



BETH TZEDEC
SHOFAR

October 2017
Tishrei - Heshvan 5778



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday October 1st

10:00am Shul School

Monday October 2nd

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday October 3rd

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv Class

Wednesday October 4th

6:00pm Sukkah Display Festival

Thursday October 5th

Office Closed

Sukkot

Friday October 6th

Office Closed

Sukkot

6:00pm Pizza in the Hut

Candle Lighting: 6:44pm

Shabbat October 7th

9:00am Shabbat Service

10:45am Tot Shabbat

Sunday October 8th

9:00am B'nai Mitzvah

- Aiden, Bram and Caiya Brener

Monday October 9th

Office Closed

10:00am Smoothies in the Sukkah

Tuesday October 10th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

6:30pm BTZ Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

7:00pm Keruv Class

Thursday October 12th

Office Closed

9:00am Shemini Atzeret Services

(includes Yizkor)

7:00pm Simchat Torah Celebration and

Siddur Ceremony

Friday October 13th

Candle Lighting: 6:29pm

TORAH: BERESHIT

Shabbat October 14th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Minyan Katan

Sunday October 15th

10:00am Shul School

4:00pm Torat Chaim

Monday October 16th

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday October 17th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv Class

Thursday October 19th

7:00pm Torah on Tap (*location to be determined*)

Friday October 20th

5:30pm Tot Shabbat Eve

Candle Lighting: 6:14pm

TORAH: NOAH

Shabbat October 21st

9:00am Bar Mitzvah

- Aaron Shimonov

Sunday October 22nd

10:00am Shul School

Monday October 23rd

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday October 24th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv Class

Wednesday October 25th

12:00pm Hazak 55+

Friday October 27th

Candle Lighting: 6:01pm

TORAH: LEKH LEKHA

Shabbat October 28th

9:00am Shabbat Service

11:00am Koleinu Minyan

Sunday October 29th

10:00am Shul School

10:00am Russian Jewry Discussion and

Brunch

4:00pm Torat Chaim

Monday October 30th

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday October 31st

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv Class



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Rabbinic Reflections

Season of our Simcha

October is a significant month on the Jewish calendar for it is a time when we are challenged to respond to the message of the High Holidays. This is the month filled with opportunities to affirm life and the blessings that have been granted us. The holiday of Sukkot is called “*Zeman Simchateynu* - the season of our joy” for it teaches us to appreciate beauty and gratitude even as we dwell in the sukkah, a fragile and temporary structure. Sukkot impresses upon us a fundamental worldview of Judaism, namely, that life is meant to be enjoyed and its blessings celebrated.

We have a rare opportunity this year to see the multi-faceted dimensions of the holiday through the lens of the five sukkot that have been built through our collaborative relationship with the U of C Environmental School of Design. These sukkot reveal aspects of the themes that Sukkot embodies and that reflect the basic Jewish values that define how we interact with one another and with the natural world.

Please join us for the opening of the Sukkah Display Festival on Erev Sukkot, October 4th at 6:00pm. We will be joined by the students and faculty members who were involved in the project and will premiere the documentary video prepared by the students that uncovers the process and insights gleaned from the sukkah project.

Additionally, October is the month to begin your participation in **Project 146** that was launched on Rosh Hashanah. If Sukkot is the holiday that focuses upon joy and gratitude, then **Project 146** represents the vehicle to express these virtues by extending them to others in need. If you need another brochure about the project, please go to the synagogue website. If you have any questions about how to get involved or how to perform a mitzvah in connection with the project, please feel free to contact me by phone or email (403-255-8688 ext. 2 or rabbi@bethzedec.ca).

There is much to be thankful for even in a world plagued by violence and environmental distress. Let us find joy together in the year ahead inspired by the legacy of Jewish history, the blessings that come from performing Torah mitzvot, and the goodness that lies in being part of a *kehillah kedosha* - a holy congregation.

May we find true simcha during this “season of our joy.”

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair

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



Cantor's Notes



By the time you read this message, we will be just days away from another beautiful Sukkot celebration here at Beth Tzedec. A major highlight of our celebrations this year will be the multiple magnificent sukkot, both traditional and modern, that will adorn the front of our synagogue building. For the Sukkot holiday, we eat, sleep, and generally commune with one another in these most fragile of structures. We experience in our sukkah both the beauty and the transience of community, and most intriguingly, we expand our community on a cosmic level by inviting *Ushpizin* (Guests) to join us in our celebration. There are competing versions of the guest-list, but they all include, in some fashion, our patriarchs, matriarchs, priests, prophets, prophetesses and/or biblical heroes and heroines in whose company we would like to have dinner.

