



BETH TZEDEC  
SHOFAR



June 2017  
**Sivan/Tammuz 5777**

2017  
**AGM**  
Annual      General      Meeting

**Thursday June 22, 2017  
7:30pm**

Please join us as we celebrate Beth Tzedec highlights, share financial reports and cheer on our newly elected Board of Directors and Executive.

# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## Thursday June 1st

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am Shavuot Services - Yizkor

## Friday June 2nd

Candle Lighting: 9:25pm

Torah Portion: NASO

## Shabbat June 3rd

9:00am Shabbat Service

10:45am Tot Shabbat

6:00pm Bar Mitzvah

Aidan Belway

## Sunday June 4th

10:00am Shul School

4:00pm Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

## Tuesday June 6th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Sisterhood Book Club

## Thursday June 8th

7:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting

## Friday June 9th

Candle Lighting: 9:32pm

Torah Portion: BEHA'ALOTEKHA

## Shabbat June 10th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah

Alyria Grotsky

10:00am Minyan Katan

## Sunday June 11th

10:00am Shul School

11:30am Sisterhood Mitzvah Donor

Luncheon

6:00pm Torah for Teens

## Tuesday June 13th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

## Thursday June 15th

7:00pm Level Up

## Friday June 16th

Candle Lighting: 9:36pm

Torah Portion:

SHELAH LEKHA

## Shabbat June 17th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah

Anna Sanders

10:45am Tot Shabbat

## Monday June 19th

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

## Thursday June 22nd

12:00pm HAZAK 55+

7:30pm Beth Tzedec AGM

## Friday June 23rd

Candle Lighting: 9:37pm

Torah Portion: KORAH

## Shabbat June 24th

9:00am Shabbat Service

## Friday June 30th

Candle Lighting: 9:37pm

Torah Portion: HUKKAT

6:00pm Persian Shabbat



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# Beth Tzedec Congregation

## *Executive Officers (Through June 22, 2017)*

Maxine Fischbein	President
Elliott Steinberg	Vice President
David Inhaber	Vice President and Treasurer
Joshua Switzer	Secretary
Lorne Pearl	Past President
Lorie Abernethy	Sisterhood President

## *Board of Directors (Through June 22, 2017)*

Cheryl Baron Shiell	Howard Cohen
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## *Synagogue Professionals and Staff*

Shaul Osadchey	Rabbi
Russell Jayne	Cantor
Joshua Corber	Rabbi, Director of Congregational Learning
Ina Sandler	Youth Program Coordinator
Max Lipsman	Executive Director
Yolanda Cea	Accounting
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Laura Moser	Reception/Administration
Bert Glow	Shamash
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## Rabbinic Reflections

### Taking and Giving Compliments

Isaac Bashevis Singer, Yiddish writer and Nobel Prize winner, upon accepting the Handel Medallion, New York City's highest cultural award responded with the following comment:

*My grandfather, who was a rabbi, once in a sermon asked a question that embarrassed almost the whole audience. He said, "Why is the Almighty so eager to get so much praise? Three times a day you have to pray to Him and say how great He is, how wonderful. Why should the creator of all the stars, all the planets, be so eager for a little praise?"*

*And my grandfather said, "Wait, I have an answer to this question." And they said, "What is the answer?" And he said, "The Almighty knows from experience, from divine experience, that when people stop praising Him they begin to praise one another." This is what, my grandfather said, the Almighty does not like.*

*But, anyhow, small people that we are, we enjoy sometimes some praise, especially if it comes from good mouths of good people. As I said, I'm happy and honored to be here and to get this prize.*

While our praise of God will neither cease or be diminished in the summer months, a little praise is also appropriate. After all, we have enjoyed a joyous and successful year thanks to the dedication and commitment of many people. It has taken vision and considerable effort to create a synagogue that evolves with new programs and improvements that allows us to mature in our ability to engage in the central functions of worship, learning, and performing mitzvot.

Taking a cue from I.B. Singer, let me offer a broad expression of praise to the outgoing and incoming leaders of the synagogue and to all who gave of their time, energy, and resources to establish Beth Tzedec as a vital centre of Jewish life in Calgary. In light of this year's

accomplishments, I am confident that we will continue on a path toward our vision of “inspiring innovative learning, spiritual growth, compassion and the joyous expression of Conservative Jewish living in the home, synagogue and community.”

Please use a portion of your time during the next two months to express your gratitude to family and friends for all that wonderful things that they do - they will like to hear “a little praise” and you will benefit from affirming them as the pillars in your life.

Don’t be strangers during the summer! Enjoy Shabbat - it’s a weekly vacation!

**Rabbi Shaul Osadchey**

*Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair*

## “Bikkur Cholim: You are a Life-Line!”

When our congregants are ill at home or in the hospital, a caring visit or phone call can lift their spirits and help them heal physically and emotionally. Please call or email Rabbi Osadchey (403-255-8688, [rabbi@bethzedec.ca](mailto:rabbi@bethzedec.ca)) or the TODAH Committee led by Bobbie Osadchey ([bobbieo@shaw.ca](mailto:bobbieo@shaw.ca)) with the names of our members who are hospitalized or are ill at home. We will arrange a visit, a caring note, or even some chicken soup! And please know that we would rather receive 20 calls about the same person than none at all.



## Cantor's Notes



In every country and among every people, music attests to national character and national ideals. The rhythms, harmonies, melodies, and poetry of music relate to and help to define personal characteristics, social customs and rituals, national religion, as well as national and personal identity. Most of today's societies have had hundreds or thousands of years to develop a national music. The State of Israel has had only since 1948 to assert itself as a political, social, and cultural entity in a fast-moving world. In many ways, the history of Israeli music reflects the broad struggles of that young country.

The early history of music in Israel was determined by two major forces: the Zionist movement, whose participants encouraged the creation and dissemination of Israeli "folk" music; and the political struggle against Fascism, which led many European-born musicians to flee to the Holy Land.

Jewish immigrants to Palestine brought with them music of their various host countries. The leaders of the Zionist movement sought to inspire and unite these new *olim* (immigrants) with a common cultural identity. To that end, Zionist musicians composed hundreds of short and simple folk songs for dissemination among the immigrant communities and among Jews abroad. The songs' lyrics spoke of the experience of living in the Holy Land, from stories about the agricultural cycle to lullabies to stories of love. Their musical qualities combined the sounds of European music with hallmarks of the "exotic" such as minor modes, the Yemenite trill, and Arabic instruments. Many of these songs are still sung today throughout the Jewish community; among the most well-known is the love song "*Erev Shel Shoshanim*" ("Evening of Lillies").

