



# BETH TZEDEC

SHOFAR

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**Wishing You a Joyous and Inspirational Passover!**

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# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**Sunday April 1st**

2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Passover  
11:00am Matza Brei Brunch

**Monday April 2nd**

3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Passover

**Tuesday April 3rd**

4<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover

**Wednesday April 4th**

5<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover  
6:30pm BTZ Board Meeting  
*(Members Welcome)*

**Thursday April 5th**

6<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover

**Friday April 6th**

7<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover  
OFFICE CLOSED  
Candle Lighting: 8:00pm

**Shabbat April 7th**

8<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover  
9:00am Shabbat Service and Yizkor  
10:45am Tot Shabbat

**Sunday April 8th**

10:00am Shul School

**Monday April 9th**

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

**Tuesday April 10th**

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes  
7:00pm Keruv Class

**Wednesday April 11th**

6:30pm Yom Hashoah Commemoration at JCC  
7:30pm Yom Hashoah Commemoration at BTZ

**Thursday April 12th**

12:00pm Hazak 55+

**Friday April 13th**

Candle Lighting: 8:11pm  
TORAH: SHEMINI

**Shabbat April 14th**

9:00am Shabbat Services  
9:00am MERCAZ-Canada Shabbat  
10:00am Minyan Katan

**Sunday April 15th**

10:00am Shul School  
12:00pm Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

**Monday April 16th**

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

**Tuesday April 17th**

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes  
7:00pm Keruv Class

**Friday April 20th**

5:45pm Tot Shabbat Eve  
Candle Lighting: 8:23pm  
TORAH: TAZRIA + MESORA

**Shabbat April 21st**

9:00am Shabbat Service  
11:00am Koleinu Minyan

**Sunday April 22nd**

10:00am Shul School  
10:00am JFSC Brunch  
6:00pm Torat Chaim *(offsite)*

**Monday April 23rd**

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

**Tuesday April 24th**

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes  
7:00pm Keruv Class

**Thursday April 26th**

7:00pm Torah on Tap *(offsite)*

**Friday April 27th**

OFFICE CLOSED  
Candle Lighting: 8:45pm

**Shabbat April 28th**

9:00am Shabbat Services

**Sunday April 29th**

10:00am Shul School

**Monday April 30th**

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

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## Rabbinic Reflections

### Passover: The Holiday of Inclusivity



Passover is surely the holiday in which we celebrate human freedom and the historical struggle to achieve it. While it would appear from the reading of the Haggadah that the story is about the liberation of the Jewish People, a closer reading of the story from the book of

Exodus reveals that the Israelites went out of Egypt with a mixed multitude. Who were these people that accompanied the children of Abraham and Sarah?

Undoubtedly, these people shared the same conditions as the Israelites. They were the vulnerable, the weak, the voiceless, the elderly, the infirm, the addicted, the isolated and the disabled. These people were those on the margins of society who are neglected and forgotten and who are often powerless to change their fate.

The Passover story is therefore a universal narrative that continues to challenge us even in our own time. It defines slavery in both physical and spiritual terms that apply to many in our midst. Oppression is the wielding of power and privilege over the disadvantaged. Its opposite is inclusion which empowers all people, regardless of the level of their abilities, to share in the benefits and rewards of society.

Beth Tzedec is privileged to be part of the 2018 United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Ruderman Inclusion Initiative which seeks to educate congregations about issues that affect persons with disabilities and with special needs. This pertains to specific areas of making physical facilities accessible as well as the creation of a culture of inclusivity within the synagogue family.

Robyn Joffe, who chairs the Beth Tzedec Inclusion Committee, and I recently attended a two day conference in Chicago along with representatives of a dozen other congregations to explore the question of how to permeate our synagogue environment with the values and spirit

of inclusion. We look forward to sharing details of what we have learned and actions we hope to implement with you over the coming months. We also welcome your input, experiences and participation in our Inclusion Committee. Please contact either Robyn or me for specifics.

As you gather around your Seder table, pause for a moment of reflection about how next year's Passover experience might be more profoundly enjoyable and fulfilling if you were to welcome those who seek the same meaningful engagement with Judaism as you but do not have access or the necessary accommodations to do so.

Bobbie and I wish you a *Chag Sameach V'Kasher!*

**Rabbi Shaul Osadchey**

*Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair*

### PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Erev 1st Day	(March 30)	6:00pm
1st Day	(March 31)	9:00am
Erev 2nd Day	(March 31)	6:00pm
2nd Day	(April 1)	9:00am
Erev 7th Day	(April 5)	6:00pm
7th Day	(April 6)	9:00am
Erev 8th Day	(April 6)	6:00pm
8th Day/Yizkor	(April 7)	9:00am



## Project 146

ה' שומר את-גרים, יתום ואלמנה יעודד...

