



BETH TZEDEC

SHOFAR



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Shabbat July 1st

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bar Mitzvah
Brady Elchitz

Monday July 3rd

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday July 7th

Candle Lighting: 9:33pm

Torah Portion: BALAK

Shabbat July 8th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Friday July 14th

Candle Lighting: 9:28pm

Torah Portion:
PI-NEHAS

Shabbat July 15th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Monday July 17th

7:30pm Jerusalem of Gold and Tech

Friday July 21st

Candle Lighting: 9:20pm

Torah Portion: MATTOT + MAS'EY

Shabbat July 22nd

9:00am Shabbat Service

Tuesday July 25th

6:00pm NML BBQ

Friday July 28th

Candle Lighting: 9:10pm

Torah Portion: DEVARIM

Shabbat July 29th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Monday July 31st

9:00pm Tisha B'av Megillat Eicha
Reading

Tuesday August 1st

7:45am Tisha B'av Services

6:00pm Tisha B'av Services

Friday August 4th

Candle Lighting: 8:59pm

Torah Portion: VA'ETHANNAN

Shabbat August 5th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Monday August 7th

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday August 11th

Candle Lighting: 8:46pm

Torah Portion: EKEV

Shabbat August 12th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Friday August 18th

Candle Lighting: 8:33pm

Torah Portion: RE'EH

Shabbat August 19th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Friday August 25th

Candle Lighting: 8:18pm

Torah Portion: SHOFETIM

Shabbat August 26th

9:00am Shabbat Service



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Rabbinic Reflections

PROJECT 146

in honour of Sam Switzer

Throughout our lives we are inspired by people from many different walks of life. What we admire often shapes the direction that we take for our future. Kindness generates more kindness, respect fosters deeper respect, and tzedakah leads to greater human dignity and self-sufficiency. The rabbis in Pirke Avot teach that one mitzvah brings in its wake another mitzvah and that the reward for performing a mitzvah is the opportunity to do another one. How then do we properly recognize and honour an individual who excels in the performance of a particular mitzvah?

We have all heard the expression, “Imitation is the highest form of flattery.” Indeed, the most sincere manner of conveying gratitude and praise is by emulating a virtue that we admire in another person. With that in mind, Beth Tzedec is launching a new initiative, **Project 146**, in honour of Sam Switzer and as a vehicle for our congregation to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah in order to enhance the wellbeing of the Jewish community and community at large. The name of this project reflects its purpose as conveyed in Psalm 146: “...*who brings justice to the oppressed and provides food for the hungry... The Lord protects the stranger, supports the orphan and widow.*”

Sam Switzer has distinguished himself as one of the most influential philanthropists in Calgary over the past several decades. Many worthy organizations have been able to carry out their missions with greater capacity because of Sam’s vigorous commitment to the mitzvah of tzedakah. Beth Tzedec remains a focus of Sam’s generosity as the religious anchor of Calgary’s Jewish community and as his spiritual home.

Project 146 will feature two main components. The first is the emphasis upon tzedakah as a significant way to utilize our financial resources to

increase goodness in our community. Our goal is to encourage every household to have a designated tzedakah box to collect **\$57.78** to bring in the Jewish New Year of 5778 by extending our blessings and gratitude to those less fortunate.

The second aspect of **Project 146** will be the actual performance of mitzvot in honour of Sam Switzer. Together with Sam, we have designated 10 organizations that will welcome you to volunteer in one or more capacities to enable them to fulfill their mission. It is our hope that you and the members of your household will perform one mitzvah during the summer or fall specifically in conjunction with **Project 146** as an expression of your appreciation for Sam Switzer's inspiring philanthropy in our community.

Our goal is 100% participation in both parts of Project 146 with a presentation being made to Sam listing the funds raised and the number of mitzvot performed in his honour at an upcoming Hanukkah celebration this coming November.

We will shortly be sending out this list with the specific mitzvah opportunities along with pertinent contact information and volunteer details.

Thank you in advance for being part of **Project 146** and for inspiring others to follow both Sam and your examples!

