrietta on the passing of her mother. She replied to him in part: *"The Kaddish means to me that the survivor publicly and markedly manifests his wish and intention to assume the relation to the Jewish community which his parent had, and so the chain of tradition remains unbroken from generation to generation, each adding its own link. You can do that for the generations of your family, I must do that for the generations of my family."* A remarkable statement for its time.

If you enjoy Torah Study, books, singing and great food – for the thought and for nourishment, I encourage you to attend the Women’s League Convention in Arlington, VA from July 23 to 27th. Women’s League celebrates 100 years, and our Sisterhood has been a member since 1951; 68 years later we still endorse their mission to strengthen and unite synagogue women’s groups, their members, and individual members, support them in mutual efforts to understand and perpetuate Conservative/Masorti Judaism in the home, synagogue and community, and reinforce their bonds with Israel and with Jews worldwide. I hope you will consider joining us in Arlington for this sure-to-be memorable centennial celebration.

Sisterhood Book Club



Sisterhood’s final **Book Club** gathering for the year is on **June 6th at 7:00pm**. The book is *The Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman.

After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day’s journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby’s cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.

This book is available at Chapters, Indigo, Amazon and in Audio book format.

Mark your Calendars

Sisterhood Shabbat – celebrating Mother’s Day and all the women of our congregation on **Saturday, May 6th**.

Sisterhood’s **Mitzvah Donor Luncheon** is scheduled for **Sunday, June 11th**.

There are so many opportunities for all women of our congregation to enjoy the camaraderie of Sisterhood through conversation and learning. Consider one of our upcoming programs – I am certain you will enjoy yourself.

No matter what we do...we can always create an opportunity to do good!

Lorie Abernethy

Sisterhood President

“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

A MESSAGE FROM Bobbie Osadchey

How to Project Power



Place your fingers on one hand to their corresponding fingers on the other hand with your thumbs touching. Keep your limbs away from your body. Some research shows that people posed in expansive postures feel more powerful, exhibit higher testosterone levels, and have lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol - all characteristics of high high-ranking social status. They make eye contact while others are talking, but feel comfortable to look away when others do. This is what scientists call having a high "look-speak to look-listen" ratio which is common for dominant members of groups.

Many students who wish to be scientists, for example, spend time studying the psychology of power, yet often many students who are studying the psychology of power become bewildered or perplexed. They understand the research but often cannot figure out how to be more authoritative in their own lives. Actors often have the same kind of personality as some psychologists.

Traits that make us powerful are often more simple than we think. Making a quality connection with others who are curious about power can make a working environment of openness that enhances rapport and trust. Every interaction and experience of power provides a memorable experience that increases their pursuits for a strong scientific (or acting) career if they are eager and willing to make that happen.

Students searching the "Scientific Method" embrace two key concepts in their scientific approach: theory and hypothesis. A theory is used to make predictions and observations for future observations. A hypothesis is an educated guess or proposition that attempts to explain a set of facts or natural phenomenon. It is used mostly in the field of science, where the scientific method is used to test it. Those who enjoy science, most always try their best to share their goals and try to help their colleagues understand the importance of commitment to achieving them. They most always find that the key to their future is moving toward much of the shared research they have with their colleagues.

Perhaps if many of us can achieve the high "look-speak to look-listen" ratio we can also become scientists or reach our goals in other professions and arenas of life.



News and Notes from the NML

Drop by if you Can

Harvey Silverstone left me a well-oiled machine and we continue to be pleased with the impact that the National Minyan League is having on the daily minyanim. The other day the morning minyan had exactly ten people and two were from one of our teams.

Twenty-three out of the twenty-eight available slots have teams to cover them. Some teams have a more robust roster and others could still be strengthened by the addition of more players.

However, there are still a few days that are not covered by a team and we anticipate that there might be a problem achieving a minyan on these days. These days are the third Friday of the month, as well as the third and fourth Saturdays and Sundays of the month. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings have often missed the mark by only one person lately.

So, if you can, please join us on any of these dates. You could be the one person who helps us form a minyan. Services start at 7:45am in the morning on weekdays, 9:00am on Sundays and at 6:00pm in the evenings.

As a bonus, we offer free breakfast in the morning and friendship and camaraderie at both services.