*Adonai protects the stranger and supports the orphan and widow...*

*(Psalm 146)*

**Project 146** is our synagogue's program to actively encourage every household to perform one act of *tzedakah* and *gemilut hasadim* (loving-kindness) in 5778. The inaugural year is dedicated to Sam Switzer whose commitment to helping the needy is an inspiration to all. If you didn't receive your **Project 146** Tzedekah box in the mail, please find one in the synagogue lobby on the display table.

The funds collected will be used to further the social justice projects of Beth Tzedec.



## Cantor's Notes



The traditional Seder plate contains an egg, shank bone, karpas, charoset and maror. Some also make room for hazeret, another kind of bitter green. Recently, however, other fruits and vegetables have shown up on the plate, representing a variety of causes from solidarity with oppressed Jewish communities to welcoming the intermarried. As a Hazzan, an integral part of my role is to encourage the introduction of new rituals into our spiritual practice. So I would like to take you on a brief journey through some of the more “interesting” additions that have and continue to grace the Seder plates of 21st Century Jews.

First was the orange, which has come to symbolize the power of Jewish women - female Rabbis and Cantors, the Jewish midwives in the Exodus story, gender-neutral language in prayer books, that sort of thing. Yet when Jewish Studies professor Susannah Heschel first plunked down a tangerine on her Seder plate in the early 1980s, it was in the name of gay and lesbian inclusion, as she explains in her essay on Miriam's Cup.

"During the first part of the Seder, I asked everyone to take a segment of the orange, make the blessing over fruit, and eat it as a gesture of solidarity with Jewish lesbians and gay men, and others who are marginalized within the Jewish community...In addition, each orange segment had a few seeds that had to be spit out – a gesture of spitting out, repudiating the homophobia that poisons too many Jews."

Although not its original intention, this fruit has evolved over the decades to represent the inclusion of all “outsiders.” If you look at recent Hagaddot from the Shalom Center, you will see this beautiful explanation.

“Why this orange? Because in olden days there was no orange on the Seder plate and it was said that outsiders — gay men and lesbians, transgendered people, converts, those who lack some important ability or skill, the unlearned — all these no more belonged in the community than an orange belongs upon the Seder plate. So we place an orange to say firmly, All these belong in our communities."

Then, a few years ago, olives started showing up. First, they symbolized a call for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, as stated in the Shalom Center's "Freedom Seder for the Earth."

"Why this olive? Because for millennia the olive branch has been the symbol of peace, and we seek to make peace where there has been war."

More recently, though, it have taken on an activist bent representing the olive trees of Palestinian farmers that have been destroyed as a result of the Separation Barrier.

How about an artichoke? In an essay on [interfaithfamily.com](http://interfaithfamily.com), Rabbi Geela Rayzel Raphael suggests this prickly vegetable with the soft heart for the interfaith-friendly Seder plate.

"Like the artichoke, which has thistles protecting its heart, the Jewish people have been thorny about this question of interfaith marriage. Let this artichoke on the Seder plate tonight stand for the wisdom of God's creation in making the Jewish people a population able to absorb many elements and cultures throughout the centuries - yet still remain Jewish."

Also on [interfaithfamily.com](http://interfaithfamily.com), Jim Keen proposed a kiwi instead of an artichoke, but that doesn't seem to have caught on.

There are always one-off experiments, such as those of Rabbi Paul Kipnes in southern California who four years ago put a football, a history book and a corkscrew on his Seder plate. The football represented the Angel of Death "passing" over the Jewish homes, the history book the continuing debate as to whether or not the Exodus from Egypt is the literal history of our people or a mythical archetype, and the corkscrew the work require to release the joy of life.

Hard to top, however, is the Progressive Jewish Alliance, which in 2010 put together a "Food Desert Seder Plate" that banished the original arrangement altogether, replacing it with items symbolizing the lack of access to fresh, healthy food in many low-income neighborhoods.

A rotten piece of lettuce illustrated that inner-city grocery stores often carry only spoiled produce. A potato chip instead of the boiled potato in the karpas space indicated that high-fat potato chips are cheaper and easier to find than fresh potatoes. There was also no egg, since fresh eggs were one of the luxuries lacking in these neighborhoods.