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair



Cantor's Notes



Tisha b'Av is a fast day that commemorates the destruction of our ancient temple, first in 586 BCE, then again in 70 CE. I fast and pray on *Tisha b'Av*, but I don't want the Temple to be rebuilt. I have severe doubts about what would happen at a restored Temple site. Given the chaos that has accompanied Women of the Wall and the development of an egalitarian prayer space at the *Kotel*, the thought of what scenes might be associated with a Temple restored doesn't do a lot for me.

Yet, I do mourn on *Tisha b'Av*. I grieve for the lost lives, the violence, and the hopelessness that plagued our people when both Temples were destroyed. I imagine structure, ritual and meaning destroyed, and what it must have been like staring into the abyss of a world where it seemed that God no longer dwelled. I cannot even start to imagine how scary and empty and unknowably sad it must have been.

That is why for us today, centuries after the Temple, *Tisha b'Av* has become a container in to which we can pour all our sorrow and fear. For generations, Jewish catastrophes have been attached to this date. The Crusades are said to have been launched on this day. Expulsions from both England and Spain are connected with *Tisha b'Av*, as is the mass deportation from the Warsaw ghetto to death camps during the *Shoah*. *Tisha b'Av* helps give shape to Jewish trauma. It is a day for communal mourning, for remembering what was and for lamenting the loss of what might have been.

Now a mythic telling of the *Tisha b'Av* story would end there, but that really doesn't work for me and it might not work for you as a 21st Century North American Jew. That is because, in the words of historian James Young, our traumatic memory is not only collective, it is also "collected." What this means is that our memory consists not only of the overarching story of our people, but also of personal narratives and experiences that we as individual Jews bring to the overall story. Sometimes, these individual experiences map easily onto the history of our people such as the firsthand accounts of Crusaders' rampages and the expulsion from Spain, or the oral histories that continue to chronicle the experiences of *Holocaust* survivors. Yet sometimes people bear

sorrow that is not part of our collective Jewish myth, but are still a central part of their own Jewish story and identity. Death, illness and violence haunt many of us, and many come to this day of communal sorrow with their own private burdens of suffering, not associated with the destruction of the Temple.

When I fast on *Tisha b'Av*, I try think of these people and their pain. I layer this onto my mourning for millennia of Jewish loss. I grieve for our collective trauma as well as for our collected traumas, and I pray not for a rebuilt Temple but for a future where we will only tell stories of abundance and joy.

May you all have a restful and restorative Summer.

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

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Joshua's Jam

As the year winds down, I find myself at a lot of lasts; our last day of Shul School, our last B'nai Mitzvah class, the last Minyan Katan, etc. These moments are bittersweet because I love spending time with the young students. On the other hand, there is much to celebrate. The year was very successful for the school; students learned a lot this year both in the Shul School and the B'nai Mitzvah class. We covered a wide range of material: Bible stories, holidays, *mitzvot*, *middot* (ethical traits), Hebrew, prayer and Israel. Students come away not only with knowledge and skills but also with a sense of meaning and purpose to their Judaism. All the knowledge in the world is worth very little if children are not also given inspiration and inspiration is something we do very well at Beth Tzedec. Our staff and clergy are very talented and keep young students engaged and interested.

It's not just children that benefit from the learning under our roof. Parents frequently comment on how much they get out of our programs, particularly *Minyan Katan*, where families come together in the chapel to learn more about Shabbat morning services and the weekly Torah portion. Our Jewish Ethics course has taken us on an impressive journey with a lot of valuable learning moments over the year. Also, Mysticism and Meditation provides a much needed moment of clarity and calmness at the end of a busy day.

In a chaotic and uncertain world, we have a great responsibility to provide a place of stability, openness, and goodness. We must be candles, shining the light of Torah into the lives of our congregants and beyond. Far from being removed from the troubles of the world, Torah is meant to be taught, learned, and lived right here on Earth and can be brought to bear on problems great and small. To that end, it is important that we continue to inspire and teach our community members so that when they find themselves in trying moments they will have the spiritual resources they need at their fingertips. Classes are done for the summer, but our doors remain open and the work goes on.