The folk tradition dovetailed into a new form of national popular music, represented above all by Naomi Shemer. From the 1960s to the 1980s, Shemer sang of the uniqueness of the land of Israel. Her song "*Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*" ("Jerusalem of Gold"), composed just before the Six Day War of 1967, spoke of Jews' longing for Jerusalem. After Jerusalem's unification, Shemer famously modified the lyrics to reflect Israel's accomplishments in the war.

Israel also has cultivated a rich tradition of classical European music. The Palestine Orchestra was founded in 1936 by Bronislaw Huberman, who anticipated the coming war against the Jewish people in Europe and took scores of other Jewish musicians from Europe with him to Palestine. The formation of the orchestra was a distinctly political move: Huberman stated that his goal was to produce a "materialization of the Zionist culture in the fatherland." After the creation of the State of Israel, the orchestra changed its name to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Classically trained Jewish artists from Israel and abroad, Koussevitsky, Bernstein, Heifetz, Rubinstein, Arrau, and many others, were naturally drawn to participate in the orchestra's activities from its inception. It is no coincidence that the Philharmonic's first recording project was of symphonies of Mahler, a Jewish composer. Together with music departments in Israel's various universities and institutions such as the Jerusalem Music Center, the Israel Philharmonic continues to cultivate the country's interest in European classical music.

In addition, the Rimon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music, located in a suburb of Tel Aviv, serves as a hothouse for growing a new generation of musicians, creating a unique and contemporary Israeli sound. The school counts among its graduates the popular Achinoam Nini, an Israeli woman of Yemenite descent who spent her childhood in North America.

Today, the population of Israel is divided over its national identity. Some Israelis think that Israel should attempt to be a country like every other, with no distinct religious or cultural identity, while other Israelis think that there is something unique about Israel as the Jewish homeland and that it should not necessarily strive to be like other Western countries. Israeli popular music reflects this struggle. In 1998, the Israeli singer Dana International won the Eurovision Song Contest seeing herself as a representative of Israel to the rest of the world; her music is very much like contemporary European popular music. Singers like Arik Einstein have further developed the musical style of Naomi Shemer, uniting a distinctive Israeli message with a more modern folk-influenced popular idiom.

In addition, within the country, musical styles of *Mizrachi* (Middle Eastern) Jews have long competed with Western sounds. In recent years there has been a crossover in which *Mizrachi*, and even Ethiopian music, has become part of the popular Israeli music scene. Politics, also, is intertwined with the Israeli popular music scene, with lyrics expressing all sides of the debate regarding the conflict with the Palestinians and the stresses of everyday life in a war-torn land.

Music in Israel is an integral part of its national identity, and this view of music as nation-building continues even to this day among Israeli musicians. "We are in the midst of creating a culture", says Nahum Heyman, one of Israel's leading music composers and music historians. He couldn't be more spot-on in his assessment.

So this year, I encourage you to turn your ears towards the rich, diverse, and all-encompassing music of Israel. Be a part of the musical life of our homeland, and experience how, from the ancient prayer chants of the Levites created some 3000 years ago, right up to this very day, Israel is recreating the music of our people with each new morning. In doing so, we imitate the God of our people who, in the words of our *Siddur* (prayerbook), "delights in the chorus of song", thereby, "giving life to all worlds."

*Am Yisrael Chai od Avinu Chai!!!*

**Cantor Russell Jayne**

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair



## Joshua's Jam

As Director of Congregational Learning I get to interact with children often. This is one of the greatest joys of my job as I find I'm energized by being around kids, perhaps because I'm a kid at heart. Throughout April and May we've been busy with *Dorshei Tzedeci*, our Teen Philanthropy program. This year's cohort is a very energetic, dynamic group of teens who are thoughtful, intelligent and motivated. I remember some of them when they were in B'nai Mitzvah classes and it's particularly fascinating and rewarding to see how much they've grown up.

Earlier this month we had a highly successful Tot Shabbat. There was an incredible buzz in the room; parents and tots stayed afterwards to run around, play, and socialize. There was a moment where I looked around the room and realized that we really are building the future of Beth Tzedec right here and right now.

We recently had an Israel night where we celebrated the country by eating an Israeli-themed dinner and making some Israel-oriented crafts. The children had a great time and came back eagerly the next day to get their crafts which had to dry overnight. It gives me great joy to know that we're facilitating friendships between kids; the bonds they form at events like these can last a lifetime.

My favorite days of the week are Sundays and Tuesdays; Sunday we have Shul School and Tuesday we have B'nai Mitzvah classes. When I first started out in this position, I was nervous on Sundays and Tuesdays as I was still new to the job and didn't have a firm sense of what I was doing. Now the feeling is totally the opposite; I look forward to it. I am privileged to be able to teach some of the classes myself. When I teach is really when I'm able to give what I have to this community; I feel a great passion for Torah and for community. When children see that passion, they stop and pay attention. They listen. If there is a moment where that passion ignites a flame of Torah within them that is the moment. I had many of these moments in the last month and I look forward to many more.

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.
- Cantor Russ sang the El Male Rachamim for the CJA Yom Hazikaron commemoration on May 1st.
- Cantor Russ led Shabbat services at the Okanagan Jewish Center in Kelowna over the weekend of May 5th-6th.
- Rabbi Osadchey participated as a co-facilitator for the Calgary Interfaith Council's Interfaith Bible Study on May 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.
- Rabbi Osadchey attended the Calgary Council for Christians and Jews AGM on May 11th.
- Cantor Russ sang the national anthems of Canada and Israel at the JNF Negev Dinner on May 11th.
- Cantor Russ led Shabbat services at the Beverly on May 12th.
- Rabbi Corber gave a lecture on Judaism at the University of Calgary's downtown campus for a Continuing Studies unit on Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace on May 15th.
- Rabbi Osadchey hosted a high school class on May 18th from Cremona who were studying religious life during the Middle Ages.
- Cantor Russ taught the 3rd grade Judaica class at the CJA on May 16th and May 18th. He engaged the students with a lesson about the history of Jerusalem and Yom Yerushalayim.
- Rabbi Osadchey participated in the Interfaith Council of Calgary's Foundational Gathering on May 23rd which he co-chairs.
- Rabbi Osadchey served as panelist at the 9th World Religion's Conference in Cochrane on the topic, "Global Conflicts: Justice and Forgiveness" on May 24th.
- Cantor Russ sang the national anthems of Canada and Israel at the JCC Sports Dinner on May 25th.
- Rabbi Osadchey delivered an invocation and the "HaMotzi" blessing at the JCC Sports Dinner on May 25th.