Now however strange some of them might be, Seder plate additions are within the spirit of the holiday. These symbols are intended to make a link between the biblical story of the Jews leaving Egypt, and participants' contemporary narratives. When we update the Seder plate we become part of the continuous revelation which began at Sinai and continues to this very day. Our "enhancing" of the Pesach experience with modern symbols and rituals is a great affirmation that we, as a people, take our Judaism seriously.

Of course what I long for, is the day when these symbols can be removed from our plates, when there is no new form of oppression we need to bring to the forefront. Because that will mean that the narrow places of "Egypt" will truly be a thing of the past and that we will, at last, be celebrating as "children of freedom."

Chag Sameach to one and all!!

*Cantor Russell Jayne*

*Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair*



## Joshua's Jam

Shalom, everyone.

As Pesach approaches we are of course all looking forward to our *Sedarim*. Looking at the Seder from an educational perspective, we find many things that a good teacher will encourage in the classroom: Group participation, memorization through music, asking questions, and even foods which are specifically eaten with the intention of learning, reviewing.

You may or may not be surprised to learn that the Seder was actually constructed by the early Sages according to an educational plan for children. Their learning goals were articulated to them in the Torah's commandments, chiefly **וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר הָיוּ אֲנִי מִמִּצְרָיִם** **וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר הָיוּ אֲנִי מִמִּצְרָיִם** And you will tell your child on that day [Pesach], 'on account of this G-d did this for me when I came out of Egypt' (Exodus 13:8). This mitzvah is central to the institution of the Passover Seder as we know it. There are so many curious procedures throughout the Seder; these are instituted so that children should ask about them and thus be told the whole story. The four questions were written as examples of questions children can ask, but children and grandchildren should actually be challenged to ask new questions. When organizing one's Seder, one should look for new curiosities which they can add to provoke questions from children.

The Seder is one of the most powerful opportunities to pass on everything about your Judaism that you know and care about including your own family's heritage and your personal narratives. Many of our direct relatives came to North America to escape persecution in Eastern Europe. This is part of our ongoing lived experience of Torah. All children need to be educated, at one point or another, about our history of persecution and the threats they will face in the future. They also need to know what it means to be Jewish: to ask questions, to debate, to fight for what's right and just, and to know that a better world is always possible.

Just as Rosh Hashanah is, in a way, a recommitment ceremony between us and G-d, the Pesach Seder is a recommitment ceremony to the moral, cultural and spiritual fibres of what it means to be Jewish. It is every bit as important as the High Holidays in this respect.

I hope that your Seder is uplifting, educational and inspirational.

Chag Sameach!

*Rabbi Joshua Corber*

*Director of Congregational Learning*

**Todah rabah to the following congregants and friends who volunteered at the Beth Tzedec Casino** held March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Cowboys Casino. Your efforts made a big difference to the bottom line at Beth Tzedec. **Thanks for stepping up!**

Lorie Abernethy  
 Jo Ackerman  
 Irv Adler  
 Ben Berman  
 Claire Berman  
 Kristen Brown  
 Jim Casquenet  
 Ian Cohen  
 Jeff Dworkin  
 Jeff Eichler  
 Habib Espanioli  
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 Susan Inhaber  
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 Lorne Pearl  
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 Leonard Seidman  
 Betty Sherwood  
 Cheryl Shiell  
 Bob Shiell  
 Deborah Shnay  
 Markham Silver  
 Ron Singer  
 Elliott Steinberg  
 Mark Swartz  
 Brian Zaitlin

### Did You Know?

Approved charities can raise funds by providing volunteers for two-day Casino events once every 18 - 20 months. Casinos are currently returning approximately \$65,000 to each not-for-profit group. That is a little more than \$1,800 per person per shift. These funds are put to great use at Beth Tzedec! *Todah rabah* to all our 2018 volunteers and to the many other individuals who were waiting in the wings as back-up volunteers.

**Our next casino is expected take place during the third or fourth quarter of 2019. If you wish to join the volunteer team for our next Casino, please contact the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688 or [info@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca).**



## Through the President's Lens

*A Message from David Inhaber*

Hi Everyone,

This month it is my privilege to shine a spotlight on some recent activities and events we have been so fortunate to enjoy at Beth Tzedec. While there isn't the time or space to fully address the outstanding programming provided by our clergy, staff and volunteers, I thought I would share some of my recent favourites.

The one I'm particularly proud about is our twice daily minyan which supports congregants who are reciting Kaddish for a loved one and enriches the lives of those among us who look forward to short and sweet weekday prayer opportunities. Until you lose a loved one, which unfortunately many more of us are experiencing, it is difficult to fully comprehend how important the ritual of saying Kaddish truly is.