What I love about this ritual is the reminder that even though historical time may be linear, from a celestial point of view, there is no timeline. Just as we are taught that there is no before or after in the Torah, so we know that even if the march of our days is steadily on, in the place where the Divine is, it's all a mishmash of souls: Dad keeps company with Abraham, Mom and Miriam sit and eat kugel together, and the kids play with young Samuel and David.

Ushpizin is about connecting to all our ancestors, real and imagined, and it is about an open table, in an open house, the Sukkah. So what I want to know is, "Who is on your guest-list this year?" In addition to the heroes of old, who would make the cut: would you invite family and friends who have moved away; parents, grandparents and great-grandparents no longer living; would you include great historical figures, Jewish or not? How many spirits would you cram in to help hold up our fragile hut?

By bringing in these honored guests, whoever they may be for us, we sustain our connections to both the fabled and the historical, what came

long before us, and what may yet be after us. They also help us focus more clearly on what and whom we love and admire, who we miss and who we wish for, and what is transient versus what will endure.

So, to paraphrase the prophet Isaiah: Hoy, all you who are hungry, all you who are thirsty, come to our sukkah and help our community and our joy increase.

Hag Sameiach v'G'mar Tov!

A Happy Sukkot and a Good Conclusion!

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

Beth Tzedec Yad Club

Congratulations to Maxine Fischbein, Rabbi Osadchey and Rabbi Corber who have earned their personalized Yads by completing 14 Torah readings during services here at Beth Tzedec!

Yeshar Koach to Yad Club members Lorie Abernethy, Jacob Gurevitch, Mark Hyman, Stuart Myron, and Markham Silver who are all solidly on their way to the club's goal of 14 Torah readings.

*I hope YOU consider joining the Yad Club this year.
We need your voice to beautify our services.*

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 honoured to provide special recognition by awarding a personalized *Yad*. For more information contact Cantor Russ at cantorruss@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext. 4.



Joshua's Jam

Shalom,

So far High Holidays have been a total blast! We had a buzz of positive activity all over the building, upstairs and down. It is my pleasure to have played a role in orchestrating beautiful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services for our youth and young families. We owe much of our success to our Youth Coordinator, Ina Sandler and her team of teen and adult volunteers. They did an excellent job in preparing for the holidays and keeping the kids engaged. We are also

grateful to Mira Feldman and Alex Kouperman who planned and ran the Youth Services.

I want to remind you that the High Holidays are not over yet; the gates of *teshuvah* and the gates of Divine mercy are still open until Friday October 13th at sundown (don't worry, both Friday and 13 are good luck in Judaism).

What this means is that now is the time to apply the inspiration of the *Yamim Noraim* to our lives. Parents with young children are especially encouraged to come to Smoothies in the Sukkah as this is such a physical, hands-on holiday and we know that kids learn from experience. Tot Shabbats are also a great opportunity for young children to engage. I'm happy to say that our first Friday night Tot Shabbat (a new program) was very successful with 80 people in attendance. I look forward to continuing this growing engagement with our younger members. Even if you're not in the B'nai Mitzvah program, I encourage you to bring older kids (7-10) to Minyan Katan, which gives children and parents a practical introduction to and in-depth explanation of Saturday morning services

In my sermon, I discussed being in the present moment, which bears resonance with meditation. If you are looking to enhance your spiritual practice, I encourage you to do in the context of Jewish Meditation, which is also a growing program; we now have a full minyan of regular participants. The Koleinu Minyan is also a great opportunity to discover Jewish Spirituality, this year in the text of the Gerrer Rebbe, Yehuda Aryeh Leib Alter whose insights are remarkable and thought-provoking.

Shul School this year has also grown and we have welcomed a new group of young children into the program. Our new teacher, Avi Sherman, is doing a great job of engaging each child at their own learning level. Our teen tutors, Moriah, Mikayla and Roei are also great with the kids and helping each one learn faster in Hebrew.

As you can see all pistons are firing in the educational wings of Beth Tzedec.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Joshua Corber



Tot Shabbat Siddurim

Thank You to Meredith and Gerry Pfeffer for generously sponsoring the printing of new Tot Shabbat Siddurim this year. These new siddurim were designed by Rabbi and Chloe Corber.

Book Donation

This summer we've been busy reorganizing the many books in our library and archives. Many of the books, especially the *sifrei kodesh* (holy books) which are now in very poor condition. Ordinarily, these books would be buried at the cemetery, but fortunately, Library and Archives Canada has a big interest in acquiring rare Judaic books. As it turns out, some of our books are in fact quite rare. Since they have no monetary value and are certainly no longer usable for study, Beth Tzedec is pleased to be gifting these books to Library Archives Canada where they will become part of the Lowy Collection.