Rabbi Joshua Corber

Our Clergy in the Community

- Rabbi Osadchey and Cantor Russ continued to alternate visits to the Trinity Lodge where they lead a pre-Shabbat service every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.
- Cantor Russ led Shabbat services at the Beverly on June 9th.
- Cantor Russ hosted the Building Sacred Bridges committee at Beth Tzedec on June 13th.
- Rabbi Osadchey hosted a high school World religions class on June 13th from the Calgary Christian Academy.
- Rabbi Osadchey co-chaired with Bishop Greg Kerr-Wilson the June 15th meeting of the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Leadership Team.
- Rabbi Osadchey delivered a presentation on Judaism to the Calgary Police Services Diversity Unit on June 21st.
- Rabbi Osadchey led the Keshet Klub's cooking program on June 25th in the Beth Tzedec kitchen.
- Rabbi Osadchey attended the Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good (MACG) Senior's Research Action Team meeting on June 27th and their Board Leadership Team meeting on June 29th.
- Rabbi Osadchey gave an hour long interview on June 30th for the U of C Environmental Design School's documentary on the Sukkah Project.



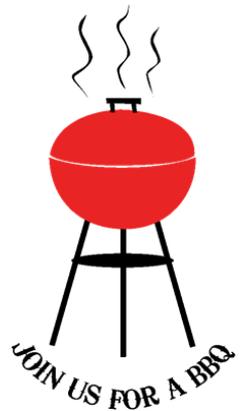
SAVE THE DATE

Please mark **Tuesday, July 25th** on your calendars for our first ever National Minyan League BBQ!

Services start at 6:00pm with dinner to follow.

This event is open to all current and Platinum members of the NML, and their immediate families, as well as prospective NML members and their families.

Further details to follow in the coming weeks.





Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

Hi Everyone,

A special thank you to those Members that have contacted me with questions on next year's annual budget that was published in our AGM package. Speaking as a designated accountant, nothing gives me more pleasure than discussing and explaining our financial position and our estimates for next year.

I also want to thank those Members that reached out to me, as a result of last month's *Shofar* article, I wrote on strategy and vision. As I indicated in my presidential address at the Shul AGM last month, the strategy and vision conversation is our first step. This conversation started two years ago thanks to Strategic Planning Chair Gregory Davis and members of his team, including Rabbi Osadchey. Our Board goal will be to finalize our thoughts on Strategy with a written report to the 2018 AGM. Then our task will be the harder part of any strategic plan ... execution.

I would like to hear from you! Your vision and thoughts are very important and should be considered in any strategic plan. Please reach out to me. I do have another ulterior motive, and that is to get to know you better than I know you today.

My sincere thanks to Maxine Fischbein for her leadership and her direction as president, along with all of the teams she led. She has brought us to where we are today. We are stronger than we have ever been. I look forward to building upon on her legacy and making us even stronger.

While on the topic of Boards and Board governance, the BTZ Board last year created a number of restricted and endowment funds to ensure a bright and prosperous future for our children and grandchildren. Each of us sees the congregational family in a unique way. We use the building for services, concerts, life cycle events, education, mourning the loss of

loved ones, and counselling. Whatever your needs, BTZ is here for you.

I would also like to recognize and acknowledge the tremendous support we receive from our clergy (Rabbi Osadchey, Cantor Russ and Rabbi Corber) and our Executive Director, Max Lipsman and all our shul staff.

As you can see with our current Board roster, we have a diverse and talented group of individuals playing an active role on our BTZ Board, including designated accountants, financial planners, doctors, educators and long-time Shul and community volunteers. With such a dedicated list of volunteers, I am very optimistic about our future.

David Inhaber

President

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.



Lost and Found

Do you think you lost something
at Beth Tzedec?

Check the lost and found display
in the coat room.



News and Notes from the NML

But most importantly....

Inevitably, when thank you speeches are given at award shows, B'nai Mitzvot, weddings, etc. etc. the long list of acknowledgements ends with the phrase "But most importantly, I would like to thank ..." and someone or a group is named at this point.