As many of you know, I continue to mourn the passing of my parents, both of whom we buried in late January. The support that I felt from the Beth Tzedec community was comforting for me. In many ways I never realized what a mitzvah so many of you were doing by showing up and counting yourself in so that I could say Kaddish for my Mom and Dad.

In turn, I know that I need to give that support back if another congregant is grieving a loved one. The time involved is minimal and the connection I have made with many congregants who regularly attend weekday prayer services is amazing.

February's Building Sacred Bridges concerts in support of Habitat for Humanity proved additionally inspiring for me and for so many other members of Beth Tzedec and the community at large. The work that Rabbi Osadchey and Cantor Russ did on the organizational front demonstrates, yet again, that our leadership extends well beyond the walls of Beth Tzedec into the greater community.

I had an ear-to-ear smile as I overheard rehearsals conducted by Cantor Russ with all the fortunate children he led in song. Discussions with some of the proud parents were more music to my ears.

Another musical highlight was the March visit of Cantor Nancy Abramson, Dean of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America

(JTS), and three cantorial students, Anna Chapman, Daniella Risman and Jacob Sandler.

It is difficult to describe how beautiful our Shabbat services and dinner were thanks to the harmonies of our guests and our very own Cantor Russ. It was a Shabbat I will never forget.

The Sunday evening concert, supported by a generous grant from the US-based Dellheim Family, brought us an amazing array of music from Bimah to Broadway.

This all started with an idea Cantor Jayne had about 15 months ago. His dream of applying for one of the coveted Dellheim concerts was unanimously endorsed by the Shul Board. Yasher koach to our Cantor for both his vision and his voice . . . highlights that we enjoy daily at Beth Tzedec.

I've shared some of my recent Shul highlights with you. I'd love to hear yours. Please contact me any time you want to share one of your favourite Beth Tzedec moments!

*David Inhaber*  
*President*

### ***Yad Club - Torah Reading Initiative***

Beth Tzedec Congregation encourages 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  
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## Hinduism and the Scientific World-view

by Dr. Tinu Ruparell

Over the last semester I have been teaching a course on atheism. While it might sound a bit odd to teach such a course in the context of a Religious Studies department, the historical dance across the centuries between belief and unbelief, theism and atheism, faithfulness and skepticism, has perhaps shaped, as no other single factor, how contemporary religion is now understood and practiced. Two things have become very clear through the weeks of this course. The first is how much this discussion hinges on the Abrahamic traditions and, more specifically, on Christianity. Contemporary writings from the likes of the so-called ‘New Atheists’ read as if there has been no thought given to these questions outside of English-speaking western Europe and North American countries in the last 100 years. Even a little bit of thought reveals this perspective to be risibly narrow and chauvinistic. The second is how atheism is more-or-less implied by a scientific worldview. Again, a little reflection would show that the two are not identical. In some of my lectures over the year I have already talked about the nature of atheism in Hinduism (as an orthoprax tradition, one can easily be a good Hindu and not hold a theistic concept of God), but in what follows I want to consider the broader question of how Hinduism is related to a scientific world-view.

Of course definitions are always important to get right at the beginning. I won’t try (again) to define Hinduism here, but science can be defined as the practice of interrogating and explaining the natural universe through repeatable and falsifiable empirical observation and experiment. Science is thus primarily a method – a way to gain knowledge of the universe – however it has also come to stand for the world-view arising from this method: one which only countenances general principles derived from a naturalistic understanding of the world, that is, a universe devoid of the supernatural, which would include, of course, God as commonly understood.

The first thing to say then is that, on this count, Hinduism and science are quite compatible. As stated already, there are numerous atheistic strands of Hinduism. Furthermore, those branches of Hindu thought which are theistic may at first appear to clash with science but on further analysis reveal no such contradiction, since their Gods are but symbolic manifestations of the inexpressible, absolute, non-theistic, one-without-a-second, or *Brahman*. Moreover, Hinduism is a naturalistic religion in the sense that all parts of the universe, save Brahman, are thought to be phenomenal, non-supernatural elements. In principle all of the universe is accessible to experience, however where European scientific traditions generally limit scientifically valid experience to gross

sense data (such as that given by vision, touch, smell, taste etc.) plus logic and inference, Indian scientists add to these the possibility of experiencing the universe through subtle sense data. These subtle elements of the universe are accessible not through the normal senses but rather through inner reflection, meditation and apprehension. On account of this view, ancient Hindu scientists posited that atoms (paramanus), the mind (manas) and ego (ahamkara) were all material entities perceivable through deep reflection. Additionally, elements such as space, sound, form, inherence, universality and particularity are all natural elements of the universe accessible through naturalistic, scientific method.