For more info about LAC and the Lowy Collection visit:
<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/lowy-collection>

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 gave a presentation on September 6th to the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors about the Calgary Interfaith Council's trip to Jordan to receive the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week prize
- Rabbi Osadchey attended the Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good (MACG) AGM at Ambrose University on September 7th
- Rabbi Osadchey hosted the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Project Leadership Team meeting at the synagogue on September 13th
- Cantor Russ led a Shofar service at the Beverly Nursing Home on September 15th.
- Cantor Russ led a Shofar service for the students of the CJA on September 18th.
- Rabbi Osadchey hosted and led the Calgary Interfaith Council's Roundtable on Climate Change with speaker George Marshall on September 26th
- Rabbi Osadchey attended the MACG Leadership and Board meeting on September 28th.



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

Hi Everyone,

Much is happening at the Beth Tzedec with the High Holidays upon us: Tot Shabbat, Shul School, B'nai Mitzvah classes, Hazak 55+ and the Lil Faider Interfaith series, to name just a few! I'm particularly looking forward to the 17th Beth Tzedec Congregation Jewish Film Festival in November. Also, the National Minyan League continues to top up our minyans. As the New Year approaches it would be a good time for those who aren't already in the league to make that one-hour a month commitment.

All these Beth Tzedec programs and events do not just happen. They are the labour of love for our clergy, staff and volunteers.

Every effort is made to be as inclusive as possible and to provide meaningful and diverse programs for congregants. We are truly a community within a much larger community.

The USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) is in awe of what we have accomplished on the local front and they have taken much interest in our National Minyan League as a model in encouraging increased Minyan participation in other kehillot.

While the High Holidays are an important time to celebrate at Beth Tzedec, we are much more than a three day event. Unfortunately I am the first to admit that there was a time when I thought Synagogue attendance was a three day event. To think of what I missed out on by not being a part of the Beth Tzedec community!

Historically, your annual financial commitment was a membership based on seats even though that "ticket" provides each of us with the

opportunity to participate 365 days a year. When we consider our affiliation as a three day experience, we devalue 362 days of programs, offerings and services and deny ourselves the pleasure of participation and personal growth.

Affiliation at Beth Tzedec means that you are supporting all of our programs, operations and events throughout the entire year. It is bigger than the Rabbi, the Cantor, the president and the Board. It allows you to support, and be supported by, the Beth Tzedec Community, to express your views and to help build for the future. At the beginning of September, I attended the opening to the Lil Faider Interfaith Series. Then I enjoyed Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Yesterday I went to Minyan and I sat in the pews. Shabbat services I kibbitzed with congregants. Soon I'll be in the Sukkah. At High Holidays, I had the opportunity to say hello to people who have sat next to me for countless numbers of years. Share a coffee ... tell a story... celebrate ... complain about the weather ... talk about my children.

Beth Tzedec is a safe place for me, a sanctuary, a place for family and friends. It is there when I need it and even when I am unaware that I need it.

Hope everyone had a Shanna Tova and look forward to seeing you soon.

David Inhaber

President



If you would like to read Torah, Haftarah or lead services please contact Cantor Russ at cantoruss@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 Ext 4.



Getting our Groove Back by Dr. Tinu Ruparell

Autumn is a time of renewal, the anticipation of new beginnings.

Like many students and parents alike, for me the fall is when the new year really begins. The beginning of another school year with new school supplies, new books, new clothes, new courses, new friends...even a new iPhone to look forward to! Every year I await the influx of students back to the University. The air is filled with nervous, hopeful energy as the too-bright heat of summer fades into the cool colours of autumn. It is a feeling of simultaneous familiarity and trepidation which enervates the mind and clears the cobwebs off of the soul. For the returning students and professors alike it is also a resumption of familiar routines, a friendly smile from old acquaintances and colleagues, the comforting fit of putting on a well-worn, old jacket. It feels like getting back into a groove where one is both secure in the path ahead while anticipating the surprises in store.

