





Shavuot at BTZ

Sunday, May 20th
Blintz Dinner - 5:30pm
Shavuot Service and Keruv Siyum - 7:00pm
Cheesecake Party - 8:00pm
Monday May 21st
Shavuot Services and Yizkor - 9:00am

Please see more details on page 19.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday May 1st

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv Class

Wednesday May 2nd

1:00pm CIC Bible Study

6:30pm BTZ Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

Friday May 4th

Candle Lighting: 8:45pm

TORAH: EMOR Shabbat May 5th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah

Zoev Spier

10:45am Tot Shabbat

Sunday May 6th

10:00am Shul School Brunch

12:00pm Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

Monday May 7th

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday May 8th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv Class

Wednesday May 9th

1:00pm CIC Bible Study

Thursday May 10th

12:00pm Hazak 55+

Friday May 11th

Candle Lighting: 8:56pm

6:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Shabbat Dinner

TORAH: BEHAR + BEHUKKOTAI

Shabbat May 12th

9:00am Shabbat Services

10:00am Minyan Katan

12:00pm Farewell Kiddush for Rabbi

Corber

Sunday May 13th

10:00am Shul School

Monday May 14th

5:00pm Mysticism and Meditation

Tuesday May 15th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

7:00pm Keruv Class

Wednesday May 16th

1:00pm CIC Bible Study

7:00pm Taste of Judaism

Friday May 18th

5:45pm Tot Shabbat Eve Candle Lighting: 9:06pm

TORAH: BEMIDBAR

Shabbat May 19th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah

Mika Raber

Sunday May 20th

10:00am Shul School

5:30pm Blintz Dinner

7:00pm Shavuot Service and Keruv

Siyum

8:00pm Cheesecake Party

Monday May 21st

9:00am Shavuot Service and Yizkor

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday May 22nd

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday May 23rd

1:00pm CIC Bible Study

Friday May 25th

Candle Lighting: 9:16pm

Shabbat May 26th

9:00am Shabbat Services

11:00am Koleinu Minyan

Sunday May 27th

10:00am Shul School

1:00pm Beyond Bim-Bam

Tuesday May 29th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday May 30th

1:00pm CIC Bible Study



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Rabbinic Reflections

We are currently in the midst of the period known as the *sephirah* during which we count the seven weeks time between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot. The ancient rabbis suggested that the Jewish people were not ready to receive the Torah immediately upon their liberation from Egypt. They were in need of maturation and the 49 days between the holidays represent different stages of growth.

This rabbinic commentary insinuates that the same necessity for growth and maturation required of ancient Israel is relevant to our own personal and communal lives. It should be consciously embedded into the flow of our lives as well. On the second day of Passover, we begin counting the Omer, a measure of unworked barley. On Shavuot, loaves of bread are made from processed grain. Passover teaches us that life bears great potential for purposeful activity. Shavuot conveys to us that what is truly significant is the product of hard work from which unworked possibilities are transformed into mature realities.

As the weather warms and we emerge from the winter doldrums, it is time to begin planting new and vibrant seeds of *Torah* (Jewish education and lifelong learning), *Avodah* (worship), and *Gemilut Hasadim* (acts of lovingkindness). They are the leaven for creating meaningful and inspiring Jewish lives.

In particular, the performance *mitzvot* of compassion and righteousness are transformative for both the doer and the recipient. That is why I encourage you to engage in **Project 146** which is Beth Tzedec's social justice initiative. When we consciously perform mitzvot as a community we inspire and empower more people to do them and to increase the overall impact of our efforts. Many people feel that they don't know how to do social justice mitzvot or are intimidated to do them alone. Our intent is to publicize the mitzvot that have been performed and not the people who perform them. The **Project 146** approach is much more humble and focused on the mitzvah itself. But, there are many examples in Jewish life where the community is encouraged to give *tzedakah*, for example, by having their names listed in the Jewish newspaper or in Federation bulletins or by putting people's names on buildings and ritual objects such as Torah scrolls. The sole reason for doing so is to pressure others to follow suit. By not publishing names and only mitzvot, **Project 146** is encouraging people to do mitzvot, giving them examples of where and how

they can do them, and overall instilling pride in our synagogue as a community of mitzvah-doers.