Secondly we should note the long history of Hindu science. By far the crown of Hindu science must be mathematics: the language of science. Not only did Hindus give the world its numerals (which were introduced to Europe by Al Khwarizmi in the 12<sup>th</sup> century), including the concept of *zero*, the mathematician Mahavira discovered the notion of imaginaries in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, a lynchpin making possible vast areas of modern mathematics and physics. Ancient Hindu mathematics were well known to be extremely sophisticated, particularly in the measurement of the cosmos, as Hindu mathematicians had long known that the age of the universe was not in the thousands or even millions of years, but in the several billions. Pre-modern Hindu science also made important discoveries in medicine, biological evolution, psychology, metallurgy, empirical methodology, chemistry, surgery and horology, while modern Indian science has excelled in cosmology and quantum theory, as well as pure mathematics and computer science. While I certainly do not want to claim that Indian science was paramount, the discourse about science and religion tends to neglect the important contributions made by non-western scientific traditions.

Much has been written about the ‘mystical East’, much of it by Orientalist western scholars pronouncing their views on the ‘essence’ of Indian thought, but also by Indian authors of dubious credentials hoping to exploit the ignorance and credulity of many people searching for meaning. While no doubt some of what they have to say may have value, it bears remembering that Hindu thought is understood by most Hindus as a form of *scientia*, that is, critical, testable and useful knowledge. It is sometimes popular to think that science and religion live in two different worlds, science concerning itself with the what? and how? questions, while religion the who? and why? This view was popularized by the evolutionary biologist Stephen Jay Gould as the ‘non-overlapping magesteria’ (NOMA) model. The very brief sketch of some aspects of the Hindu-Science relationship I have presented above should, perhaps, make us re-think this idea. Perhaps science and religion are not so different. At the very least Hindu science should give us pause when we consider what ‘religion’ can contribute to the scientific world-view and vice versa.

**Dr. Tinu Ruparell**

*Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence*



## What's your Earworm?

I was never going to be that person. I'd be 'hip' and 'in the groove' forever. As a tween and teen, I was amazed that my mom did not know the songs of the day. I'm sure that she couldn't even name one Beatles song. I doubt that my dad could either. Their favourites included Perry

Como, Bing Crosby and Lawrence Welk. My mom couldn't work a tape recorder and later the VCR. She never put a record on the stereo.

Well, that was never going to be me! How could it? I listened to the radio, bought records and knew how to work a Sony Walkman, use the computer, and could tape shows from the TV.

But somehow, it did happen. Don't ask me how. To me Pitbull is a kind of dog, Nirvana is a spiritual state, Nickelback is change that you receive, and Eminem is a type of candy. I am not a Belieber and I couldn't name a Bruno Mars song if you asked me to. Give me Karen Carpenter, ABBA, or Linda Ronstadt any day.

Then I heard the term earworm. Hmmm. What's that? The dictionary defines it as a catchy song or tune that runs continually through a person's mind. Here are some of the top ones from a survey done a few years ago:

- *Bad Romance* Lady Gaga
- *Can't Get You Out of My Head* Kylie Minogue
- *Don't Stop Believin'* Journey
- *Somebody That I Used to Know* Gotye
- *Moves Like Jagger* Maroon 5

Those aren't the songs stuck in my head. In fact, I only really know one of these songs and though I like it, it's not my earworm. On a fall trip to Kauai, I had this earworm for most of the trip. When I realized that it was from the Hallel services during the Sukkot morning services, I smiled. A few months ago, the earworm was from the Kabbalat Shabbat services. Recent earworms have also been for these same services. Sometimes, something from morning minyan gets stuck in there. They

are all catchy tunes and have real staying power on the 'charts'. Some have been around for hundreds of years. Can we say the same for these other songs?

Join us at minyan. Who knows what earworm you will be stuck with?

**Susan Inhaber**, *NML Commissioner*



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Cantor Russ at [cantorruss@bethzedec.ca](mailto:cantorruss@bethzedec.ca)  
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### 1999 Minyanaires

**Front Row:** Harry Sherman, Mrs. Goran, Joe Goran, Rabbi Moshe Saks,

**Cantor Mark Katzman** (*Correction on spelling of name from March Shofar*)

**Second Row:** Abe Zeisler, Bev Sklar, Sid Sniderman, Alex Shkolnik, Morris Iver, Joan Robbins, Ziggy Bleviss

**Third Row:** Kalman Estrin, Sid Macklin, Mort Wynne, Dave Waterman, Bert Glow, Alan Silver, Nelson Boxer

## Programs

### Matza Brei Brunch

**Sunday, April 1st - 11:00am**

Join us for some gourmet matza brei creations courtesy of Rabbi Osadchey. \$10 per person. RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688 by March 29th.