If you would like to join a team, please email me at inhaber@telusplanet.net. It's not too late. We need you. Special thanks to Harry Rosenthal for joining Team 402: Lorie Lorie, Hallelujah.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Passover.

Warmly,

Susan Inhaber

NML Commissioner

Experiencing *Siddur Lev Shalem*

In the introduction to the festival section of our new *siddur* Rabbi Feld writes, “The festivals teach us about growth and change and about what recurs again and again in our lives...As we enter into them, the festivals become lessons for life, touchstones in our ongoing search for meaning.” In our *siddur* we can search for that meaning through both the traditional prayers of the liturgy, and also through the poetry and

who walked into the strange and became strangers
and gave birth to children who could look down
on them standing on their shoulders for having
been slaves. We honor those who let go of every-
thing but freedom, who ran, who revolted, who fought,
who became other by saving themselves.

Marge Piercy

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Broken Matzah

On the New Jersey transit train
I pulled my particularity
out of a brown paper bag:
one of four broken pieces of
buttered matzah.
Slowly, delicately,
I proceeded with my dinner.

The young man across the aisle
in his dark business suit,
pale skin, wavy black hair,
looked to me Italian
but I admit I'm not good at that.

He seemed uncomfortable,
not so much with the *chremzel*
I carefully dipped into
a little puddle of sour cream,
nor even with my public
consumption of food—
probably I was brought up
to know better, but I was brought up
so long ago I've misplaced
some of my mother's niceties—

no, I think it was the matzah
that did it, it was the matzah
that singled me out,
the unmistakable display
of my particularity:
four broken pieces of buttered matzah.

Or maybe he didn't care at all,
didn't notice,
maybe his breathing didn't
become slightly irregular,
maybe it was all
my imagination,
or my breathing
becoming slightly irregular.

How like my mother I am, after all,
who trained us in our largely
Jewish Brooklyn neighborhood
not to wear our old playclothes
outside on Sundays
so as not to offend our Christian
neighbors on their way home from church

In those days I took her at her word;
now I wonder as the train
pulls into Penn Station
if Marie Brady who lived across the street
ever noticed us in our Sunday finery,
ever thought it curious
that we dressed up on her Sabbath,
ever questioned our carefully guarded
particularity, ever saw close up
a buttered piece of matzah.

Merle Feld

other expressions of modern Jewish thinkers and philosophers. Below you will find two such poems related to the upcoming festival of *Pesach*. I hope they will encourage you to really look through our new prayer book, and find passages from both the ancient and the modern that really speak to your personal journey.

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Maggid

The courage to let go of the door, the handle.
The courage to shed the familiar walls whose very stains and leaks are comfortable as the little moles of the upper arm; stains that recall a feast, a child's naughtiness, a loud blattering storm that slapped the roof hard, pouring through.

The courage to abandon the graves dug into the hill, the small bones of children and the brittle bones of the old whose marrow hunger had stolen; the courage to desert the tree planted and only begun to bear; the riverside where promises were shaped; the street where their empty pots were broken.

The courage to leave the place whose language you learned as early as your own, whose customs however dangerous or demeaning, bind you like a halter you have learned to pull inside, to move your load; the land fertile with the blood spilled on it; the roads mapped and annotated for survival.

The courage to walk out of the pain that is known into the pain that cannot be imagined, mapless, walking into the wilderness, going barefoot with a canteen into the desert; stuffed in the stinking hold of a rotting ship sailing off the map into dragons' mouths,

Cathay, India, Siberia, goldenh medina, leaving bodies by the way like abandoned treasure. So they walked out of Egypt. So they bribed their way out of Russia under loads of straw; so they steamed out of the bloody smoking charnelhouse of Europe on overloaded freighters forbidden all ports—

out of pain into death or freedom or a different painful dignity, into squalor and politics.

We Jews are all born of wanderers, with shoes under our pillows and a memory of blood that is ours raining down. We honor only those Jews who changed tonight, those who chose the desert over bondage

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THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY
PESAH GUIDE תשע"ז¹

The Committee on Jewish Law & Standards (CJLS) Kashrut Subcommittee²

Introduction by Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff, Chair, CJLS

Stories play a key role in identifying a religion or nation, especially the ones at the center of a community's history and ritual, the ones taught to members of the community from an early age and repeated often by adults in rituals and prayers. Such master stories express in easily understandable and emotionally compelling terms a community's understanding of its origins, its values, and its goals. If one were to compare the view of life and humanity embedded in the master stories of, for example, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism – and the United States, China, and Israel – one would find deep differences in how these various human communities understand who they are as individuals and as a community, what is important in life, and what they should strive for.