Now it is my turn to also thank a vast number of people and I must decide who I should reserve for that all important final spot.

Should it be **Harvey Silverstone**, who conceived the concept of the National Minyan League, and worked so hard to bring it to fruition while being the commissioner for one and a half years and who still works quietly and tirelessly behind the scene?

Or should it be **Cantor Russ**, who co-founded the NML, and attends each of our twice daily minyans and keeps things on track by ensuring that the services take place and run smoothly as well as keeping track of the points for-each of the teams?

Should the final spot be saved for **Rabbi Osadchey** and **Rabbi Corber** for their support and who also ensure the smooth running of our services including the Torah Services?

Perhaps it should be some of our **learned members who lead the services** for us in such an inspiring, capable and pleasing manner at each service? Without them, the service couldn't take place.

Maybe it should be the **Platinum Minyanaires**, (the regulars), who don't attend for the points but rather because they know that it is the right thing to do for our congregation. They come so that those who need to say Kaddish can do so.

Should I choose all of the many people who have graciously stepped up over the past two years to become **members of one of our NML teams**? Their attendance has also really made a tremendous difference in ensuring that our twice daily minyanim can go on.

Of course, I could pick **Bert Glow** who is there almost daily except when it is his day off. He keeps track of how many people attend each service so that we can monitor the success of NML. He also hands out the honours for the weekday Torah Services, calls out the page numbers and keeps us all in line during the service.

Possibly it should be reserved for **my family** who stand behind me in everything that I do and make it possible for me to give so much of my time to this program

and who themselves are members of my team.

It could also be saved for the wonderful **captains** of our NML teams who send out the monthly reminders, liaise with their teams and who are always on the lookout for new members to shore up our numbers.

But wait! I have been forgetting the office staff who help with so many tasks as well. There's **Max Lipsman**, who also helps to make sure that everything runs so smoothly for us and who makes a delicious hot breakfast when we have a special sponsored kiddish. He also allocates some of his staff's time to help us run the NML. **Laura Moser** and **Karen Emmons** help with the team reminders to our captains. And **Teresa Sofocleous** helps ensure that all our materials for the various publications are included even when I miss most of the weekly deadlines.

My rumbling tummy reminds me that perhaps I should be thanking, the **operations and administrative staff** who prepare and set out a yummy breakfast after each of our morning services, in the all important final spot. I always knew that cookies and sweets were part of a good breakfast.

And so now, with all of my options laid out, it is time for me to choose who I should put in that most significant position. After some deliberation, the obvious answer came to me just as it probably has come to you as well. I am ready to finish off my acknowledgments with the final, ultimate one. And here is how it would sound:

“But most importantly, I would like to thank everyone who I mentioned above, because all of you have been the most important part of this whole endeavour and you continue to be such a vital part in making it all a success. Kol Hakavod to all of you. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart!!”

To celebrate the success of our first two years, and to gear up for year three, please join us at our first annual NML BBQ on Wednesday, July 25th. Services will start at 6:00pm and a delicious BBQ will follow. This event is open to all current members of the NML and their immediate families as well as prospective members who would like to join the NML, and their families. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.

Remember, if you are not on an NML team yet, you can join at any time by dropping me an email at inhaber@telusplanet.net or by calling me at 403-240-0830. If you are not ready to commit to being on a team, just drop by whenever you are in the area. We would be happy to see you.

Warmly,

Susan Inhaber

NML Commissioner



By Naomi Lakritz

I'm going to tell you a secret about attending morning and evening services: It's the spiritual pause that refreshes. You've always heard that you should attend in order to help make a minyan so the

Torah can be read on certain days and Kaddish recited. But an amazing side benefit is how really good it feels to attend, something I discovered when I joined the National Minyan League.

It doesn't start out feeling good. It starts out "grumble, grumble, grumble, gotta get out of bed early to go to shul, I wanna sleep in, oh why did I say I'd go, yadda yadda yadda." Then, you get to shul and a sense of peace settles over you right away.