### Prayer Service Times

**Morning Services:** Monday-Friday 7:45am

Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays 9:00am

**Evening Services:** Daily at 6:00pm



## President's Pen

*A Message from Maxine Fischbein*

*Gam ze ya'avor.* This too shall pass. A wonderful folktale involving King Solomon has been handed down throughout Jewish history reminding us that the greatest treasures aren't glittering gems but, rather, the realization that all things pass, both bad and good. When suffering the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," we are reminded that disappointment and pain will pass. In times of jubilation and excitement we stay grounded by acknowledging that the good things we are fortunate enough to enjoy are similarly fleeting. There is no symbol of this more tangible than the breaking of the glass that ends a Jewish marriage ceremony. However high we kick up our heels in celebration, we are reminded that the joy can't be complete; that our world remains in need of fixing; that our work is never quite complete.

As I write these words, I find myself experiencing a bittersweet moment. After two two-year terms as Beth Tzedec president, I am writing my final *Shofar* article. And so, this too is about to pass.

Someone asked me the other day whether it was a long four years. Perhaps I should leave it to the congregation to respond to that question, but my answer was that it was a whole lot like parenthood . . . Some of the days were long, but the years flew by!

Leading a major community organization is a lot like having a baby. You don't sleep quite as deeply at night. You worry. You listen constantly for any changes in status. And you deal with a lot of . . . okay, I'll say it . . . poop (*Gam ze ya'avor!*). Amidst all of that, the "baby" is the source of more *naches* than you ever thought possible.

My pride in our *Kehilla* is due, in largest part, to the efforts of an incredible team to whom I owe more thanks than I could conjure in this lifetime! The health and vibrancy of our Shul rests first and foremost with our frontline staff: our senior clergy, Rabbi Osadchey and Cantor Jayne; Executive Director, Max Lipsman; Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Joshua Corber; our administration/operations staff; and our lay leadership team.

The good things that have happened over the past four years (which I will have more to say about at the Shul AGM on June 22<sup>nd</sup>) are a tribute to the dedication of the talented and hardworking people I have been blessed to work with daily. In the face of their achievements I often feel like the cartoon martian who famously said, "I must hurry and catch up with those people, for I am their leader!"

It is similarly humbling to consider all the gifts that so many of our congregants bring to Synagogue life . . . the material generosity and the generosity of spirit; the willingness to step up and to pitch in as volunteers; the graciousness in forgiving inevitable mistakes; the enthusiasm in sharing ideas and suggestions; the willingness to stand up and be counted as our most valuable asset – active and engaged members of an extended Shul family.

In Pirkei Avot (2:21) we are told "It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it." In these words, attributed to Rabbi Tarfon, I find some comfort in the soft landing for a certain Shul president who didn't quite complete her to-do list – and a call to action, not only for incoming president David Inhaber and his team, but for every member of the Beth Tzedec family to bring their best gifts to our Shul as our ancestors did to the Holy Temple.

The future of our congregation depends upon it!

*Maxine Fischbein,*

**President**



Yasher koach to Rabbi Osadchey who, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, will mark his **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Rabbinate**.

Todah rabah for your leadership at Beth Tzedec, Rabbi! We wish you many more years filled with good health, happiness and *ma'asim tovim*!



Hi Everyone,

Now that nominations have closed and the AGM is fast approaching on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, I thought I would take the opportunity to formally introduce myself as the next president of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Since 1990, I have participated on governance and operational boards including the public sector (Professional Institute) and the not-for-profit sector (CGA Association and Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada). Having worked on boards almost half my life, I am excited to use all the skills I've developed to help shape the future of Beth Tzedec.

Many of you will know me as Treasurer of Beth Tzedec for the past two years. In year one, we were able to balance the budget without asking you to increase your financial commitment. This year most Shul statements include a 3% increase which can be looked at as annualized at 1.5%. This was necessary in order to continue to ensure a balanced budget.

The Board took the decision to incorporate your previous Kol Nidre appeal into your annual commitment in order to bridge the gap that has always existed between membership commitments and the actual cost of maintaining our programs and services. Part of that decision was based on the growing desire of congregants not to be approached a second time for financial support -- especially on the holiest night of the year.

A couple of weeks ago, I was asked why I have run for the Board and more particularly for the Presidency.

I learned from a very young age, growing up in Montreal, that in order to make a difference in this world, you need to volunteer and step up. We spend our working and living lives ensuring the succession of the companies we work for. Every bit as importantly on the Synagogue front, we want to build and nurture our Shul so that it is there for our children and grandchildren.

I look at my two boys and ask the question "What will Beth Tzedec mean for them when they are my age? What role will the synagogue play in their lives 20 years down the road?" And finally ... "what is it that I can do to pave the way so that Beth Tzedec becomes a better place for those attending today and those attending in the future."

I have been a Member of Beth Tzedec since its inception and the Shaarey Tzedec prior to that. I recall the synagogue my Bubbie and Zeida attended and I am devoting myself to the synagogue that my children will inherit.

I look forward to sharing my vision with you and to hearing your thoughts and dreams where Beth Tzedec is concerned. The dialogue begins today.

### *David Inhaber*

*Treasurer and In-coming President*

## **Life Cycle Events In Memoriam**

Hylda Hector, mother of Barbara Belzberg, Deborah Hector, Jonathan Hector and sister of Arthur (Mary) Fishman. Hylda passed away in La Jolla, Ca. on May 4, 2017. The funeral was held on May 7, 2017.

Abraham Zidel, father of Linda (Stephen) Cohen. Abraham passed away in Montreal, Quebec on May 10, 2017. The funeral was held on May 15, 2017.

Sheryl Ackman, wife of Howard Ackman, mother of Matthew Ackman and Michael Ackman, daughter of Phil and Harriet Libin and sister of Stuart Libin.

Sheryl passed away on Friday, May 19, 2017.

The funeral was held on Monday, May 22, 2017.

Duvid Pertman, father of Asher (Sharon) Pertman and Wayne (Cynthia) Pertman. Duvid passed away on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.  
The funeral was held on Friday, May 26, 2017.

## **B'nai Mitzvah**

Mazel Tov to parents Ryan and Minelle Sidorsky, sister Lainey and grandparents Brian and Gail Sidorsky and Marvin and Norma Schnapp on the occasion of Brock and Piper's B'nai Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to parents Dina and Jeff Helper, sister Savannah and grandparents Bonnie and Michael Helper and Mary and Ken Taub on the occasion of Jaxson's Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to parents Tamar Zenith and Blair Laven and grandparents Helen and Leonard Zenith on the occasion of Zen's Bar Mitzvah.

*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.*

# Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

## Sensei Ken Madden

Hello!

It is coming to summer and, as you know if you have been following our Buddhist Teachings, all things are impermanent.



This is the last of my series of writings to introduce you to the Buddhist worldview through the Lil Faider Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence program. I know that it is not the last of my abiding warmth and friendship with Beth Tzedec.