Judaism's master story is the Exodus from Egypt, followed by the trek to Mount Sinai and then to the Promised Land of Israel. We leave Egypt not as individuals but as a nation, and we do so only with the help of God. This is very different from the staunch individualism at the heart of the liberalism that has forged most Western countries. At Mount Sinai we engage in a Covenant with God that establishes the basis of our relationship with God – and the duties of that relationship – for ourselves and all our descendants.

This perception of ourselves, our links to one another and to God, and our mission in life infuses much of our liturgy and many of our holidays, but it is Passover that focuses on this story most graphically. As the Haggadah says, "In every generation we each must see ourselves as if we personally left Egypt." To enable us to identify with that story once again, we reenact the Exodus through story, discussion, and song at the Seder table, and we restrict our diet to remind ourselves of the slavery of Egypt and the need to redeem ourselves and others again and again. The Hebrew word for Egypt, *Mitzrayim*, means "straits," probably because the Nile enters the Mediterranean not as one river but through multiple straits. Jewish interpreters, however, have understood the word metaphorically as well, teaching us that in every generation we must seek to redeem ourselves and others from the straits of life – poverty, ignorance, prejudice, illness, meaninglessness, etc. That is our Jewish mission for life, the charge that God has given us and that the Passover story articulates for us anew each and every year.

We reenact the Exodus through story, discussion, and song at the Seder table.

Please visit our website at

www.bethtzedec.ca

for the complete Rabbinical Assembly Passover Guide for 2017. We also have copies available at the office.

March Life Cycle Events

In Memoriam

Florence Middleman^{z"l}, mother of Janice Middleman.
The funeral was held on February 5, 2017 in Edmonton.

Marjorie Little^{z"l}, mother of Jamie Little.
The funeral was held on March 8, 2017 in Nova Scotia.

Rabbi Joseph Saks^{z"l}, brother of Rabbi Moshe (Meira) Saks on March 17, 2017.

Brit Milah

Mazel tov to great-grandparents Mary and Arthur Fishman on the Brit Milah of Koby Kane Fishman. Proud parents are Ashley and Mark Fishman.

Births

Mazel tov to grandfather Gary Staniloff on the birth of Coleman Shai on March 26, 2017. Proud parents are Lindsay and Adam Ditkofsky.

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel tov to parents Rob and Tammy Milton, brother and sister, Matthew and Mackenzie and grandparents Nat and Harriette Alexander on the occasion of Michaela's Bat Mitzvah on March 4, 2017.

Wedding

Mazel tov to parents Wynne and Harvey Thal on the recent marriage of their daughter, Kari, to Eric Rosen, son of Hannah and John Rosen.
The wedding took place in Palm Springs on March 26, 2017.

If you are marking a life-cycle event and would like it included in SHOFAR, please let us know by contacting the Shul office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethzedec.ca.

PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Erev 1st Day	(April 10)	6:00pm
1st Day	(April 11)	9:00am
Erev 2nd Day	(April 11)	6:00pm
2nd Day	(April 12)	9:00am
Erev 7th Day	(April 16)	6:00pm
7th Day	(April 17)	9:00am
Erev 8th Day	(April 17)	6:00pm
8th Day/Yizkor	(April 18)	9:00am



Second Seder

You're Invited...

Please join us for a family-friendly Passover Seder filled with story, song and seasonal delicacies.

Services led by Rabbi Shaul Osadchey, Cantor Russell Jayne and Rabbi Joshua Corber.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

6:00pm Pesach Services followed by the Second Seder

Members: Adult: \$45.00 Child (4-11): \$20.00

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RSVP by Wednesday, April 5, 2017 to the office at 403-255-8688.