### Hazak 55+ presents

**"Know Your Angels" with Rabbi Corber**

**Thursday, April 12th - 12:00pm**

Please join Rabbi Corber as he guides us through the basic Biblical and Rabbinic classification systems of the multitude of celestial beings in our tradition, also known as 'Angelology'. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, \$5 per person, followed by Rabbi Corber's presentation. RSVP to the synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by April 9th. For more information, please contact Donna Caplan at 403-271-3066.

### Minyan Katan

**Shabbat, April 14th - 10:00am**

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.

### Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence Lunch and Movie

**Sunday, April 15th - 12:00pm**

We will be viewing the 2005 Canadian film, *Water*, written and directed by Deepa Mehta. Set in 1938, it explores the lives of widows at an ashram in Varanasi, India. The film will be followed by a discussion led by Dr. Ruparell. RSVP to the office at [info@bethzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688.

### JFSC Brunch Presentation on Domestic Violence

**Sunday, April 22th - 10:00am**

**Beth Tzedec Congregation**

Beth Tzedec, in collaboration with Jewish Family Service Calgary, will present a talk about domestic violence as it affects individual families and the overall Jewish community. A question and answer session will follow. Open to the community. The cost of the brunch is \$5.00. RSVP to [info@bethzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688.

### Torah on Tap for 20-40s

**Thursday, April 26th - 7:00pm**

**Limericks Pub - 7304 Macleod Tr SE**

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, April 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.

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## Tot Shabbat Eve

Friday, April 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.

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Congregation** on facebook.

## May Unveilings

The family of the late **Carol Brettschneider** has requested the announcement of the unveiling of the headstone.

**Carol Brettschneider**

Sunday, May 27, 2018

11:30am

Beth Tzedec Memorial Park

*If you would like to advise the congregation of a future unveiling and have it included in our publications, please let us know by contacting the Shul office at 403-255-8688 or [info@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca).*

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

**Walter Posner** (of North York ON), on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 By Steven, Nicole, Joshua and Daniel Rosendorff

**Manny Cohen**, on the occasion of his birthday  
 By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

**Sahbra Markus**, on the occasion of the birth of her great nephew Hudson Cooper Markus  
 By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

**William Friedman**, on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 By Jean and Jack Groner (of Los Angeles CA)

**Arlein Chetner**, on the occasion of her special birthday  
 By Jeff Eichler  
 Jean Barron

Naomi Robins and Joan Robins

**Karen Sklar and Family**, on the occasion of the birth of their new grandson  
 By Lillian Martin

**Deborah Katz**, on the occasion of her birthday  
 By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

**SYMPATHY**

**Lorne and Beth Price and Family**, on the loss of his mother Pola Price  
 By Helen and Mark Swartz  
 Therese Nagler

Ellen and Stan Magidson

Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Bernard, Carol and Jonathan Florence and Caroline, Eddie and Tyler Deutsch

The Jablonka Family and Gail Poole

**The Family of the Late Minnie (Mickey) Davids**, on the loss of their mother, grandmother and great

grandmother Mickey Davids  
 By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro  
 Sheila Bermack  
 Therese Nagler  
 Muriel Lainof

**Laura Shuler**, on the loss of her aunt Mickey Davids

By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

**Arnold Dvorkin**, on the loss of his cousin Mickey Davids

By Hilda and Lenny Smith

**Miriam Milavsky**, on the loss of her sister Ethel Levene

By Hilda and Lenny Smith

Gail and Dean Staniloff

Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Lisa and Markham Silver

Therese Nagler

Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**Carrie and Mitch Brody**, on the loss of their aunt Ethel Levene

By Gail and Dean Staniloff

**Therese Nagler**, on the loss of her brother Lawrence Ross

By Sylvia Itzcovitch

Claire and Ben Berman

Joan Robins and Naomi Robins

Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Jacques and Lila Mydlarski

Milt and Maxine Fischbein

Joan and Steve Smith

(of Toronto ON)

Sheila Bermack

Mort and Toto Levitt

**Michelle and Jeremy Thal**, on the loss of her grandmother

By Greg, Stacey, Oliver and Easton Freidin

**Cemetery Entry Code**

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

**Bev and Harvey Silverstone, Harvey and Margaret-Rose Davids, Ken and Sheila Davids and Barry and Karen Davids**, on the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother Mickey Davids