Firstly, let me say that it has been an honour for me to engage with you. You, and in particular your Rabbi Shaul and President Maxine, Cantor Jayne,

have made me feel very welcome. In a world where there are so many divisions, to feel this connection is truly appreciated. Someone wrote a nasty word on our Temple in the dust last week. Easily cleaned by the rain before I think it was seen, but not everyone even in 2017 is tolerant. I don't need to tell you I know and I am sorry to know that.

This is, of course, the second and third Buddhist 'Marks of Existence': we are interconnected, and none of us is separate from this interconnection. It doesn't naturally follow that these interconnections, these interactions, are always pleasant, though, and I am deeply grateful for my time at Beth Tzedec.

Our talking to one another pointed out that while the Source of our Compassion and our Wisdoms are thought to be different, they are nonetheless the same in action: we are all trying to do our best to live a life that has meaning and caring and by our lives, love is increased and spread into the world.

Buddhism has no Adonai. The historical Buddha was a Man. But how did he receive his Insight into the nature of human life? He did not answer this, only saying that he was 'Awake'. This is a real model for me and for most Buddhists: we would say that that which cannot be proven can be set aside for now, that \*THIS\* life is enough for us to have to deal with.

So our basic, foundational question might be: **What do I truly have then?**

And an answer might be: **I have my experience of this present moment only.** And that experience is changed by my senses, which may be different from person to person, that experience is changed by my thoughts and emotions, which also change from moment to moment and can filter the moment. So how do I deal with a life that is interconnected to everything and changes from each moment to each moment? That is the Buddhist worldview.

There is much debate among people whether Buddhism is even a religion. I tend to teach that it is a worldview: there is no Deity in Buddhism.



But Buddhism has spread from its inception 2500 years ago through many countries and cultures, there are many different practices and beliefs and views within Buddhist teachings. Some Buddhists have an understanding of a spiritual hierarchy of beings, especially Chinese Buddhists. They know Guan-yin as the Bodhisattva of Compassion.

What about life after death? It is understood that the Buddha himself did not teach about this. But Buddhism has always tested and incorporated testable truths within its teachings. Tibetan Buddhists have a deep understanding of Reincarnation for example. This is not an understanding held by all Buddhists though.

Most people have heard that the aim of the Buddhist teachings are for people to reach Enlightenment, or Nirvana. This may be so. However the understanding of what this actually means is very much up for debate as very few people have ever realized this.

So, there are a lot of different opinions about what are the true teachings.

But it can also be said that the teachings, while supporting us, are not as important as the actual practice of wisdom and compassion: to try to see things clearly and to act in a caring way. This is the basis of the Buddhist Life.

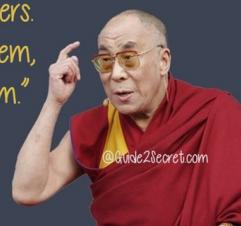
This is also what I experienced in your own community. There is so much in common. It is my hope that I completed the bridge that you started by inviting me into the Lil Faider Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Program.

Again, thank you very much for your attention and caring while I have visited you. Your time and attention is the most precious of gifts.

L'Shalom,  
In Gassho, with two hands together  
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"Our prime purpose  
in this life is to help others.  
And if you can't help them,  
at least don't hurt them."

- Dalai Lama



*Sensei Ken Madden*

Calgary Buddhist Temple, Jodo Shinshu



## Sisterhood Sentiments

This past week's dual parsha, Behar-Bechukotai provided for me, some insight into the journey that our Sisterhood is embarking upon. We read about the Jewish people moving from one stage to the next, from Passover and the exodus from Egypt to Shavuot and the receiving of the Torah. Sisterhood now embarks on its own journey.

Since 1991, Sisterhood of Calgary Beth Tzedec has operated as a non-profit, charitable organization – a completely separate legal entity from Beth Tzedec Congregation.

This allowed Sisterhood to raise funds and issue charitable tax receipts for donations made to the organization. As with any non-profit organization, Sisterhood is required to maintain a set of financial records and elect a board of directors to oversee the operations of the charity. This model served Sisterhood well for over twenty years. However, as we all know in today's busy world, there are fewer and fewer people stepping up to take on leadership roles in many organizations. Sisterhood was one of them.

The bylaws of Sisterhood provide for directors to hold office for no more than two consecutive two-year terms. My term as President has reached its limit and succession in this and other roles has been an issue. In addition, in order to secure our charitable status we would need to re-write our bylaws. This would require a great deal of time, and possibly financial expense that the board felt was not in our best interest. After many months of discussion, the board of Sisterhood called a meeting of the membership to determine the future of the organization.

On May 2, 2017 a meeting of the membership was held at Beth Tzedec to discuss the options available and determine a course of action. In addition to the members, David Inhaber, Treasurer of Beth Tzedec, attended the meeting, as well as Matthew Pollick, legal counsel for Sisterhood. After much discussion and excellent questions, the membership approved the dissolution of the organization and the distribution of its assets.

The assets from Sisterhood will be distributed, after payment of all debts and liabilities of the Society, as follows:

1. Three-quarters of all cash to Calgary Beth Tzedec Congregation Society ("Beth Tzedec") for the purpose of establishing a restricted fund to be used only for programs similar to those previously run

- by the Society, with a maximum withdrawal of ten percent (10%) of the initial amount of the fund per annum;
2. The remaining one-quarter of all cash to be distributed equally amongst the following organizations for the following purposes:
    - a) Calgary Chapter of Hadassah WIZO (“WIZO”) for its Toy Drive program;
    - b) Calgary Chapter of Na’amat (“Na’amat”) for its “School Supplies for Kids” program; and
    - c) Calgary’s Jewish Federation towards the Yahad Fund; and
  3. All of the assets and undertaking of the Sisterhood Gift Shop (the “Gift Shop”), including all of the inventory of the Gift Shop, to be distributed to Beth Tzedec (collectively, the “Distribution”).

We are currently in the process of the final audit of our financial records. Final legal agreements have been drafted for the distribution of the assets. The final inventory of the Gift Shop will happen at the end of May. After that time the Gift Shop will remain closed until the filing of the legal documents with Canada Revenue Agency in June. The synagogue will then take over operations of the Gift Shop.

While this is a difficult choice for us to take, it was a necessary one.

As we wind down as a separate society, it is our hope, pending discussion with Synagogue leaders, that previous Sisterhood leaders and members continue supporting Beth Tzedec as a committee of the Synagogue (similar to the Hazaak +55 group or the Film Festival Committee). The goal would be to preserve those programs that support Beth Tzedec’s priorities while exploring ideas for new programs that will enhance the lives of women in our congregation and speak to a new generation.