You will be receiving in the coming month a list of opportunities to fulfill your **Project 146** commitment either directly at a deserving organization or here at the synagogue which will in turn forward your mitzvah to that organization (as in soup and food preparation events).

The upcoming celebration of Shavuot is as much about God giving the Torah on Mt. Sinai to the Jewish People as it is about the Jewish People receiving and living out its tenets. To fully appreciate the gift of Torah one must both embrace it and share it.

May we all come to more fully realize the blessing of Torah by becoming active performers of its mitzvot. In so doing, we come closer to fulfilling our synagogue's vision of "Kindling the Light of learning, spiritual growth, and compassion to nurture innovative Conservative Jewish life in the home, synagogue, and community."

I look forward to joining you in many such opportunities to bring joy and hope to others in need.

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair



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



Anyone who knows me, knows that I am very far from being considered mystical. I pride myself in being practical and down to earth. Yet sometimes, the universe does something that completely flies in the

face of my desire to be rational.

As some of you may know, I was a chaperone this year on the March of the Living. I have no words yet to really describe what it was like. The only thing I can say it that being with all these young men and women, and sharing this experience with them has been the high point of my life. During those two weeks, I had many profound experiences, and I would like to share one of them with you. I want to tell you what happened to me in the artists' colony in Tzfat on Friday afternoon April 20th.

For quite some time now I have been looking for a final piece of art for my office at Beth Tzedec. I've been on numerous websites, but nothing struck my eye as being what I wanted for behind my desk. So, once I knew we were going to Tzfat, I made it my mission to find a piece in the artists' market. I had originally thought that it would be a piece of microcalligraphy, since Tzfat is known for its numerous artists that specialize in that particular art genre, but no matter how hard I looked or how many shops I visited, I just couldn't find "that piece."

I was heading back to the bus, slightly defeated, when I glanced into the Halevi gallery and saw an absolutely beautiful painting. It spoke to me in a way no other piece of art had that day, and I negotiated a price with the artist to buy the piece and have it shipped to Calgary.

As we were wrapping up our business, we started chatting.

"Why are you buying this piece?"

"This piece will be the last piece of art to complete my office back in my synagogue in Calgary."

"Oh, are you a Rabbi?"

"No, I am a Hazzan."

"Wonderful! In what style are you trained?"

"Nusach Ashkenaz, like you would hear in Russia or Poland."

Ah, my father would have loved that. He came from Poland."

"Really, I was just in Poland. I'm chaperoning a group of kids from Canada. We are on the March of the Living, and are now spending a week in Israel. Where was your father from?"

It was at that point that he told me that his father was from Tykocin, and used to daven in the synagogue there as a boy. He escaped on the day the Nazis were driving the women, children, and elderly into the forest to massacre them, by jumping off the truck in the convoy and running into another area of the forest. One of the memory stones in Lupochowo forest bears his family's name.

It was an understatement to say I was in complete shock. I stood in that shtetel, sang in that restored synagogue, and saw those mass graves with my own eyes, and now, a piece of art done by the son and daughter-in-law of a survivor of Lupochowo will hang behind my desk.

There are times when rationality cannot explain why the universe brings you to a specific place at a specific moment. For some reason I was meant to be in Tzfat on that day at that time, and to walk into that shop and meet that specific artist. Although right now, I haven't the faintest idea why that should be so. All I know in this moment is that everything about all the experiences I had been having crystallized perfectly around that specific instant in time. Hanging that piece of art in my office will be like setting the keystone in the arch, bringing all the memories and emotions I felt on that journey to a perfect conclusion. I will feel a deep sense of Shalom, in the purest sense of that word, knowing what the piece means to me, and everything it represents.

The artist calls the piece Sunrise.

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair



Joshua's Jam

Friends, this will be my final *Shofar* article as your Director of Congregational Learning. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for providing such a warm, supportive environment in which I was able to develop my skills as a Rabbi and an educator.