Outside the windows, you can see the cars racing by on Glenmore, their stressed-out drivers travelling not just in the fast lane, but in the frenetic lane, on their way to whatever destination can't wait – work, shopping, errands, something or other to check off on their bucket list. Who knows? All you know is it's quiet in the synagogue as people who are – refreshingly – in no hurry, sit and chat in low tones while they wait for the service to begin.

Abraham Joshua Heschel said that Shabbat is a palace in time. If Shabbat is a palace, then morning and evening services are small cottages in time. Sometimes I imagine them to be the size of cottages in the shtetl – just enough to sustain you and make you feel part of a family, part of a community. You go in, you breathe, rest, read, think, listen, pray, refresh yourself – and when it's over, you step outside that small cottage, your soul strong enough once again to meet whatever the rest of the day may bring.

Tefillin encircle arms, tallitot settle around shoulders, the page numbers are called out, people are told to rise or be seated, the davening proceeds at a rapid pace. It's perfectly OK if you can't follow it that quickly, for the English liturgy is an inexhaustible source for reflection. There is always something new to be found in it, some new meaning that suddenly springs to life, some metaphor that makes sense for the first time and offers your soul much-needed sustenance. Eighteen months ago, in black despair after losing my job, I noticed for the first time in the liturgy the line "Adonai rebuilds Jerusalem." It could be interpreted as a promise that

when your life seems to be at its nadir, Adonai gives you, a Jew, strength to rebuild and go on. I've seen so much more in the liturgy each time I go, and it's always new all over again.

When I try to get people to join my minyan league team, I typically hear, "Oh, I'm too busy for that." Or, "My husband and I wouldn't have time, we're so busy." Busy? Precisely. This is about laying aside the busy stuff, taking time out for your soul, making a promise to stop living always on the surface even if you just join one minyan a week. What is all this busy-busy-busy but a synonym for soul neglect? "I can't promise you I'd come," people tell me. Don't promise me. Promise yourself.

The mourners rise, the Kaddish is spoken, the service ends. Tefillin are unwound, tallitot folded and slipped into velvety bags. You step out the doors of the shul into that noisy world again -- absolutely uplifted.

Naomi Lakritz is a Calgary journalist and a member of Beth Tzedec.

Beth Tzedec is pleased to provide space for guest columns.

Please note that the information and views expressed are those of the contributor and do not necessarily reflect endorsement by the Synagogue.

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.

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@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext. 4.



Brady Gordon Elchitz

July 1, 2017 · 7 Tammuz 5777

From the time he was born, Brady Gordon Elchitz has had the biggest smile ever! Brady is the son of Rory Hornstein and Ian Elchitz and big brother to Henry. Brady will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on

Saturday, July 1, 2017. Brady has just completed grade seven at the Calgary Jewish Academy.

Brady is a strong team player. He is an avid soccer player participating in both outdoor and indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, track and field, and badminton. He loves to go to Flames games. He has been a B.B.-Riback camper for the last four years and looks forward to it each summer.

Brady succeeds in meeting all challenges. Perseverance, focus and patience are characteristics that help him rise above challenges that come his way. He nurtures personal relationships and is especially loyal to his friends and family.

Brady is a dedicated top achiever. He loves to read and takes pride in whatever he does, whether it is math, music, video games, puzzles or lego. As he does with most things, Brady has taken his Bar Mitzvah preparation very seriously putting his endless energy into it. It is a tribute to Brady that so many of his friends and family members from Calgary and beyond are going to be here to celebrate this day with him and his family.



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

Shem Tov Awards

Mazel tov to Donna Caplan, Beth Tzedec's 2017 recipient of Calgary Jewish Federation's *Shem Tov Award*. Donna was recognized for her outstanding vision and dedication in organizing our Hazak 55+ Program. A joy to the clergy, lay leaders, staff and volunteers who are fortunate enough to work with her, Donna has organized and promoted Judaic, health, lifestyle and cultural programs (to name only a few!) that are interesting, inspiring and increasingly well-attended.