By Bernard, Carol and Johnathan Florence and Caroline, Eddie and Tyler Deutsch

**Bev and Harvey Silverstone and Family**, on the loss of her mother, his mother-in-law, their grandmother and great grandmother Mickey Davids

By Jacques and Lila Mydlarski  
Sandy and Irvin Adler and Family  
Milt and Maxine Fischbein  
Lisa and Markham Silver  
Bob and Cheryl Shiell  
Albert and Debbie Krygier  
Jean Barron  
Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch  
Jason, Cheryl, Jacob and Gabrielle Gurevitch  
David and Susan Inhaber

**Harvey and Margaret-Rose Davids and Family**, on the loss of his mother, her mother-in-law, their grandmother and great grandmother Mickey Davids

By Albert and Debbie Krygier

**Kenny and Sheila Davids and Family**, on the loss of his mother, her mother-in-law, their grandmother and great grandmother Mickey Davids

By Albert and Debbie Krygier

**Reesa and Marty Kluner and Family**, on the loss of her mother Sandra Cooperband  
By Marilyn and Larry Feingold

Howie and Francie Lowenstein and Family

**Barb and Ron Krell and Family**, on the loss of her father, his father-in-law and their grandfather Harry Sherman  
By Sally and Sid Coleman  
(of Vancouver BC)

## GET WELL

**Mort Levitt**

By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro  
Jean Barron

**Leon Cohen**

By Aaron and Sherry Berman and Family

**Brian Zaitlin**

By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

## PASSOVER WISHES

**Milt and Maxine Fischbein**

By Mort and Ruth Levitt

**Howard and Francie Lowenstein and Family**

By Toto and Mort Levitt

## THANK YOU

**Maxine Fischbein**, with appreciation

By Francie Lowenstein

Mort and Ruth Levitt

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

### SYMPATHY

**Bev and Harvey Silverstone**, on the loss of her mother Mickey Davids

By Bruce and Renee Fogel and Daughters

**Reesa and Marty Kluner**, on the loss of her mother Sandra Cooperband

By Renee and Bruce Fogel and Daughters

## CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND

### MAZEL TOV

**Arlein Chetner**, on the occasion of her special birthday

By Barb and Ron Krell

### SYMPATHY

**Therese Nagler and Family**, on the loss of her brother Lawrence Ross

By Hilda and Lenny Smith

**Lorne and Beth Price and Family**, on the loss of his mother, her mother-in-law, their grandmother and great grandmother Pola Price

By Hilda and Lenny Smith and Family

**Bev and Harvey Silverstone**, on the loss of her mother Mickey Davids

By Jacob Barsky and Fran Goresht  
Sam and Anne Goresht

**GET WELL**

**Mort Levitt**

By Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

**Phyllis Krygier**

By Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

**LEV SHALEM SABBATH &  
FESTIVAL BOOK FUND**

**MAZEL TOV**

**Arlein Chetner**, on the occasion of her  
special birthday

By Evelyn Sheffel Shapiro

**SYMPATHY**

**Therese Nagler**, on the loss of her  
brother Lawrence Ross

By Delsie Dworkin and Family

**Bruce and Renee Fogel and Family**, on  
the loss of his sister Francine Robyn Fogel  
By Michael and Giezelle Pash

**RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND  
SYMPATHY**

**Therese Nagler**, on the loss of her  
brother Lawrence Ross

By Naomi Hashman

**THANK YOU**

**Rabbi and Bobbie Osadchey**, with  
appreciation

By Faith and Jerry Dubisky

**LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTEL  
ENDOWMENT FUND**

**MAZEL TOV**

**Arlein Chetner**, on the occasion of her  
special birthday

By Phil and Harriet Libin

**Sam Bell**, on the occasion of his special  
birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**William Friedman**, on the occasion of  
his special birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**Leonard Shapiro**, on the occasion of his

special birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**SYMPATHY**

**Bev and Harvey Silverstone**, on the loss  
of her mother Mickey Davids

By Phil and Harriet Libin

**Therese Nagler**, on the loss of her  
brother Lawrence Ross

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**GET WELL**

**Ada Horwitz**

By Phil and Harriet Libin

**Ruth Dvorkin**

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**PASSOVER WISHES**

**Ada Horwitz**

By Phil and Harriet Libin

**NORMAN & BEULAH MARTIN  
CANTORIAL CHAIR FUND**

**MAZEL TOV**

**Arlein Chetner**, on the occasion of her  
special birthday

By Jason, Cheryl, Jacob and  
Gabrielle Gurevitch

**SYMPATHY**

**Miriam Milavsky**, on the loss of her  
sister Ethel Levene

By Beulah Martin

**Therese Nagler**, on the loss of her  
brother Lawrence Ross

By Beulah Martin

**GET WELL**

**Ruth Dvorkin**

By Beulah Martin

**Mort Levitt**

By Beulah Martin

**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday	8:30am - 4:30pm
Friday	8:30am - 3:30pm

**Yahrzeit Fund****Mendel Belzberg, beloved father**

By Jean Barron

**Mischa Gliener, beloved grandfather**

By Jackie Saltman

**Jenny Gliener, beloved grandmother**

By Jackie Saltman

**Isaac Benjamin Malekar, beloved father**

By Akiba and Yerusha Charikar

**Samuel Martin, beloved father-in-law**

By Lillian Martin

**Samuel Martin, beloved father-in-law**

By Beulah Martin

**Inda Ginzberg, beloved sister**

By Mara and Alex Shkolnik

**Nicolae Halmos, beloved father**

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**Louis Belzberg, beloved father**

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By Edith Sugarman

**Solomon and Sonia Shapiro, beloved parents**

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**Esther Bercovice, beloved mother**

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By Sara and David Profis

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**Nathan Levitt, beloved father**

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**Jennie Sklar, beloved mother**

By Carol Levitt

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By Sheila Steinfeld

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By Phil Ullman

**Bernard Laven, beloved dad and grandpa**

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**Minnie Dubisky, beloved mother**

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**Jacob Dubisky, beloved grandfather**

By Jerry Dubisky

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**Harry Bernbaum, beloved father**

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By Phyllis Krygier

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By Alexandre and Fira Oussatinski

**Lou Pomerance, beloved husband**

By Edith Pomerance

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The Eichler Family**Alice Pencer, beloved mother and grandmother**

By Wylma and Irwin Freedman

**Bill Steinberg, beloved brother**

By Norman Steinberg

**Molly Borysowsky, beloved aunt**  
By Norman Steinberg  
**Paul Fleising, beloved brother**  
By Usher Fleising  
**Lily Fishman, beloved sister**  
By Sam Switzer

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**George Fraiberg, beloved father**  
By Alec Fraiberg  
**Oscar Kirshner, beloved husband**  
By Louise Kirshner  
**Henry Plucer, beloved father**  
By Ron Plucer  
**Kalman Jablonka, beloved husband and father**  
By The Jablonka Family  
**Minnie and Harry Bellas, beloved parents**  
By Marny and Bruce Simpson  
**Blanche Mozeson, beloved mother**  
By Zena Drabinsky  
**Yetta Rubenstein, beloved mother**  
By Sandra Eisner  
**Jake Rubenstein, beloved father**  
By Sandra Eisner  
**Wilfred Walker, beloved husband**  
By Helen Walker

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**Annie Pomerance, beloved mother**  
By Phil Pomerance  
**Ida Pomerance, beloved wife**  
By Phil Pomerance  
**Lou Pomerance, beloved father**  
By Cheryl Pomerance  
**Lou Pomerance, beloved brother**  
By Phil Pomerance  
**Lou Pomerance, beloved brother-in-law**  
By Bert Glow  
**Rachel Goresht, beloved mother-in-law**  
By Phil Pomerance



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## Life Cycle Events In Memoriam

Ethel Levene, sister of Miriam Milavsky. The funeral was held on March 2, 2018.

Lawrence Ross, brother of Therese Nagler. The funeral was held on March 2, 2018.

Minnie (Mickey) Davids, mother of Bev (Harvey) Silverstone, Harvey (Margaret-Rose), Ken (Sheila) of Toronto, and Barry (Karen) of Vancouver.  
The funeral was held on March 5, 2018.

Sandra Cooperband, mother of Reesa (Marty) Kluner and sister of Dr. David Weinberg (of Minneapolis). The funeral was held on March 7, 2018 in Winnipeg.

Mort Levitt, husband of Ruth (Toto) Levitt and father of Sandra (Bernard) Corenblum and Natalie Levitt. The funeral was held on March 23, 2018.

Geneva Cohen, mother of Rachele Cohen, Tina (George) Lovell, Laurie Veres and Hart Cohen and sister of Mary Hoerdts and Vincent (Gail) Grassi.  
The funeral was held on March 28, 2018.

### We joyously welcome into the People of Israel as Jews by Choice:

Leah and Sarah Finn, daughters of Gabriel and Amy Finn

Ioana Covalcic

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**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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