Over the years I managed to teach a wide spectrum of subjects to all ages. While I found all the learning and teaching to be fulfilling and rewarding, some highlights

stand out. The High Holiday Family Service was incredibly energizing for me; it brought meaning to the High Holidays for children and their families. Dorshei Tzedec was a great example of community service and Tzedakah combined with Torah learning. It enriched the Jewish learning of several furtunate teens and their families. I enjoyed working with them and with Wendy Kennelly who worked then for the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary. The Koleinu Minyan, while initially conceived to help novice daveners develop their prayer skills, grew into a class focusing on the spiritual meanings and intentions (*kavvanot*) of prayer, which then grew into a Hassidut class (Sfat Emet on the weekly Torah portion). Also, there were times when I was approached by members to collaborate/create a program and the result was successful. In particular Judaism 101 and 201A and B were hugely successful in terms of attendance and the reviews it received. I enjoyed the preparation and teaching immensely.

I will miss Beth Tzedec dearly. The sanctuary in this building has a palpable feeling of holiness, I would often sit during a quiet moment on a weekday and meditate. I will especially miss the people. All the staff and members have been so kind to Chloe and me and we will miss bringing Eliana on Shabbat mornings. You have a special place here with great people and great leadership and it has been an honour working, learning, and growing with all of you. I will come back to visit, G-d willing!

Bye for now!

Rabbi Joshua Corber

Director of Congregational Learning

Editor's Note: Rabbi Corber's final date at Beth Tzedec is Saturday, May 12th. Please join us for a special Kiddush in honour of Rabbi Corber, Chloe and Eliana immediately following Shabbat services that day.

Life Cycle Events In Memoriam

Irene Fruman, mother of Sandra (Maurice) Steinberg, Earl Fruman and Adelle Fruman (Alan Rubin) and sister of Lucille Hanson. The funeral was held on March 30, 2018.

Samuel Belzberg, brother of Lil Faider. The funeral was held on April 2, 2018.

Edward Allan Seidman (Allan), father of Leonard (Kimberly Rothenberg) Seidman. The funeral was held Monday, April 9, 2018.

Pnina Dagan, mother of Aaron (Hanita) Dagan. The funeral was held on April 12.

Marilyn Fraiberg, wife of Alec Fraiberg, mother of Gail Fraiberg (Jacek Kochanski), Peter Fraiberg (Judy Rafuse), Howard Fraiberg (Jay Wilson) and sister of Victor Gruman. The funeral was held on April 18, 2018.

Wedding

Mazel tov to Ioana Covalci and Anatoli Daskal on their wedding on April 8, 2018.

Baby Naming/Brit Milah

Mazel tov to Marnie Krell and Frank Eldridge on the brit milah of their son, Harrison Paul Shai Eldridge, on April 25, 2018. Proud grandparents are Ron and Barb Krell and Jan Kudelka and Barry Eldridge and Dianne Goodman.

Proud great grandmother is Janet Sherman.

Mazel tov to Melissa and Josh Wood on the brit milah of their son, Francis George, on April 15, 2018.

Mazel tov to Melanie and Dan Kalmanovitch and sisters Ava and Emma on the brit milah and naming of their twins, Gabriel and Audrey, on April 15, 2018.

Proud grandparents are Helene and Norman Kalmanovitch,

Ida and Darryl Epp, and Saul Prince.

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@bethtzedec.ca.

Please support our twice daily weekday prayer services. Prayer Service Times

Morning Services: Monday-Friday 7:45am Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays 9:00am Evening services: Daily at 6:00pm



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

As a child I never understood why important dates like Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fell on different days of the year while many non-Jewish holidays were more fixed and predictable. Passover was always sometime in spring

and mostly conflicted with the NHL hockey schedule. As a student of United Talmud Torah in Montreal, I used to anxiously check the dates on the first day of school to see how many holiday days I got each year. It always felt like September was the shortest month of the year given all the holidays that fell early in the school year. Of course as I grew up it all became clearer. As we so often comment to one another, Yom Tov seems to arrive too early or too late!

One Beth Tzedec milestone that is predictable is our fiscal year end which occurs annually on March 31st. Now that this date has come and gone, Max is busily preparing Beth Tzedec's annual statements for 2018/19 and they will be in the mail shortly. This year we were very pleased to hold the majority of our Congregants' commitments at the same level as the previous year.