## Mark your Calendars

On that note, we hope that you will join us for our Celebration of Sisterhood on **Sunday, June 11th** where we will be honouring **Linda Gutman** as our Woman of Valour. This year’s tribute lunch will celebrate the roots of our Sisterhood that date back to 1951.

Join us as for lunch and laughter as we celebrate past presidents, volunteers and members. Tickets are \$36.00 – RSVP to the

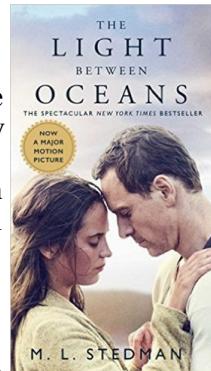


synagogue office. Payment will be accepted at the door by cheque or cash ONLY. Donations should be made to Beth Tzedec Congregation with the notation "Sisterhood".

## Sisterhood Book Club

Sisterhood's final **Book Club** gathering for the year is on **June 6, 2017 at 7:00pm**. The book – *The Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman.

This book is available at Chapters, Indigo, and Amazon, in soft cover and audio book format. Please contact Naomi Hashman for more details.



## In closing

Times of change bring with them uncertainty and transition. We can find strength from this change. As we pass our heritage, our legacy, on to future generations, I am confident the women in our congregation will still seek out new ideas to illuminate their mind and soul. For those that follow, they will draw insight from our experience. Their insight will breathe meaning into our old Sisterhood and discover the new opportunities that lie ahead. There are so many opportunities for all women of our congregation to enjoy in the camaraderie of Sisterhood - to enjoy conversation and learning. Our future holds many possibilities – I hope you will be part of our journey.

### Lorie Abernethy

Sisterhood President

*"With the milk of human kindness, there should be no such thing as skim."*

– Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson

## Synagogue Decorum on Shabbat and Festivals

The Ritual Committee seeks to create a sacred setting for worship and thanks you for respecting the following customs:

- Men are expected to wear a *kippah* within the sanctuary while women may choose to do so.
- Both men and women are expected to wear a head covering while on the *bimah*.
- Please refrain from chewing gum, eating, drinking or excessive talking in the sanctuary.
- Photography is prohibited in the Beth Tzedec building on Shabbat and Festivals, as is the use of cell phones and other electronic devices.



## News and Notes from the NML

### The Value of Platinum...

Most of the articles appearing in the NML section of the *Shofar*, *Lecha Dodi* and *Shalom Byte*, address our wonderful NML team members and attempt to encourage new members to join one of our teams.

This month, I would like to acknowledge those members who we refer to as our **Platinum Minyanaires**. These are the people who attend daily minyans on a regular basis, often several times each week. They have been attending for years, even before the NML was created and they continue to come quite regularly either in the morning or the evening. Many are also members of our NML teams, and some of them even lead some of our morning services. They don't come for the points or prizes. They just come because they are doing it from their heart.

The **Platinum Minyanaires** (and I would like to include in this group, our *Shamash*, Bert Glow, and the clergy, especially Cantor Russ who has been helping me so much with NML) and the NML players support each other in helping to achieve a minyan for those coming to say Kaddish. Unfortunately, the number of **Platinum Minyanaires** attending morning services daily is decreasing with age as some are unable to drive, or have other health issues that make it difficult for them to attend. So, we are looking for some "rookies" to help out! If you are able to attend some weekday services at 7:45am or Sunday services at 9:00am, you will be warmly welcomed!

So with that, I tip my NML hat to the **Platinum Minyanaires**. I wish I could name you all but I am afraid that I would forget someone. We appreciate your attendance and always have.

Warmly,

**Susan Inhaber**  
*NML Commissioner*

## **Experiencing *Siddur Lev Shalem***

Shavuot, the festival celebrating the revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai, has had numerous *piyyutim* (liturgical poems) written for it over the centuries. As with all things related to our *siddur* Lev Shalem, alongside these ancient poems are offerings from modern Jewish poets and thinkers. Below you will find two

### *Help Us To Open Our Lives To Your Truth*

Help us, Creator, to embrace the enduring.

Too often we waste this world;  
too often we squander time on the trivial.

Help us, Eternal, to honor humility.

Too often we follow the foolish and the wicked;  
too often we follow mockers and the arrogant.

Protect us, Sovereign, from ourselves as from others.

Too often we speak slander and violence;  
too often we falter in our faithfulness.

Protect us, God, from dullness and routine.

Too often we accept apathy and unconcern;  
too often we are blind to the miracles of life.

Inspire us, Creator, with a sense of the sacred.

Too often we limit our lives to the profane;  
too often we ignore the treasures of Torah.

Inspire us, Lord, with the blessings of Your truth.

Too often we succumb to cynicism;  
too often we wallow in worthlessness.

Spiritual blindness cannot lead to blessing.

Life stripped of compassion is sterile, forlorn.

Help us, Compassionate One, to help others.

Protect us, Creator, from callousness.

Inspire us, Merciful One, with kindness.

Awaken us, Lord, from indifference.

Help us to open our eyes to Your truth;  
help us to open our hearts to Your Torah.

Help us to open our lives to You.

Jules Harlow

contemporary *piyyutim* on the theme of divine revelation. I hope they challenge us to look at Sinai as not just something that happened once in the past, but as an ongoing event that should profoundly affect our lives today.

### *We All Stood Together*

*for Rachel Adler*

My brother and I were at Sinai.  
He kept a journal  
of what he saw,  
of what he heard,  
of what it all meant to him.

I wish I had such a record  
of what happened to me there.

It seems like every time I want to write  
I can't—  
I'm always holding a baby,  
one of my own,  
or one for a friend,  
always holding a baby  
so my hands are never free  
to write things down.

And then  
as time passes  
the particulars,  
the hard data,  
the who what when where why,  
slip away from me,  
and all I'm left with is  
the feeling.

But feelings are just sounds  
the vowel barking of a mute.

My brother is so sure of what he heard—  
after all he's got a record of it—  
consonant after consonant after consonant.

If we remembered it together  
we could recreate holy time  
sparks flying.

Merle Feld



## Alysia Grotzky

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June 10, 2017 · 16 Sivan 5777

Alysia is a compassionate young girl that embraces everything she does with an infectious smile on her face. She began her early school years at the Calgary Jewish Academy where the school provided the foundation for her Jewish identity and values. Alysia is currently a grade seven student at Rundle College where she has a passion for the arts, education, and athletics; Alysia proudly participated on all the school athletic teams.