This feeling of familiar anticipation is recapitulated in that other aspect of the autumn: festival season. The fall is redolent with the promise of some of the major Hindu religious festivals of the year. There are a large number and variety of Hindu festivals throughout the year, but the autumn marks the festivals that most Hindu families mark in some way. I remember looking forward to evenings spent with my friends and family in community celebrations of *Navratri* (lit. nine nights). Over nine nights between September and October, Hindus celebrate the female divine form through recounting in prayers, fasting, music, worship and dance the activities of the Goddess Durga. I will leave for another time the subtle ways in which Gods and Goddesses are understood in Hinduism. For now, suffice it to say that the goddess Durga is understood to symbolize strength, purity and power. She embodies the divine triumph over forces of evil, darkness and ignorance, and during Navratri Hindus celebrate the stories wherein she destroys the forces of evil which would visit misery to all. My memories of Navratri include nightly games of touch football outside the community halls and school gyms where my parents and elders celebrated Navratri with hymns of worship to the Goddess, garbha (a type of dance), culminating in a final prayer service (puja) which signaled the distribution of sweets that marked the end of the night. As I grew up, the interior festivities took on more importance than the touch football and I began to appreciate the music, dance and prayers (as well as the sweets, of course).

Navratri is followed a month later by Diwali. The festival of lights, Diwali lasts five days, ending with the Hindu New Year (the Hindu calendar is ending its 5117th year this October). Whereas Navratri celebrated the divine feminine power, Diwali is associated with the story of Rama, a male deity whose defeat of the forces of evil is recounted in the epic story *Ramayana*. In that story, Diwali marks the triumphant return from exile and war of Rama to his kingdom of Ayodhya, and the institution of a golden age of prosperity and piety. Diwali is celebrated across India with the lighting of lamps, decorating one's home, exchanging gifts, lots and lots of food, and fireworks. As it also marks the new year, prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the blessings of the past year as are supplications for prosperity and health for the coming year.

As mentioned above, there are a great many local and pan-Indian Hindu festivals throughout the year, and as I am not a specialist in rituals and history, I won't recount them all here. Indeed, as a philosopher I sometimes don't pay sufficient attention to history, and given the cyclical nature of time in Hinduism, history itself is understood differently than it is for the Abrahamic and East Asian traditions. What is interesting for me, especially in fall, is the repetition, the periodicity of these festivals. In fall I am reminded of how we celebrate again and again these rituals and festivals, how they both mark familiarity as well as anticipation of the new year to come. Like the yearly return of students to campus or the feel of an old favourite jacket, marking these rituals comforts us. They place us in a timeline and a groove whereby we are reconnected with our collective past in order that we can anticipate the future. Moreover, in celebrating these events, year in and year out, we are shaped by the groove that this repetition forms. We are literally placed in time and space, according to these repeated celebrations and observations. The religious life is assuredly inconstant: we often find ourselves tossed and turned by the events of the day and it is easy to lose our bearings and connections with our communities. When we have lost an awareness of ourselves due to this constant change, rituals and festivals ground us and place us. We regain our groove. We remember the same stories and perform the same rituals: the singing, prayers, dances, gift-giving and making and eating of special foods ... all of these are repetitions aimed not only at marking time, but also at re-newing and re-creating ourselves.

Dr. Tinu Ruparell

Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence



News and Notes from the NML

Call Me if You Need Me

Them: So how are the daily services going? Have you been able to get at least enough for a minyan

each time?

Us: Well, thanks to the NML we have been able to hold a service almost each time. There have been only a few times when we couldn't because we were one or two people short.

Them: Well, **call me if you need me**. I live close by and I could come if you need me.

Us: That's very kind of you but

There have been several times when well intentioned folks have uttered that exact phrase in response to hearing about the few times that we needed just one or two more to achieve a minyan.

The problem is that we don't really know if we will be short until just a minute or two before the service time. Even people who live close by, cannot get to the synagogue in time for the service to start on time. If only Superman was on our calling list.....

On the other hand, we would hate to call someone five or ten minutes before service time and then have a car roll up filled the required number of people making our call to you redundant.

Therefore, a small committee has decided that we would not make these "urgent" calls. It wouldn't be fair to the people who are waiting for the service to start nor to the people that we have called to help us out if a minyan suddenly materialized without them.

Instead we like to tell people to come by whenever they are in the area. Or, better still, join a National Minyan League team, and attend once each month, and know your participation will be appreciated.

Therefore, in response to the phrase

"Call me if you need me,"

we prefer to say,

"Come when you can, because we always need you."

Susan Inhaber, *NML Commissioner*



Lil Faider Interfaith
Scholar-in-Residence
Professor Tinu Ruparell

**Calendar of Events
Fall 2017***

October 17, 2017 - 4:00pm

Presentation to the B'nai Mitzvah Students - *What is Hinduism*

October 17, 2017 - 7:00pm (TBC)

Diwali Festival at Hindu Temple

October 22, 2017 - 10:00am

Hinduism 101: Paths through the Forest

November 8, 15, and 22, 2017 - 7:00pm

Three-part lecture: *A Hindu View of Life*

November 8 - *Formations and Foundations*

November 15 - *Nothing is Thrown Away*

November 22 - *Living Hinduism Today*

November 26, 2017- 10:00am (TBC)

Visit to Hindu Temple

December 10, 2017- 10:00am

Brunch and Lecture: *The Ironies of/in Hinduism*

** All event dates are tentative and subject to change*



Prayer Service Times

Morning Services: Monday-Friday 7:45am

Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays 9:00am

Evening Services: Daily at 6:00pm

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.