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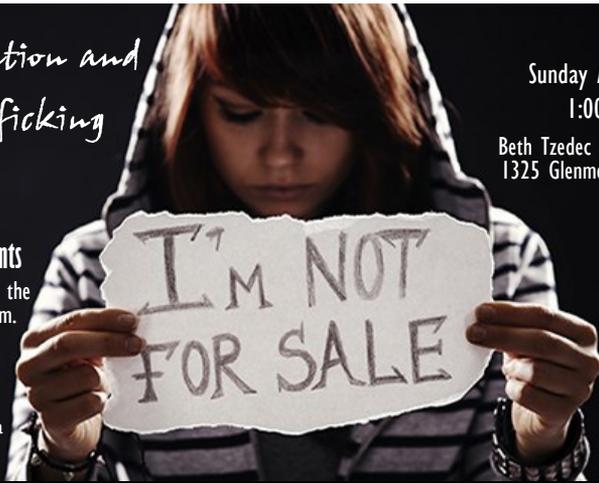
Sunday April 2nd
1:00pm

Beth Tzedec Congregation
1325 Glenmore Trail SW

Education and Awareness Program for Teens and Parents

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For more information, contact rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca



No one is immune. Find out how to keep yourself and your friends safe.



Lil Faider Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Project

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 23
4:00pm

The Role of Women in Buddhism

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Lecture Series #2
May 4 - *Other Buddhist Ceremonies*
May 11 - *Buddhist Meditation Practices*
May 18 - *Q & A: What we Haven't Learned!*

Sunday, June 4
4:00pm

Concluding Program

**All event dates are tentative and subject to change.
Please consult the Beth Tzedec Website (www.bethtzedec.ca)*

Programming

Tot Shabbat

Shabbat, April 1st and 15th - 10:45am

Parents with young children are invited to a Shabbat service aimed at engaging young minds and turning them on to the magic and majesty of Shabbat. For more information, please contact Rabbi Corber at rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

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Cosponsored by Beth Tzedec Congregation, Temple B'nai Tikvah, BBYO, Jewish Family Service Calgary and Hillel Calgary.

Minyan Katan

Shabbat, April 8th - 10:00am

A special minyan for the B'nai Mitzvah Cohort of 2016/17 and their families.

All children in Grades 5-7 and their families are welcome. For more

information, please contact Rabbi Corber at rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

Beth Tzedec Congregation Second Seder

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RSVP by Wednesday, April 5th by calling the office at 403-255-8688.

Matza Brei Brunch

Sunday, April 16th - 11:00am

Join us for some gourmet matza brei creations courtesy of Rabbi Osadchey. \$10 per person. RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688 by April 14th.

Level Up - The Ethical Life**Thursday, April 20th - 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

A monthly course of Jewish study for adults of all ages designed to challenge us to take Judaism to the 'next level'. Embracing the wisdom offered by a rich variety of texts, Level Up equips us with the spiritual tools to confront 21st century issues. This year's theme is "The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice." For more information contact Rabbi Corber at rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext. 8.

TODAH Caring Committee Meeting**Sunday, April 23rd - 1:00pm**

TODAH members visit congregants in the hospital and at home, send *refuah shleimah* (get well) cards, comfort the bereaved, and wish our members a warm mazel tov for their *simchas*. If you would like to make a difference in a member or loved one's life, consider joining the TODAH Committee. Contact Rabbi Osadchey at rabbi@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 2.

Lil Faider Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Project**Sunday, April 23rd - 4:00pm****Topic: *The Role of Women in Buddhism***

Guest speaker Tracy Pickup will address the role of Buddhist women in the religious life of their community and in the home and positions of communal responsibility. She will also share cultural customs that relate to women. This presentation is free and open to the public. RSVP at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca to RSVP.

HAZAK 55+ Presents Tikun Olam:**Unraveling the Jewish Calendar with Cantor Russ****Thursday, April 27th - 12:00 noon to 2:00pm**

Please join Cantor Russ as he helps us unlock the mysteries of our calendar and "Jewish" time. One of the key aspects to defining a community is that it has its own calendar; its own way of interacting with the abstract concept of time. At times we struggle to coordinate one calendar/community with another. This is most challenging when we have to take time from our "secular" calendar to spend time in our "religious" calendar. Where does it originate, and, more importantly, what can it do to help us better understand what it means to live Jewish lives? Lunch will be served at 12 noon and costs \$5 per person. RSVP to the Synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by April 25th. For more information, please contact Donna Caplan at 403-271-3066.