Taking a page from my accounting textbook, I thought we would introduce the opportunity for congregants to take advantage of a discount rewarding those who make their commitment early this year. To enjoy a 2% discount on your Beth Tzedec commitment, all you need to do is pay your balance in full or lock in your monthly contribution no later than June 1, 2018. For monthly commitments, the discount will be applied on your last payment.

If you have seen my April 5, 2018 letter to the congregation, you know we have started to plan for our AGM which will take place on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:30pm. As this is a non-election year, I look forward to devoting more time that evening to sharing our plans for 5779.

Our Committee chairs will provide brief reports on their various portfolios. We will also allow more time for socializing that evening so that you can enjoy informal chats with clergy, staff and lay leaders on the topics that matter most to you.

In other news, Rabbi Corber has accepted a new position as Congregational Rabbi at Beit Rayim Synagogue in Vaughn, Ontario (just outside of Toronto). He will assume his duties there at the beginning of June.

As always, Rabbi Osadchey, Cantor Jayne, the staff and lay leadership remain dedicated to excellence in educational programming at Beth Tzedec. Details concerning our educational programming will be discussed at the AGM.

In the meantime, a special congregational Kiddush honouring Rabbi Corber and his family will take place at Beth Tzedec on Saturday, May 12th immediately following Shabbat Services. This will be Rabbi Corber's final day of active duty at Beth Tzedec and is a wonderful opportunity for congregants and members of the community at large to join the Shul leadership team in thanking Rabbi Corber and wishing him, Chloe and Eliana much success and enjoyment in their new congregation and community.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there on that special Shabbat.

David Inhaber

President



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday June 20, 2018 7:30pm at Beth Tzedec Congregation

Please join us as we celebrate Beth Tzedec highlights and share financial reports. Watch your inbox, your mailbox, *Shofar* and *Shalom Byte* for more information.



Worldly Hinduism by Dr. Tinu Ruparell

There are four recognized, appropriate ends or purposes of life for Hindus, called the *purusharthas*. Three are worldly – by which I mean that they can only be realized in the messy, this-world, embodied and social state – and one which seeks to transcend this world, though what we mean by 'transcend' in this case is a bit complicated. These four ends of life are *artha*, *kama*, *dharma* and *moksha*. Let us for the present put aside moksha, which literally means 'release', 'enlightenment' or 'liberation' and connotes freedom from the ceaseless round of birth and rebirth (*samsara*), in order to consider *worldly* Hinduism—that is, what it means for Hindus to live in our ever-challenging world.

So to definitions: *artha* refers to those principles and necessities required for a flourishing human existence. At the individual level this may include material prosperity, health, social connection, and security, among other goods. At the societal level, artha refers to the institutions, laws, policies and structures required to facilitate the satisfaction of individuals' desires and needs, while maintaining justice and propriety for all. Thus artha refers to all of the elements needed for a flourishing existence at the individual and social levels. Worldly success hinges on artha, and is sometimes held to be synonymous with it.

Kama refers to sensory and emotional desire, wish, longing, enjoyment and delight. Both our desire for sensual pleasures, as well as those things which provide such enjoyments, are tied together in kama. More recently, kama has been tied to sexual desire due to the popularity of translation of the Kamasutra, however only about 20% of this text deals with sexual pleasure. The vast majority of it is a philosophical analysis of desire in all its forms; its proper purpose and defense against its critics. Kama includes all aesthetic pleasures, be they derived from music, art, architecture, nature, poetry, friendship, affection and love. These worldly pleasures are what gives existence is enjoyment, flavor and delight, particularly within the context of and consistent with right practice of artha and dharma. A life without kama would be a soul destroying drudgery. A life with kama is delightful and joyous.

Finally dharma is that which upholds a just and morally righteous human life, consonant with the foundations of all existence. Often glossed as 'duty' it connotes more a sense of propriety, appropriateness, right-ness and harmony. One's life should always be guided by dharma: these are the principles by which one lives a humane existence, fulfilling our roles in creation to the best of our abilities, and thus perfected as a creature. Dharma is

notoriously subtle and difficult to divine at various points in our lives – the entire epic of the *Mahabharata* may be seen as an extended treatise on how to discern and live according to dharma – and as such is inextricably woven together with the exigencies of worldly affairs.