Bram Maxwell Brener

October 8, 2017 · 18 Tishrei 5778

Bram is the first born son of Adam and Polina Brener, older twin (by two minutes!) to Aiden, and big brother to Caiya. He is the grandson of Murray (z"l) and Noli Brener and Jacob and Anna Gelt.

Bram is the strong silent type, but once you get him talking about gaming, family, his dog Bandit, Anime, Marvel Comics, or Judaics, he's a fountain of knowledge and an enthusiastic conversationalist. He's introspective, witty, and charming, always finding clever and "cheeky" ways to make us laugh.

Bram has always had an eye for the abstract and an agile mind capable of pulling together random and disparate ideas to make a new beautiful whole. He has a gift for negotiation, persuasion, and maneuvering a situation toward his goals (much to the chagrin of his adoring parents).

Bram is passionate about his friendships and has built a close community at the Calgary Jewish Academy with his grade eight classmates, many of whom he has known since Nursery. He has a heart of gold and a protective streak a mile long! He is a champion of the "underdog," always standing up to bullies in defense of others.

Bram loves animals, especially dogs and cats. It's not unusual to discover that Bram has wandered off from a family outing, only to find him sitting and comforting a stray. We are blessed by his sensitive, thoughtful, and loving nature.



Aiden Zalman Brener

October 8, 2017 · 18 Tishrei 5778

Aiden is Bram's fraternal twin but is definitely his own person. Tipping the birth scales at 4lbs 3oz, what Aiden lacked in size he made up for in determination. Although he was always a quiet child, Aiden has boldly come into his own and is now a strapping social butterfly happily

eating us out of house and home! Aiden has attended the Calgary Jewish Academy since Nursery and is enjoying his grade eight adventure.

Aiden has had a keen eye for order and precision since playing with his first set of snap-lock beads as a toddler. His lifelong preference for organization and structure persists, whether he's hunkered down creating imaginative original LEGO structures, organizing endless and eclectic playlists of Rock, Pop, Hip Hop, and Country on his iPod, or diligently honing his craft and flexing his artistic muscles as a budding photographer.

Being the "middle child" of three, Aiden has learned to be a strong team player. He loves sports and gives his all playing basketball, volleyball, badminton, and flag football as a proud CJA Hawk. Winning or losing, Aiden always demonstrates sportsmanship and takes great pride in coming out for all practices and games to support his teammates.

Much like his "older" brother Bram, Aiden loves gaming, Marvel Comics, and Judaics. Aiden is full of life and laughter and brings joy to those around him. We are blessed by his kindness, humor, and gentleness.



Caiya Shay Brener

October 8, 2017 · 18 Tishrei 5778

Caiya is the younger sister to Aiden and Bram by 15 months. Since the day she was born she has brought her unique joy and beauty to our family.

Caiya embraces everything she does with an infectious smile, energy, and joie de vivre! Like her brothers, Caiya began in Nursery at the Calgary Jewish Academy, where

she continues in grade seven to build a strong foundation for her Jewish identity, values, and friendships.

Caiya loves all sports but has had a passion and talent for gymnastics since the age of four. Benched from competitive gymnastics with a wrist injury, Caiya diligently rehabilitated herself for a full year to return to a recreational program to continue pursuing her love of the sport. Caiya's will and determination have helped her become one of the most successful new Hawks on the CJA girls' basketball team, and she plans to carry that success onto the volleyball and badminton courts.

Caiya is very creative and loves drawing, writing, and spending hours reading. She's also been known to email her favorite authors with questions about characters, loose ends, and sequels. She is nothing if not determined! Family, friends, teachers, and coaches admire Caiya's work ethic, perseverance, and positive attitude.

Caiya has grown into a nurturing, caring, and compassionate young woman. She's an eternal optimist who always sees the best in people. We are blessed by Caiya's diplomacy, drive, sensitivity, and loving nature.



Aaron Shimonov

October 21, 2017 · 1 Heshvan 5778

Aaron Shimonov is the son of Tricia and Igor Shimonov. He has two older siblings, Meagan (17) and Rachel (15). Aaron is in grade eight at Strathcona Tweedsmuir School.