Torah for Teens**Sunday, April 30th – 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Torah for Teens is a monthly dinner and Torah class hosted by Rabbi and Chloe Corber. Come discover how Torah can be brought into the present day to expand our minds and equip us to deal with issues that matter to you today. For more information or to register contact Rabbi Corber at rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

Save the Date

**The U of C Cummings School of Medicine and Beth Tzedec Congregation
Presents Medical Lecture Series**

Wednesday, May 17th - 7:00pm**Beth Tzedec Congregation**

Be Good to Your Gut: What Science Says about Optimizing Your Digestive Health by Dr. Gil Kaplan

Free and open to the public

Community News

PJ Library® Chag Sameach Pesach**Sunday, April 2nd - 10:30am or 2:00pm****Calgary JCC, room 1**

PJ Library invites you to our sixth family holiday program generously sponsored by Sam and Ida Switzer. Educator Amy Goldberg and musician Karina Szulc will delight us with Pesach stories, songs, crafts and special treats as we learn and celebrate together. There are now two program times for you to choose from. There is no charge but registration is required as space is limited. For more information please contact Kathie Wainer: Email: kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or phone 403-537-8592.

Welcome the New Israeli Consul General Galit Baram**Tuesday, April 4th****6:00-7:00pm - Dovrei Ivrit (in Hebrew only)****7:00-9:30pm - Open to the public****Calgary JCC**

Join us in welcoming the new Consul-General Galit Baram. Ms. Baram took up her current position serving Toronto and Western Canada in August 2016.

Before that, she served as Director of the Department for Palestinian Affairs and Regional Cooperation (2013-2016). She has also held international postings in Washington DC, Cairo, and Moscow. Her academic background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Archeology and English from Tel Aviv University followed by a Master's Degree in American Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She speaks Hebrew, English, and Russian. For more information, please contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org.

Hanna's Suitcase

Sunday April 30th - 2:00pm

Storybook Theatre, 375 Bermuda Dr NW

Join Calgary Jewish Federation and Storybook Theatre for a special presentation of *Hana's Suitcase*, an inventive, multi-media staging of the true story of a search from Tokyo to Prague to Toronto to uncover the story of Hana Brady and her fate in the Holocaust. Recommended for ages 10+. This performance will be followed by a Q & A session about the play. \$25 for adults and \$18 for children - Tickets are limited. For information or to purchase tickets, please contact Ilana Krygier Lapidés at 403-444-3162 or ikrygierlapides@jewishcalgary.org.

JNF Calgary's Negev Dinner Honouring Mr. Al Osten

Wednesday, May 10th

5:30 pm Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner

Beth Tzedec Congregation

Featuring an Evening of Music and Laughter with special entertainment by the Honourable Tommy Banks and Comedian Simon Rakoff
Make your reservations today, tickets are selling fast! For more information please visit our website, email or call the office at 403-255-0295.

Jewish Family Services

Miriam's Well (Food Bank)

Every drop in the bucket helps! The need is great. Please do what you can when visiting the Synagogue by bringing any canned goods, cereal, paper products or toiletries. Items need not be kosher. Even just one item from everyone can make a difference. Let's encourage our young children to participate in this great Mitzvah.

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Becky & Stephen Plucer, on the birth of their son, Andrew Hunter

By the Truax Family

Brad Libin and Sasha Wittes, on the occasion of their wedding

By the Truax Family

Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro, on her new home

By Sheila Riesenberg

Ken & Bonnie Dressler, on their anniversary

By Lillian Martin

Dr. Walter & Jessie Moscovitz, on the birth of their granddaughter

SYMPATHY

Eric Kettner and Family, on the loss of their father and grandfather, Frank Kettner

By The Grotsky Family

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Jayda Rosenthal, on the loss of her father, David Rosenthal

By Giezelle Pash

Dorit Moise, on the loss of her father, Avram David

By John & Becky Barlot

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Jenny Belzberg & Family, on the loss of Hy Belzberg

By Annabelle & Mike Bondar

Lil Faider, on the loss of her brother, Hy Belzberg

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GET WELL

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By Arthur & Mary Fishman

Sahbra Markus

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Helen Zenith, on the occasion of her birthday

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TZEDAKAH FUND**MAZEL TOV**

Harvey Silverstone, on the occasion of his birthday

By Hymie & Rome Fox

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Monday April 10th - Office Closed at 12:00pm

Tuesday April 11th - OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday April 12th - OFFICE CLOSED

Friday April 14th - OFFICE CLOSED

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Tuesday April 18th - OFFICE CLOSED

MACHZOR BOOK FUND**SYMPATHY**

Nate & Naida Feldman and Family, on the loss of his mother, Dorothy Feldman
By Klara & Phillip Meyers

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND**MAZEL TOV**

Rabbi Osadchey, on his interfaith award

By Adam, Deborah, Hannah, Benji and Lilah Silver

GET WELL

Clarice Warren

By Naomi Hashman

Sahbra Markus

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Burt Hoffman

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By Janice Middleman

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Edith Pomerance, on the occasion of her special birthday.