Family and friends are very important to Alysia. She has two older brothers, Joseph and Michael who she truly adores. Her greatest times are spent with her parents, Sally and Joel and her brothers skiing, golfing, biking, or just hanging out on her backyard rink. Some of Alysia's most treasured memories have been spent at family functions and holidays with her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Alysia loves all sports. She has been a loyal Pittsburgh Penguins fan forever (not sure if she likes the Penguins or Sidney Crosby) as well as an avid Saskatchewan Roughrider fan. She energetically pursues pretty much every sport including tennis, running, skiing, wake surfing, and skateboarding. Alysia has played soccer since she was four years old, however her biggest passion is hockey. Alysia first laced up her skates when she was two years old and started playing hockey with Trails West in Timbits. She has been a proud "TW Wolf" for the last eight years. She still plays with some of the same teammates that she played with in Timbits. Alysia is highly competitive, but has a true compassion and empathy toward others.

Besides sports, Alysia is a very creative and talented young girl that loves woodworking, art, gardening and photography. She has designed and created many things, including mini skateboards, wooden cards, signs, a lemonade stand and even a sunflower field. Family, friends, teachers and coaches admire Alysia's ambition, confidence, inspiration to succeed, positive attitude and her smile.

As part of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Alysia has initiated one of her Tzedakah projects to support ALS. Alysia has been touched by two family friends that have been affected by this disease. Alysia will participate in the Betty's run for ALS once again this year on Sunday, June 11th and hopes that you are able to join or support her team the "Leash Doggers".

Alysia is excited to share this important milestone in her life with family, friends, and teachers. "Life is not a path of coincidence, happenstance, and luck, but rather an unexplainable, meticulously chartered course for one to touch the lives of others and make a difference in the world." - *Unknown*. Thank you to all of you for making a difference in shaping who Alysia is today.



## Anna Marilka Sanders

June 17, 2017 • 23 Sivan 5777

Anna Sanders, daughter of Kirsten Olson and Harry Sanders and sister to Jonas, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

Anna has been a student at the Calgary Jewish Academy since she was three years old and is currently in grade seven. She enjoys her studies and participates in almost every school sport and has been in the school play for the last four years. Anna has also been taking dance classes and piano lessons for several years and recently started taking banjo lessons.

Anna is full of life and laughter and brings joy to those around her. We are blessed by her kindness, intelligence and humour and are proud of the extra work and time that she has taken to prepare for her important day, given her already busy schedule. Her Baba, Miriam Sanders, and her grandparents, Noreen and Ralph Olson, share our joy and pride in Anna's many accomplishments.

Mazel Tov!

*Some of our members and staff are very sensitive to perfume. It is requested that you please refrain from using any scented products when attending Shul. Thank you.*

**Please support our twice daily weekday prayer services.**

**Morning Services:** Monday-Friday 7:45am

Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays: 9:00am

**Evening services:** Daily at 6:00pm



**If you would like to read Torah, Haftarah or lead services please contact Cantor Russ at [cantorruss@bethzedec.ca](mailto:cantorruss@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688 Ext 4.**

# Persian Shabbat

Beth Tzedec Congregation  
welcomes  
**HAZZAN**  
**FARID DARDASHTI**  
who will talk about his life in  
Iran and enliven our services with  
the sounds of Persian Jewry.



**JUNE 30, 2017 - 6:00PM**



Shabbat dinner to follow.

\$35/Member \$50/Guest

RSVP at 403-255-8688

For more information, please contact  
Cantor Russ at 403-255-8688 Ext. 4 or  
[cantorruss@bethzedec.ca](mailto:cantorruss@bethzedec.ca).

## Programming

### Tot Shabbat

#### Shabbat, June 3rd and 17th - 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@bethzedec.ca](mailto:rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

### Lil Faider Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Concluding Program

#### with Sensei Ken Madden

#### Sunday, June 4th - 4:00pm

Sensei Ken Madden will be joined by guests Tracey Pickup and Sensei James Martin as we conclude our year of study about Buddhism. The program will be an overview of what we learned this year along with a celebration of our newfound relationship with the Calgary Buddhist community.

Light refreshments will be served.

### Sisterhood Book Club

#### Tuesday, June 6th - 7:00pm

Sisterhood's final Book Club gathering for the year. The book – *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman.

### B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting

#### Thursday, June 8th - 7:00pm

This meeting provides parents with important information about our customs and practices relating to B'nai Mitzvah preparations and celebrations. It also provides them with an opportunity to book dates for their *simcha*. For more information, contact [rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca](mailto:rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca).

### Minyan Katan

#### Shabbat, June 10th - 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@bethzedec.ca](mailto:rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

**Sisterhood Mitzvah Donor Luncheon****Sunday, June 11th - 11:30am**

Please join us as we celebrate the long history of Sisterhood of Calgary Beth Tzedec. Join us for lunch as we celebrate past presidents, volunteers and members and join in a tribute to our latest Mitzvah Donor honouree – Linda Gutman. \$36.00 - RSVP at the shul office at 403-255-8688

**Torah for Teens****Sunday, June 11th - 6:00pm**

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](mailto:rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

**Level Up****Thursday, June 15th 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

A monthly course of Jewish study for adults of all ages designed to challenge us to take Judaism up a notch. 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 [rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca](mailto:rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca).

**HAZAK 55+ Presents:****Relationship Between the United States with Joe Spier****Thursday, June 22nd - 12:00pm - 2:00pm**

Please join Joe Spier as he explores the "Relations between the United States and Israel and their change, if any, under the Donald Trump presidency." His timely talk will cover the historical background, the relations as they stood at the end of the Obama presidency and the present relations under the Trump presidency. Four themes will be examined: 1. U.S. aid to Israel; 2. The U.S. position respecting the status of Jerusalem and location of the American embassy in Israel; 3. U.S. treatment of Israel at the United Nations. 4. U.S. policy vis-a-vis the "occupation", the "settlements" and the peace process. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm and costs \$5 per person. RSVP to the Synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by June 20th. For more information, please contact Donna Caplan at 403-271-3066.

**Beth Tzedec Congregation AGM****Thursday, June 22nd - 7:30pm**

Please join us as we celebrate Beth Tzedec highlights, share financial reports and cheer on our newly elected Board and Executive.

**Persian Shabbat****Friday, June 30th - 6:00pm**

Beth Tzedec Congregation welcomes Hazzan Farid Dardashti who will talk about his life in Iran and enliven our services with the sounds of Persian Jewry. Shabbat Dinner to follow. RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688. \$35.00 Member \$55.00 Guest. For more information, please contact Cantor Russ at 403-255-8688 Ext. 4 or [cantorruss@bethzedec.ca](mailto:cantorruss@bethzedec.ca).

## Community News

**Israeli Consular Services**

An Israeli consular official is coming to Calgary on June 4th and will see people who have consular issues requiring a personal appearance. To get on the list for an appointment, contact Judy Shapiro at [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org).