Aaron is naturally athletic and enjoys all sports. His two current favourites are golf and volleyball. He also loves all things to do with technology and is often asked at home and school to help people fix their computers and

phones.

Aaron has chosen to give Tzedekah as his Mitzvah Project. An organization that is close to Aaron's heart is the Alberta Cancer Society. Aaron has been studying very hard in preparation of becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We are very proud of him. Mazel Tov Aaron!

Programs

Sukkah Display Festival

Wednesday, October 4th - 6:00pm

We will be displaying all five sukkot designed by the U of C School of Environmental Design with a special premiere showing of a documentary on the project along with an appreciation ceremony. Services to follow at 7:00 pm.

Pizza in the Hut

Friday, October 6th - 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Family Service

Join us for a fun-filled pizza dinner in the sukkah (or Skylight Lounge in the event of inclement weather). \$5.00 per adult \$18.00 per family. RSVP at 403-255-8688 or info@bethzedec.ca.

Smoothies in the Sukkah with PJ Library®

Monday, October 9th - 10:30am

Hear a great Sukkot story, sing holiday songs and enjoy arts and crafts plus delicious smoothies! No charge but please bring donations of canned food for the food bank and be prepared to roll up your sleeves and decorate!

Shemini Atzeret Services

Thursday, October 12th - 9:00am (includes Yizkor)

This lesser known Biblical holiday is observed following Sukkot and focuses upon assembling the people for prayer, reflection, and remembering our loved ones.

Simchat Torah Celebration and Siddur Ceremony

Thursday, October 12th - 7:00pm

Celebrate the reading of the concluding verses of the Torah with the 7 Hakafot (processions), take a "Torah Tour" with a fully unrolled scroll, and enjoy music, dancing, and refreshments. Students in the B'nai Mitzvah Program will be presented with their own Siddurim.

Minyan Katan

Shabbat, October 14th - 9:00am

A special minyan for the B'nai Mitzvah Cohort of 2017/18 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 or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

Torah on Tap

Thursday October 19th - 7:00pm (location to be determined)

Come socialize, ask, share, and learn Torah in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. Don't forget to bring some Jewish questions for clergy, and, as always, the first round is on us. For more information or to register contact Rabbi Corber at rabbicorber@bethzedec.ca or at 403-255-8688 ext 8.



Tot Shabbat

Shabbat, October 7th - 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.

Tot Shabbat Eve

Friday, October 20th - 5:30pm

Members: 0-4 Free, 5-12 \$5.00, 13+ \$10.00

Guests: 0-4 Free, 5-12 \$10.00, 13+ \$20.00

Introduce your little ones to the magic of Kabbalat Shabbat in a relaxed kid-friendly environment. Followed by Shabbat Dinner.

For more information please contact Rabbi Corber at rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 8. To RSVP contact info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

HAZAK 55+

Can Charlottesville Happen Here? Fighting Hatred in our Midst.

Wednesday, October 25th - 12:00pm-2:00pm

We are honoured to have Rabbi Shaul Osadchey lead us in a discussion of paramount importance. Given the continuing impact of Charlottesville, Rabbi Osadchey will explore its aftermath with a survey about white supremacist and hate groups in Alberta and suggestions of how we move forward. Lunch will be served at 12:00noon and costs \$5 per person. RSVP to the Synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by Monday, October 23rd. For more information, please contact Donna Caplan at 403-271-3066.

Russian Jewry 100 Years after the Bolshevik Revolution

Sunday, October 29th - 10:00am

Rabbi Osadchey shares his experiences through slides and narrative about visiting Jewish Refuseniks in the former Soviet Union in 1971. Through the lens of the Soviet Jewish emigration movement, Rabbi Osadchey reveals the history of Soviet Jewry on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Brunch is \$5.00 per person. RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

Ongoing Classes

Keruv (Conversion) Class

Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm

The Keruv (Conversion) Class is currently underway and welcomes anyone interested in learning about Judaism with a focus on becoming Jewish. For enrollment, contact Rabbi Osadchey at 403-255-8688 or rabbi@bethtzedec.ca.