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Eva Hoffman, on the occasion of her special birthday.

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Ralph Klimove, beloved cousin

By Rosslyn & Norman Steinberg

Inda Ginzberg-Profis, beloved sister

By Sara & David Profis

Inda Ginzberg-Profis, beloved sister

By Mara & Alex Shkolnik

Inda Ginzberg, beloved mother

By Matus & Yesefina Ginzberg

May Hashman, beloved mother-in-law

By Naomi Hashman

Max Bobroff, beloved grandfather

By Gershon Bobroff

W. L. Walker, beloved husband

By Helen Walker

Esther Becovice, beloved mother

By Rose Lister

Elka Ullman, beloved grandmother

By Phil Ullman

Saul Ullman, beloved grandfather

By Phil Ullman

Joanne Smith, beloved aunt

By Stan & Carey Smith and Family

Albert Shapiro, beloved brother

By Mona Rosenbaum

Rita Shuler, beloved sister

By Mona Rosenbaum

Bessie Eisenstadt, beloved sister

By Mona Rosenbaum

Soloman & Sonia Shapiro, beloved father and mother

By Mona Rosenbaum

Pinchas Glinkiewicz, beloved father-in-law

By Louise Glin

Samuel Martin, beloved father-in-law

By Lillian Martin

Mary Berman, beloved mother and grandmother

By Aaron & Sherry Berman and Family

Florence Middleman, beloved mother

By Janice Middleman

Samuel Feldman, beloved father

By Betty Mayer

Tiba Belkin, beloved grandmother

By Myrna Pearlmuter & Family

Harry Bernbaum, beloved father

By Arnold Birns

Dr. Carl Safran, beloved father

By Laura Safran and Dr. Jaclyn Safran

Samuel Nathan Levitt, beloved father

By Mort & Toto Levitt

Idea Bobroff, beloved grandmother

By Gershon Bobroff

Beckie Levitt Cohen, beloved mother

By Mel Levitt

Jack Goodman, beloved father

By George Goodman

Rachel Goresht, beloved mother-in-law

By Phil Pomerance

Lou Widiss, beloved uncle

By Margret Kramer

Malcha Kramer, beloved grandmother

By Margret Kramer

Nicolae Halmos, beloved father

By Ritta Vladut

Bertha Viner, beloved mother-in-law

By Fran Viner

Lou Pomerance, beloved father

By Cheryl Pomerance

Lou Pomerance, beloved brother

By Phil Pomerance

Lou Pomerance, beloved**brother-in-law**

By Bert Glow

Lily Fishman, beloved mother

By Sam Fishman

Wilfred Walker, beloved husband

By Helen Walker

Gerard Gorosh, beloved cousin

By Gershon Bobroff

SPECIAL YAHRZEIT FUND**Rebecca Mendelman, beloved mother**

By Walter & Jessie Moscovitz

Esther Moscovitz, beloved mother

By Walter & Jessie Moscovitz

Leo Friedman, beloved husband

By Arla Diamond

Samuel Rajesky, beloved father

By Irwin Rajesky

Jake & Yetta Rubenstein, beloved parents

By Sandra Eisner

Frank Dachis, beloved father

By his Family

Dr. Martha Cohen C.M., beloved mother

By Cheryl Cohen

George Fraiberg, beloved father

By Alec Fraiberg

Rebecca Mendelman, beloved mother and mother-in-law

By Jessie & Walter Moscovitz

Esther Moscovitz, beloved mother and mother-in-law

By Jessie & Walter Moscovitz

Evelyn Busheikin, beloved mother

By David Busheikin

David Baber, beloved father

By Diane Baber

Oscar Kirshner, beloved husband

By Louise Kirshner

KIDDUSH YAHRZEIT FUND**Harry Glow, beloved uncle**

By Bert Glow

Leo Charles Friedman, beloved uncle

By Bev Sklar

Hymie Cohen, beloved father

By Emanuel Cohen

Annie Pomerance, beloved mother

By Phil Pomerance

Ida Pomerance, beloved wife

By Phil Pomerance

Cemetery Entry Code

To gain entry into the Beth Tzedec Memorial Park cemetery, press 1 then 3 for the gate code.