So the worldly ends of Hinduism dive deeply into the messy, imperfect particularities of living. Hinduism is not an 'other-worldly' or mystical tradition, focused solely on enlightenment and the hereafter. (Perhaps the countercultural extremes of the 1960s left us with a very skewed view of the tradition.) Indeed anyone travelling through India would scarcely accept Hinduism to valorize a dreamy, spiritual and mystical state. Rather, Hinduism is as much a tradition of the here-and-now, of the best-way-to-live-all-things-considered, as of achieving liberating insight into the true nature of existence. Moksha in this sense is born of the insight of living well, rightly and successfully: it is a *result* of worldly Hindu life. This is not to say that moksha is in any way easy. The tradition insists that liberation is difficult, just as living an enjoyable, right and successful life is exceedingly difficult.

Another thing to remember is that the purusharthas, the four right ends of life, are to be understood holistically. While moksha is the ultimate goal, and dharma supersedes artha which supersedes kama, this is no exclusive hierarchy where one relinquishes effort on one aspect of living when pursuing another. All aspects of Hindu life are to be practiced together. In this way the worldly ends, dharma, artha and kama, are three legs of a stool, each requiring the others. Moreover, the consistent striving after these three ends have no sense of being second best compared to more 'spiritual' pursuits. It is entirely right, just and proper to fully commit oneself to worldly success, prosperity, sensual delights and enjoyment, so long as one does not harm others or neglect one's responsibilities to oneself and one's community.

It is sometimes said that Hinduism is not a religion but a way of life. While true, this statement applies equally to all major religious traditions, as each enjoins one to live in particular ways. If religions can be understood as social technologies for the practice of living a flourishing, humane existence, then a perhaps unique characteristic of Hinduism is the sheer plethora of particular implements included in its tool chest. Nothing is ever really thrown away in Hinduism so the worldly, organizational systems of dharma, artha and kama have been fashioned to organize these tools, ultimately to help us make something beautiful out of our disorganized, inconsistent and very worldly lives.

Dr. Tinu Ruparell
Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence



IN THEIR OWN WORDS What Being a Member of the NML Means

For this month's article, I decided to ask the members of the National Minyan League why they joined the NML, what being a member meant to them and why they were inspired to join. Here are some of their responses:

"A number of years ago, I had the observance of yahrzeit for my late father on a beautifully warm and sunny Saturday evening in July...a night when many members are out for dinner, sitting at outdoor cafes, at the golf course, etc. We waited outside the chapel for a minyan and no one came.

The feeling that night of not being able to recite the Kaddish for my Dad was overwhelming sadness, and just seeing the lights being turned off and the few attendees leaving the building without a service, has haunted me these many years later.

When the idea of the minyan league was put forth, I thought that this would be a "small" way to help make sure that those saying kaddish would always have a minyan. Although my commitment is only once a month, I feel that I am part of the greater picture, where members are making a difference."

- Linda Gutman, member of Team 304, The Daveneers

"The main reason we belong to an NML team is to support people saying Kaddish or observing a Yahrzeit. It is about making a concerted effort to be part of a community that backs each other. We gravitated toward the NML because of the way it is structured, with points awarded for attendance on regular and bonus days, and a monthly email of the team rankings. No one ever wants to be last in the standings! The NML is fun, the commitment is easy, and it is for a good cause. Such a small commitment by NML members has made a big difference to our Shul and the Calgary Jewish community."

- Jason Gurevitch, Captain, and Cheryl Gurevitch, member of Team 403 Another Bowl of Soup, Please

"I joined the minyan team to get some alone time with God. The ambiance of the shul and the serene few moments before minyan is an opportunity for a relaxing and private one-sided conversation with him.

I come at least once a month because it's my contribution to the Synagogue. It is so that God is worshiped and to give members that want to pray together a place and an opportunity to do so.

Joining minyan has meant two things to me. I am a part of the synergy of this community and the community is a part of me."