**PJ Library and JAC invite you to our 8th Annual Popsicles in the Park****Sunday, June 4th - 11:00am - 2:00pm | Calgary JCC**

Join us for our annual free community event! Free Kosher Popsicles, Butterfield Acres petting zoo, face painting, jumpy house, obstacle course, bubbles and lots of fun family activities. Bring your own picnic and enjoy a day in the sun with family and friends. No need to register but contact Kathie at [kwainer@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:kwainer@jewishcalgary.org) or Jordan at [jwaldman@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jwaldman@jewishcalgary.org) for more information.

**50th Anniversary of the Six Day War****Monday, June 5th - 7:00pm****Calgary JCC**

A panel discussion of the military victory and political implications of this important period in Israeli history. For more information, please contact Judy Shapiro at 403-444-3153 or [jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:jshapiro@jewishcalgary.org).

**Brain Surgery 101:****Ground-breaking Israeli Technology in Neurosurgery****Wednesday, June 7th - 7:00pm****Calgary JCC**

Meet Dr. Menashe Zaaroor, the Head of Neurosurgery at Rambam in Haifa, who will tell us about ground-breaking Israeli innovations to treat Movement Disorders such as Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease and how these innovations are being used here in Calgary. No charge event. For more information, please contact Irena Karshenbaum 403-537-8594 or [ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:ikarshenbaum@jewishcalgary.org).

**Calgary Jewish Federation and Calgary JCC AGM****Wednesday, June 21st - 6:45pm****Calgary JCC**

Save the date for the Annual General Meetings of both Calgary Jewish Federation and the Calgary JCC.

**Jerusalem of Gold & Tech – Capital of Innovation.****Monday, July 17th - 7:30pm****Beth Tzedec Congregation**

A TED Talk style event presented by the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, The Jerusalem Foundation, and Beth Tzedec Congregation. Topics: Jerusalem's Population – What Does the Future Hold? Raising a Start-Up Nation. The Making of a Serial Entrepreneur. Marketing Innovation: Changing Israel and the World. Pre-registration required for this FREE event. Reception following. For registration and more information, go to our website , email, or call 403-297-0605.

**The 3rd Annual Pitch for Israel****Sunday, August 27th****Glenmore Athletic Park**

Everyone is invited to play in this community wide softball tournament - a sociable, fun day of Jewish unity and continuity in support of the State of Israel. Proceeds from the Pitch for Israel will help build the John Baird Park in the city of Sderot. Participating teams will be co-ed and comprise of maximum 12-15 player's ages 16+. Limited spaces, so register early. For more information about the event and to register, go to [thepitchforisrael.com](http://thepitchforisrael.com) or call the JNF office at 403-255-0295.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Calgary B'nai Brith Lodge #816** is seeking an office administrator. Initial work hours will be 24 hours per week but may be increased. Duties will include administering daily office operations such as public reception (mainly via phone), bookkeeping/banking, scheduling and announcing meetings, payroll, correspondence, and supporting Lodge programs (e.g. annual dinner). As the Lodge's programming increases, the successful candidate will participate in program development, marketing and promotion.

Candidates should possess skills in: word processing, spreadsheet management, desktop publishing, engaging with the public, working independently.

Salary and starting date negotiable. Submit applications and resumes to Calgary B'nai Brith, 1600 – 90 Ave. SW, Calgary T2V 4V7 or [bbcalgary@telus.net](mailto:bbcalgary@telus.net)

**Jewish National Fund of Calgary** is seeking a full time office administrator extraordinaire! For more information about this position, please visit [JNF of Canada Careers Section](#). Submit applications and resumes to the attention of Sandra Fayerman, Executive Director Calgary Jewish National Fund 1600 - 90 Ave. SW, Calgary T2V 4V7 or [calgary@jnf.ca](mailto:calgary@jnf.ca).

## June and July Unveilings

The families of the late **Edythe Barsky, Morley Kerr, Ruth Secter** and **Dorothy Feldman** have requested the announcement of the unveilings of the headstones.

### **Edythe Barsky**

Sunday, June 4, 2017                  11:00am      Beth Tzedec Memorial Park

### **Morley Kerr**

Sunday, June 4, 2017                  2:00pm      Erlton Cemetery

### **Ruth Secter**

Wednesday, June 28, 2017    2:00pm      Erlton Cemetery

### **Dorothy Feldman**

Sunday, July 23, 2017                  11:00am      Erlton Cemetery

**TRIBUTES and DONATIONS****CONGREGATION FUND  
MAZEL TOV**

**Phyllis Levine**, on the birth of her great grandson, Amnon  
By Aaron Berman & Family

**Claire & Ben Berman**, on the occasion of their 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

By Nat & Harriette Alexander

**Darryl Epp**, on his conversion

By Bev & Jerry Devins

**Phil & Harriet Libin**, on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Jack & Jean Groner

**SYMPATHY**

**Michael & Giezelle Pash and Family**, on the loss of his mother, Betty Pash

By Rick & Bonney Pollick

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**Linda and Stephen Cohen**, on the loss of her father, Abraham Zidel

By Nat & Harriette Alexander

**Barbie Belzberg & Family**, on the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Hylda Hector

By Reva Faber

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**YOUTH PROGRAMMING  
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**Sam & Lauren Bell**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Quinn Nia Maren Hoffman

By Frances Steinberg

**Fran Viner**, on the occasion of her birthday

By Renee, Bruce, Jayda, Mariel & Genevieve Fogel

**CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND  
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**Ann & Morris Dancyger**, on the occasion of their granddaughter's engagement

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**SYMPATHY**

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By Wylma & Irwin Freedman

**Missy & Kim McDonald**, on the loss of their father and grandfather, Harris Dvorkin

By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch  
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Wylma & Irwin Freedman

**Helen Sankoff**

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**Toba Friedman**

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**Mark Swartz**

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**MAZEL TOV**

**Darryl Epp**, on his recent conversion to Judaism

By Barbara & Alan Davis  
Karen Belzberg

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**MAZEL TOV**

**Geneva Cohen**, on the occasion of her special birthday

By Harriet & Phil Libin  
**SYMPATHY**

**Michael & Giezelle Pash**, on the loss of his mother, Betty Pash

By Harriet & Phil Libin  
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and Family

**SYMPATHY**

**Michael & Giezelle Pash and Family**, on the loss of his mother, Betty Pash

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and Family

**Lynette Dvorkin**, on the loss of her husband, Harris Dvorkin

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**THANK YOU**

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**Shoshana Libin**, on her graduation

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**Howard, Michael, & Matthew Ackman**, on the loss of their wife and mother, Sheryl Ackman

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Hilda and Lenny Smith & Family