The families of the late **Phil Shapiro, Joseph Levy, Edyth Barsky** and **Dorothy Feldman** have requested the announcement of the unveilings of the headstones.

Phil Shapiro

May 19, 2017

10:30am

Beth Tzedec Memorial Park

Joseph Levy

May 21, 2017

11:00am

Beth Tzedec Memorial Park

Edyth Barsky

June 4, 2017

11:00am

Beth Tzedec Memorial Park

Dorothy Feldman

July 23, 2017

11:00am

Erlton Cemetery

MINYAN MATTERS

- * a spiritual comfort zone for meditation, contemplation, prayer
- * an opportunity for regular, meaningful Torah study in a relaxed environment
- * a venue for learning Jewish skills – how to have an aliyah, how to lift and wrap the Torah
- * the place where one fulfills the mitzvah saying kaddish for a loved one during the period of mourning or on yahrzeit
- * a source of spiritual meaning and connection in our lives – the feeling of satisfaction that comes from being part of the “community” (of 10 or more) that makes communal Jewish prayer possible

**Daily minyan at Beth Tzedec
is all this and more**

ALL ARE WELCOME

For more information, contact Cantor Russ at
403-255-8688 ext 4 or CantorRuss@bethtzedec.ca

Prayer Service Times

Morning Services: Monday-Friday 7:45am
Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays 9:00am

Evening services: Daily at 6:00pm

FOUND!

Are you missing two micrography lithographs? They were found at YYC airport and we have been asked to publicize them in order to locate their owners. If you can identify the content of the lithographs, please let us know in the synagogue office and we will return them to you.

Yad Club - Torah Reading Initiative

Beth Tzedec Congregation is pleased to initiate the *Yad Club* intended to encourage congregants to become active Torah readers for our congregation. Learning to read Torah requires dedication and discipline to master the melodies and techniques for reading directly from the sacred scroll. For those who are successful in this endeavor and complete 14 (The Hebrew numerical equivalent of *Yad*) Torah readings here at Beth Tzedec, the congregation will be pleased to provide special recognition by awarding a special *Yad*. For more information contact

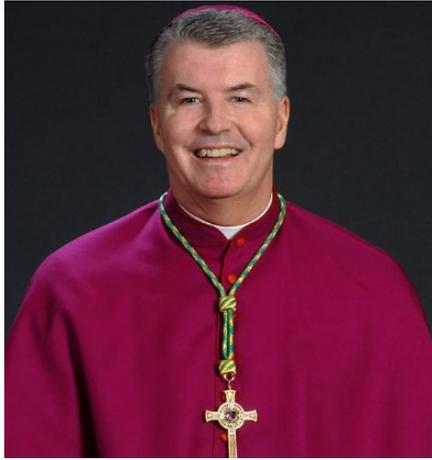
Cantor Russ at [cantorruss@bethzedec.ca](mailto:cantor russ@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688 ext. 4.

 * *Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Gift Shop* *
 * *Come in and see our new merchandise!* *
 *
 * Gift shop will be open *
 * **Sunday 1:00pm - 4:00pm and** *
 * **Tuesday and Thursday 12noon - 2:00pm.** *
 * We invite you to **contact Syd Sniderman at** *
 * **403-252-6368 or Lorie Abernethy at** *
 * **403-261-8883** to visit at your convenience. We *
 * are very happy to arrange a time that suits you! *




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SALE OF HAMETZ



to Bishop William McGrattan
(Calgary's Newly Installed Catholic Bishop)

**PLEASE RETURN TO BETH TZEDEC NO LATER THAN
10:00am on April 10, 2017**

I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Shaul Osadchey to act as my agent to sell any *hametz* in my possession, wherever it may be (home and work), in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law to Bishop William McGrattan.

Signature: _____

Home address: _____

Work address(es): _____

I enclose \$ _____ as a voluntary act of tzedakah for
The Calgary Food Bank and Miriam's Well at JFSC
(Cheques should be made payable to Beth Tzedec with the word
"Bishop" in the memo line)