Mazel tov to Hal Joffe who was honoured with the prestigious President's Award for his service to Calgary Jewish Community Council, Calgary Jewish Federation and the Jewish community.

Yasher Koach to the many other Beth Tzedec Congregants who were recognized with Shem Tov Awards at the Calgary Jewish Federation Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 21st, including:

Dan Balaban (Calgary JCC)
 Aaron Bickman (JNF Calgary)
 Marnie Bondar (Holocaust and Human Rights Education)
 Stan Eisenberg (Calgary Jewish Academy)
 Mira Feldman (JAC)
 Jackie Halpern (Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Calgary)
 Bev Silverstone (Jewish Family Service Calgary)
 Bev Sklar (B'nai Brith Lodge #816)
 Lori Wolf (Na'amat Canada Calgary)

Yasher koach to Larry Katz and Stephanie Flohr, friends of Beth Tzedec who were respectively recognized for their service to UJA and Hillel.

Today rabah to Jewish Federation past president Bruce Libin - also a Beth Tzedec congregant - for his many years of service to the greater Jewish community.

We are very proud of the fact that so many members of the Beth Tzedec family play such a major role in strengthening the community at large. Yasher koach to all!

Experiencing *Siddur Lev Shalem*

It has been very meaningful for me to share with you excerpts from our new *Siddur Lev Shalem* over the past year. I hope you have found these glimpses into the theology and philosophy of our new prayer book both meaningful and inspiring and, if they have impacted your communal or private prayer experiences, I am extremely grateful. As we wrap up this year long series, I would like to leave you below with the words of Dr. Arnold Eisen, the Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, on our new *siddur*. I believe they sum up beautifully all our movement hopes to achieve with this new vehicle for pray. To quote the Chancellor, “May we all enjoy the company of this *siddur* for many years to come.”

“Dream the Dream of God”

THE *SIDDUR* has always met Jewish pray-ers where they are. Wake up in the morning, open bleary eyes, stretch, and the “dawn blessings” greet us with expressions of thanksgiving to God, who “gives sight to the blind,” “clothes the naked,” and “straightens those who are bent.” Return the Torah to the ark on Shabbat morning, having realized once more how much Torah and Judaism mean to you, and the *siddur* is there with words and longings at once personal and widely shared: “Torah is a tree of life for those who grasp it. . . . Make our days fresh, as they once were.”

Siddur Lev Shalem addresses a community more diverse than ever before: men and women familiar with the prayerbook since childhood and adults coming to *t’filah* for the first time, believers in a personal God and believers in a divine force within, or in neither or both. Some will focus on the left-hand pages of translation and reflection. Others will favor the Hebrew text and explanatory notes on the right. All will welcome the generous provision of empty space on the page: an implicit invitation to supplement the words with private meditation and devotion.

There are so many words in each and every service of Jewish prayer! The ancient rabbis knew that Jews come to prayer from a wide range of experience and a full spectrum of moods. The liturgy must speak to and for each and every one of them. In the course of time, the rabbis believed, all who use the *siddur* will find their way through its forest of words to particular passages that call out to us with special meaning, and the *t’filot* we need on a given occasion will find us, arrest our wandering, and leave us changed. *Siddur Lev Shalem* assists this process mightily with reflections both ancient and modern that help us to appreciate the prayers and open ourselves to them in wonder and surprise. Age-old tradition joins forces with contemporary creativity. We sing a song to Adonai that is truly new, in words and phrases that have lifted Jews heavenward for many centuries.

Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Theological Seminary, its founding intellectual and spiritual center, have long shown the way to this combination of continuity and change. I am proud, as the Seminary’s chancellor, to introduce you to the many pleasures of this remarkable prayerbook, which—like Conservative Judaism as a whole—takes tradition forward in a way at once faithful, learned, loving, and bold. *Siddur Lev Shalem* invites us to “dream the dream of God,” as Abraham Joshua Heschel put it, in words that join our hearts and minds to those of our ancestors. May we all enjoy the company of this *siddur* for many years to come.