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Hilda and Lenny Smith & Family  
Shoshanna & Zeev Berger

**Ralph & Sheila Girvitz**, on the loss of their niece, Sheryl Ackman

By Akiba, Yerusha and Adi Charikar, Caroline, Adam and Adina Adler, Jennifer, Adam, Ben, Noah and Aria Girvitz  
Hilda and Lenny Smith & Family

**Stuart Libin & Family**, on the loss of their sister and aunt, Sheryl Ackman

By Akiba, Yerusha and Adi Charikar, Caroline, Adam and Adina Adler, Jennifer, Adam, Ben, Noah and Aria Girvitz

**NORMAN and BEULAH  
MARTIN CANTORIAL  
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MAZEL TOV**

Rabbi Osadchey, on his recent honour and award

By Beulah Martin  
**GET WELL**

Toto Levitt

By Beulah Martin

**YAHRZEIT FUND**

**Simon Zuidema, beloved uncle**

By Cheryl Zack

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**Harry Sheftel, beloved father**

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**Rachel Levitt, beloved mother**

By Mort & Toto Levitt

**Hellen Ittkin-Freedman, beloved mother**

By Wylma & Irwin Freedman

**Lil Zimmerman, beloved sister**

By Fran Viner

**Meyer Goldstep, beloved brother**

By Rose Edelson

**Jacob Kramer, beloved father**

By Margret Kramer

**Cynthia Martino, beloved sister**

By Elissa Meadow

**Bennie Bercov, beloved uncle**

By Joan Robins

**Joseph Lipkind, beloved grandfather**

By Joan Robins

**Dr. Maxwell Lipkind, beloved uncle**

By Joan & Naomi Robins

**Leo Dvorkin, beloved grandfather**

By Muriel Lainof

**Maurice Fleishman, beloved father**

By Jerol Fleishman

**Sam & Rae Friedman, beloved grandparents**

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**Benjamin Katchen, beloved grandfather**

By Joe Katchen

**Julius (Ziggy) Bleviss, beloved brother**

By Fran Viner

**Ida Zivot, beloved mother-in-law**

By Rose Zivot

**Mira Goldschmidt-Weinholtz, beloved mother**

By Florence Shustack

**Dr. David Zivot, beloved husband**

By Rose Zivot

**Sobel & Mandel Katz, beloved grandparents**

By Ben Herman

**Julius (Ziggy) Bleviss, beloved father**

By Joey Bleviss

**Lil Zimmerman, beloved aunt**

By Joey & Debbie Bleviss

**Esther Baram, beloved mother**

By Molly Albert

**Rachel Smithens, beloved mother**

By Renee, Elaine & Sheldon Smithens

**Sophie Goldstein, beloved mother**

By Ken Goldstein

**Chana Goldstein, beloved grandmother**  
By Ken Goldstein  
**Abe Caplan, beloved husband**  
By Ethel Caplan  
**Sophie Bergman, beloved grandmother**  
By Phil Ullman  
**Jacob Bergman, beloved grandfather**  
By Phil Ullman  
**Gertie Cohen, beloved aunt**  
By Nat & Harriette Alexander  
**Abe Bickman, beloved father**  
By David Bickman  
**Rose Jacobson, beloved mother**  
By Myra Meyers  
**Karl Gurevitch, beloved nephew**  
By Ralph & Sheila Gurevitch  
**Paul Alan Steinberg, beloved son**  
By Rosslyn & Norman Steinberg  
**Clara Sarah & Oscar Sklove, beloved grandparents**  
By Rosslyn Steinberg  
**Dora & Zelig Slutker, beloved grandparents**  
By Rosslyn Steinberg  
**Rosie Ribera, beloved sister**  
By Max Fishman  
**Esther Glinkiewicz, beloved mother-in-law**  
By Louise Glin  
**Jean Kwavnick, beloved mother**  
By Nat & Harriette Alexander  
**Tula Alexander, beloved father**  
By Nat & Harriette Alexander  
**Kenneth Girvitz, beloved husband**  
By Reesa Girvitz  
**Harold Barsky, beloved father**  
By Dr. Valerie Barsky  
**Zelda Davidson, beloved mother**  
By Joyce Forman

**SPECIAL YAHRZEIT FUND**

**Meyer & Etta Switzer, beloved grandparents**  
By Deborah Sword  
**Edward Cohen, beloved father and grandfather**  
By Doreen Abugov & Family

**Edward Mendelson, beloved father**  
By Roslyn Mendelson  
**Nancy Gardner, beloved sister**  
By Irwin & Hope Rajesky  
**Betty Gurevitch, beloved mother**  
By Darrell Gurevitch  
**Jack Feingold, beloved husband**  
By Sophie Feingold  
**Etta Switzer, beloved grandmother**  
By Deborah Sword  
**Jack Freedman, beloved father**  
By Irwin Freedman  
**Molly Zeidman, beloved grandmother**  
By Rose Zivot

**KIDDUSH YAHRZEIT FUND**

**Rose Glow, beloved grandmother**  
By Bert Glow  
**Dr. Stanley Blank, beloved uncle**  
Sheila & Michael Katz  
**Frank Silver, beloved father**  
By Randi Aaron & Alan Silver

### Cemetery Entry Code

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



### To Make a Donation

If you would like to make a donation celebrating or honouring a life cycle event, please call the office at 403-255-8688 ext. 0 or visit us in the shul office and we will be happy to help you.

## 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@bethzedec.ca](mailto:CantorRuss@bethzedec.ca)

### Prayer Service Times

**Morning Services:** Monday-Friday 7:45am

Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays 9:00am

**Evening services:** Daily at 6:00pm



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**Congregation** on  
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## ***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:cantorruss@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688 ext. 4.



## **Lost and Found**

Do you think you lost something  
at Beth Tzedec?  
Check the lost and found display  
in the coat room.





## **Renew your Commitment to BTZ**

Beth Tzedec continues to provide an amazing array of religious, educational and cultural programs led by our dedicated Rabbis, Cantor and Executive Director, staff and qualified volunteers.

Your financial support ensures programs and services all year round as well as reserved seats for the High Holidays. **In order to secure your High Holiday seats, please renew your commitment prior to August 1, 2017.**

For payment options and assistance please contact Executive Director Max Lipsman at 403-255-8688 ext 1. Requests for financial assistance are handled with discretion and evaluated on an individual basis based on financial need.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688 or [info@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca).

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## **Yizkor Memorial Booklet**

If you wish to have family members memorialized in the 2017-2018 Yizkor Memorial Booklet please send your card in by **Tuesday, August 1, 2017.**

**Look for High Holiday information in our summer mail outs, the Summer issue of the *Shofar*, on our [website](#) and [facebook page](#).**