- Habib (Dodi) Espanioli, member of Team 102 The Silver Maccabees

Jeff joined the NML for the following reasons:

- 1. To make sure there is a Minyan for those observing a Yahrzeit;
- 2. To "schmooze" with other members/attendees prior to and after services;
- 3. To obtain a better understanding of the service/ prayers/rituals;
- 4. To lead by example as a member of the Board;
- 5. To perhaps take a stab at leading a service; "very perhaps" at this stage of the game;
- 6. On the "rare" occasion, to celebrate the life of a dear departed with a L'chaim!
- Jeff Dworkin, member of Team 104, President's Choice and Team 305 Shishi Shlishi

"I joined the league because of Mort Levitt^{zl}. Mort said I should have a team and he'd already given it a name, *Lorie, Lorie Halleluiah!*

Who could resist Mort!? And what a clever name. And so, I joined the league and will continue to do so in memory of Mort. "

- Lorie Abernethy, captain of Team 402, Lorie, Lorie Halleluiah!

"I joined the minyan league because I want to ensure there is always a minyan for those who need/want to say Kaddish for a loved one. I appreciated that there were congregants there for me when I came to say Kaddish, so I want to "pay it forward". I also appreciate that we are congregation that endeavours to have a twice daily minyan. This tradition is very important to keep our faith alive and flourishing."

- Anonymous

I too joined for many of the reasons given above. In addition, I have also joined because of a sense of tradition and to honour my father, Charles (Charlie) Feher, who was a long time Minyannaire. I still remember where he sat and how he sounded when he recited the prayers and responses. Being in the chapel brings me closer to him

- Susan Inhaber, Captain Team 105, *TGIF* and member of Team 107, *Yom Rishon* and Team 206X, *The Specialists*.

More reflections will be shared in another *Shofar* article. If you would like to be included, please send me your thoughts via email.

If you have been inspired to join the NML please email me at inhaber@telusplanet.net and I will find the perfect team for you!

Susan Inhaber, NML Commissioner

Zoey Spier

May 5, 2018 · 20 lyyar 5778

Zoey is the daughter of Becky and Brad Spier, and the granddaughter of Judy and Jerry Koshan and Sondra and Joe Spier. She is very close to her whole family, including aunts, uncles, cousins and dogs, and she holds a special place in each of their hearts



Zoey has been attending The Calgary Jewish Academy since Junior Kindergarten, and has spent her formative years developing many wonderful and lasting friendships there. She enjoys school immensely and often says her school is like a second home. Zoey is thankful for all of her wonderful teachers and the rewarding educational experience she is receiving. She is currently in Grade seven and excels in all core subjects. Her favourite classes are science, language arts and gym.

Zoey is a very talented and accomplished dancer at Revolution Dance Studio. She spends many hours each week practicing, performing and competing in a variety of dance styles, including ballet, jazz, lyrical, acro, musical theatre, flips and tricks and hip hop. She works very hard both in and out of the studio and hopes to one day have a career in dance. She is also an avid downhill skier and surfer.

In addition to her many athletic pursuits, Zoey loves to spend time with her friends, family, and dogs, and really enjoys her vacation time in Invermere and Maui. She likes to draw, listen to music and hang out at the mall, where she can pursue her interest in fashion. She cherishes her downtime, and especially enjoys catching up on her favourite show, *Supernatural*. She is a self proclaimed dreamer at heart, and can often be found daydreaming about life, her future, or just about anything!

It is no secret that Zoey has a great love of all animals, and a special affinity for cats and dogs. Her Mitzvah project is centred around helping rescued animals. In addition to donations to shelters in Calgary and Israel, over the past year Zoey has happily volunteered countless times at the ICAN cat shelter in Invermere, where she assists in cleaning the facility and socializing the kittens and cats. She is hoping to complete her project by adopting a cat in need.

Zoey is kindhearted, compassionate, extremely loyal and wise beyond her years. She practices gratitude on a regular basis. She has a unique sense of humour, and is a very confident, determined and energetic young woman who takes great pride in both her academic and extra-curricular achievements. Zoey has worked diligently to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah, and is excited to share her special day with family and friends.

Mazel Tov Zoey!

Míka Raber arcs arcs

Mika is a grade seven Honour Roll Student at The Calgary Jewish Academy (CJA) where she is very involved, acting in school theatre productions, playing on almost every CJA Hawks sports team, sitting on Student Council, and in her spare time, she is also an award winning scientist!