—ARNOLD EISEN
Chancellor, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America

TISHA B'AV



Tisha B'av- Megillat Eicha Reading

July 31st - August 1st

Tisha B'av, the fast of the Ninth of Av, is observed each year as a day of mourning and commemoration by Jews worldwide. It marks tragedies throughout history that have befallen the Jewish people including the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem which occurred on this date on the Jewish calendar.

Please join us Monday night, July 31st at 9:00pm for our special observance of Tisha B'av as we recite the Megillah of Eicha (Lamentations). We will follow the tradition by sitting, as though in mourning, on the ground or on benches without cushions while the Megillah is read in a darkened room. Please remember to bring a flashlight.

Tuesday, August 1st is a fast day with prayer services at Beth Tzedec at 7:45am and 6:00pm. Please note that during the August 1st Mincha service at 6:00pm we don tefillin and read the special prayer "Nachem" for the only time during the year in anticipation of the redemption of the Jewish people.

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Fast ends: Tuesday, August 1st - 10:06pm

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Life Cycle Events

In Memoriam

Leonard Sankoff, brother of Gary (Helen) Sankoff.
The funeral was held in Montreal on June 14, 2017.

Riva Bakshan, sister of David (Sara) Profis.
The funeral was held on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

Baby Naming

Mazel Tov to parents Adam and Alexandra Hoffman on the baby naming of their daughter, Quinn Nia Maryn, on June 14, 2017. Proud grandparents are Sam and Lauren Bell and Linda and Barry Hoffman, and great-grandmother is Noli Brener.

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel tov to parents Tamara Agasi and Steve Belway, sister Danielle and grandmothers Barb Belway and Audrey Agasi on the occasion of Aidan's Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to parents Joel and Sally Grotsky, brothers Michael and Joseph, and grandmothers Jean Didowycz and Mady Grotsky on the occasion of Alysia's Bat Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to parents Harry Sanders and Kirsten Olson, brother Jonas Sanders, grandparents Miriam Sanders and Ralph and Noreen Olson on the occasion of Anna's Bat Mitzvah.

New Members of the Jewish People

Mazel tov to:

Alysia Polnick- May 3, 2017
Lee-Ann Cuthbert- May 14, 2017
Melissa Wood- May 15, 2017
Nadia Freese – May 22, 2017
Darryl Epp – May 23, 2017
Lorena Diaz – May 25, 2017
Ariela Tal Berkovich – May 25, 2017
Aliyah Isabella Klimove - June 8, 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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 Aaron's recent marriage

By Milt & Maxine Fischbein

Joan Robins, on the occasion of her
 birthday

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SYMPATHY

Howard Ackman and Family, on the
 loss of their wife and mother, Sheryl
 Ackman

By Barry Kaufman

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Sylvia Itzcovitch, on the recent marriage of her granddaughter, Ashley

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SYMPATHY

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MAZEL TOV

Phil & Harriet Libin, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary

By Stuart, Sierra, and Thea Libin

IN MEMORY OF

Joseph Harold Wolfman, beloved brother

By Wilfred Wolfman

MACHZOR BOOK FUND

MAZEL TOV

Francie & Howie Lowenstein, on their son Marc being admitted to the Bar

By Dianne and Noel Jamplosky

Harriet & Phil Libin, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary
By Dianne and Noel Jamplosky

SYMPATHY

Barbie Belzberg and Family & Jonathan Hector and Family, on the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Hylda Hector
By Hilda and Lenny Smith & Family

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MAZEL TOV

Rabbi Osadchey, on his 40 years in the Rabbinate

By Bob & Cheryl Shiell

Rabbi Osadchey, on his interfaith award

By Rosa Fishman

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By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

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By Beulah Martin

THINKING OF YOU

Carol Greenfield

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**July and August Unveilings**

The families of the late **Dorothy Feldman**, **Hyman Belzberg** and **Cecilia Guttman** have requested the announcement of the unveilings of the headstones.

Dorothy Feldman

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

Hyman Belzberg

Sunday, August 13, 2017 11:00am Erlton Cemetery

Cecilia Guttman

Sunday, August 13, 2017 2:00pm Erlton Cemetery



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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.**

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