Shul School

A unique approach to Jewish education

Sundays - 10:00am - NOON Ages 4-9

Shul's cool at Shul School where kids enjoy music, arts and crafts, and much more! Infuse your home and community with a love of Judaism. Your child will learn prayer and blessings, Bible Stories, Holidays, mitzvot, Jewish ethics, Hebrew and more! For more information please contact the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

B'nai Mitzvah Program

Tuesdays - 4:00-5:30pm Ages 10-13

Each student receives personalized instruction and attention. We are committed to making your child's journey toward Jewish adulthood an exciting and memorable experience. Your child will learn to lead Shabbat Prayers, Hebrew reading/comprehension, observance of mitzvot, what it means to become a Jewish adult in 2017 and more! For more information please contact the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

Torat Chaim: The Torah of Life

Two Sundays per month For Teens in Grades 8-12

The new project "Torat Chaim" combines practical life-skills training with Jewish learning. It provides practical guidance for navigating real-life issues. Torat Chaim will make you an asset in any workplace, camp, or university campus. Gain experience and wisdom in dealing with difficult issues and creating positive outcomes. The program is led by Rabbi Corber and Ina Sandler. For more information please contact sandler@bethtzedec.ca or rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca or call 403-255-8688 ext. 8. To RSVP to our September 10th Introductory Session with free dinner please contact info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

Mysticism and Meditation

Mondays - 5:00pm

Mysticism and Meditation is a one-hour meditation combined with teachings and insights from the Jewish mystical tradition (Kabbalah and Hassidut). Rebbe. For more information, please contact Rabbi Corber at rabbicorber@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 8.



Hazak 55+ members attended an interesting, insightful and informative presentation and tour at the Calgary 911 Call Centre on August 30th, led by facilitators Tania Stearn and Marcy Fialkow.

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.

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Phil Libin, on the occasion of his birthday

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

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Ralph Gurevitch, on the occasion of his birthday

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ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS

Rabbi Shaul and Bobbie Osadchey and Family

By Hilda and Leonard Smith and Family

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By Hilda and Leonard Smith and Family

Rabbi Joshua, Chloe and Eliana

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By Hilda and Leonard Smith and Family

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SYMPATHY

Arlein Chetner and Family, on the loss of her grandson, Elan Raphael Suissa

By Nat and Harriette Alexander

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Tracy Forman, on the loss of her mother, Patricia Corson

By Ellen and Stan Magidson

Leon Coapn and Family, on the recent loss

By Aaron and Sherry Berman and Family

Bruce and Renee Fogel and Family, on the loss of their father and grandfather

By Bernard Florence, Carol Burch and

Jonathan Florence

Marilyn Cohen, on the loss of her husband, Jack Cohen

By Jean and Jack Groner

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Marilyn Livergant

By Larry and Marilyn Feingold

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GET WELL

Syd Sniderman

By Sheila Bermack

Beth Price

By Renee & Bruce Fogel

THANK YOU

Max Lipsman, with appreciation

By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

MERVYN BRETTSCHEIDER**MEMORIAL FUND****SYMPATHY**

Yossi Suissa and Cindy Chetner, on the loss of their son Elan Suissa

By Molly Joffe

Danny and Mindy Joffe and Family

Arlein Chetner, on the loss of her grandson Elan Suissa

By Danny and Mindy Joffe and Family

Hilda and Leonard Smith and Family

**YOUTH PROGRAMMING
SYMPATHY**

Yossi Suissa and Cindy Chetner and Family, on the loss of their son Elan Raphael Suissa

By Teresa, Andreas and Serena Sofocleous, and Danica and Jerald Cheyfetz

Jacque and Lila Mydlarski and Family

Renee and Bruce Fogel and Daughters **Arlein and Judy Chetner**, on the loss of their grandson and nephew, Elan Raphael Suissa

By Jacque and Lila Mydlarski and Family

THANK YOU

Rabbi Joshua Corber, with appreciation By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

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FESTIVAL FUND**

SYMPATHY

Yossi Suissa and Cindy Chetner and Family on the loss of their son, Elan By Helen and Mark Swartz

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Harvey and Alexandra Cyngiser

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Tracy Forman on the loss of her mother, Patricia Corson

By Helen and Mark Swartz

Marilyn Cohen and Family on the loss of her husband, Jack Cohen

By Hilda and Leonard Smith and Family

Sheryl Livergant and Mark Shilling and Family, on the loss of both their mothers By Hilda and Lenny Smith

GET WELL

Beth Price

By Hilda and Lenny Smith and Family

**TZEDAKAH FUND
MAZEL TOV**

Charlie Groner, on the occasion of his special birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

SYMPATHY

Yossi Suissa and Cindy Chetner and Family, on the loss of their son, Elan Raphael Suissa

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Arlein Chetner, on the loss of her grandson Elan Suissa

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Judy Chetner, on the loss of her nephew Elan Suissa

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Donna Riback

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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.

GET WELL**Syd Sniderman**

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Beth Price

By Giezelle and Michael Pash

**LEV SHALEM SABBATH &
FESTIVAL BOOK FUND**

MAZEL TOV

Rudy Berger, on the occasion of his birthday

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

Ron Switzer, on the occasion of his birthday

By Sandy, Irwin, Josh and Corey Adler

Jack and Jean Groner, on the occasion of their special anniversary

By Ann and Morris Dancyger, Glenda and Dave Chetner, Ruth and Norman Dvorkin, Francis Steinberg, Toba and Bill Friedman

SYMPATHY

Arlein Chetner, in memory Elan

Raphael Suissa

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

MACHZOR BOOK FUND**MAZEL TOV**

Ann and Morris Dancyger, on the occasion of the marriage of their granddaughter, Ashley, to Louis Libin

By Arnie & Barbara Shell (of Toronto ON)

IN HONOUR OF

The birth of their grandson **Caleb**

Benjamin

By Eva and Gordon Hoffman

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND**ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS****The Clergy**

By Elissa and Jim Meadow

Rabbi and Bobbie Osadchey

By Therese Nagler

SYMPATHY**Yossi Suissa and Cindy Chetner and Family**, on the loss of their son, Elan

Raphael Suissa

By Naomi Hashman

Arlein Chetner and Judy Chetner, on the loss of their grandson and nephew,

Elan Raphael Suissa

By Naomi Hashman

THANK YOU

Gary Staniloff, with appreciation

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CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS**

Cantor Russell Jayne and Russell

Janiger

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THANK YOU

Cantor Russ Jayne, with appreciation

By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTEL**ENDOWMENT FUND****MAZEL TOV**

Lorne and Beth Price, on the occasion of their anniversary

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Rudy Berger, on the occasion of his birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Jean and Jack Groner (of Los Angeles CA), on the occasion of their special anniversary

By Harriet and Phil Libin

By Harriet and Phil Libin

Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Sheila Gurevitch, on the occasion of her birthday

By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

SYMPATHY

Cynthia and David Prasow and Family, on the loss of their dear mother, Clare

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Marilyn Cohen, on the loss of her

husband, Jack
By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

GET WELL

Janet Sherman
By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro
Robert Ullman
By Harriet and Phil Libin

NORMAN & BEULAH MARTIN
CANTORIAL CHAIR FUND

MAZEL TOV

Syd Sniderman, on the occasion of his
birthday
By Beulah Martin

SYMPATHY

Greg and Stacey Freidin, on the loss of
their aunt Pearl Cohen (of Vancouver BC)
By Ethel Caplan

BTZ LEGACY FUND

SYMPATHY

Cynthia and David Prasow, on the loss
of Cynthia's mother, Clare
By Hilda and Leonard Smith

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Goldie Sheftel, beloved mother
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By Phil and Harriet Libin

Frances (Libin) Sigal, beloved sister

By Phil and Harriet Libin

Frances Standl, beloved sister and aunt

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Gershon Berman, beloved father and grandfather

By Aaron and Sherry Berman and Family

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By Sheila Steinfeld

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By Alexandre & Fira Oussatinski

Yale Goodman, beloved father and grandfather

By Stacy, Miriam and Emily Goodman

Sarah Freedman, beloved mother

By Miriam Sanders

Moishe Jacob Freedman, beloved father

By Miriam Sanders

Bessie Dvorkin, beloved granddaughter

By Muriel Lainof

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By Rose Lister

SPECIAL YAHRZEIT FUND**Maurice Sunderland, beloved husband**

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By Sylvia Itzcovitch

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Norman Martin, beloved husband

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George Toffick, beloved father

By Sheila and Michael Katz

Life Cycle Events In Memoriam

Patricia Corson, mother of Tracy Forman (Doug Connon).
A Celebration of Life was held on August 29, 2017.

Elan Raphael Suissa, son of Cindy Chetner and Yossi Suissa, brother of Noam Suissa.
The funeral was held on September 1, 2017.

Marilyn Livergant, mother of Sheryl Livergant (Mark Shilling) and Joel Livergant.
The funeral was held on September 25, 2017

Baby Naming

Mazel tov to parents Jason and Chelsea Adler, sister Charlotte and grandparents Judy Adler and Richard Alder and Connie and Carl Hofmeister on the occasion of the baby naming for Jade Edith Marcia Adler on September 16, 2017.

Mazel tov to parents Eli Abergel and Abbie Ksienski and grandparents Eric and Bonny Babins, Gail and Mel Ksienski and Pearl Babins and Masodi Abergel on the occasion of the baby naming for Mika Fera Abergel on September 13, 2017.

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel tov to parents Anette Ceraficki and Eric Kettner on the occasion of Sasha's Bat Mitzvah on September 9, 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.

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Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays: 9:00am

Evening services: Daily at 6:00pm



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