Above all, Mika is full of love. She is always concerned with other people's feelings, and is a peace-maker at heart. She is very compassionate and very giving, has a great (if sometimes a little bit odd) sense of humour, and is also quite strong willed. Mika loves to read, to watch almost any TV show or movie ever made, and to do 'make-overs' (over and over).

Mika has always been very family-oriented, maintaining very close relationships with her family, both near and far. Over the years she also has developed many close friendships at school and in the community here in Calgary, and most recently also at BB Camp in Lake of the Woods, Kenora (Winnipeg).

As a Tzedakah project, as part of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Mika has decided to donate a portion of any gifts she might receive to the Hadassah Medical Centre in Jerusalem, Israel.

Mika has worked very hard and enjoyed preparing for her Bat Mitzvah, and she looks very forward to celebrating this important milestone in her life with all her family and friends!



Beth Tzedec is on facebook!
Click HERE for the link or search for Beth Tzedec
Congregation on facebook.

May and June Unveilings

The families of the late Carol Brettschneider and Marilyn Livergant haave requested the announcement of the unveiling of the headstones.

Carol Brettschneider

Sunday, May 27, 2018 2:00pm Beth Tzedec Memorial Park

Marilyn Livergant

Sunday, June 10, 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.

You are Invited to a Baby Shower!

The refugee family sponsored last year by Beth Tzedec Congregation is happily expecting the arrival of a child in July. Krikor and Loucine have just announced that the new bundle of joy is expected to be a boy and

of course they are very pleased.

Date: Monday, May 14, 2018
Time: 11:30am to 2:00pm
Location: To be determined

Please RSVP to the Synagogue office by May 7th at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

factor are SWEET

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



Shavuot at BTZ

Sunday, May 20th
Blintz Dinner - 5:30pm
\$18 Adults \$10 Children (ages 4-10)
RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688
Shavuot Service and Keruv Siyum - 7:00pm
Our festive Shavuot Service will feature the Keruv Class Graduation
Cheesecake Party - 8:00pm
Free of charge. Please join us!

Monday May 21st Shavuot Services and Yizkor - 9:00am







Programs

Interfaith Bible Study

The Journey and Dreams of Jacob

Wednesdays - May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1:00-2:30pm

Beth Tzedec Congregation

Facilitators: Rabbi Shaul Osadchey (Beth Tzedec), Rabbi Mark Glickman (Temple B'nai Tikvah), Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee (St. Laurence Anglican and the Wisdom Centre). Free and Open to All. Please Register at wisdomcentre@stlaurence.ca.

Tot Shabbat

Shabbat, May 5th - 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.

Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence Lunch and Movie Sunday, May 6th - 12:00pm

We will be viewing the 2000 film *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, directed by Robert Redford and starring Will Smith, Matt Damon and Charlize Theron. The film is a contemporary retelling of an ancient Hindu story and will be followed by a discussion led by Dr. Tinu Ruparell. RSVP to the office at info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688. The event is free and open to the public.

Hazak 55+ presents

March of the Living - Personal Reflections with Cantor Russ Thursday, May 10th - 12:00pm

Please join us as Cantor Russ relates his experiences in Poland and Israel as a chaperone on the 30th Annual March of the Living. This is sure to be a deeply moving program. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, \$5 per person. RSVP to the synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by Monday, May 7th. For more information, please contact Donna Caplan at 403-271-3066.

Minyan Katan

Shabbat, May 12th - 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@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 8.

Shabbat Kiddush in Honour of Rabbi Corber and Family Shabbat, May 12th - 12:00pm

Join us for a special congregational Kiddush honouring Rabbi Corber and his family immediately following Shabbat services. This will be a wonderful

opportunity for congregants and members of the community at large to join the Shul leadership team in thanking Rabbi Corber and wishing him, Chloe and Eliana much success and enjoyment in their new congregation and community. Rabbi Corber will begin an exciting new chapter in his career on June 1st as Congregational Rabbi at Beit Rayim Synagogue in Vaughan, Ontario.

Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence Taste of Judaism: Hindu Edition Wednesday, May 16th - 7:00pm

Join us for a culinary adventure as our guest chef, Rika Ruparell (Dr. Tinu Ruparell's mother), guides us through a typical menu in a Hindu home. Hear Rika's story and participate in cooking her favourite Hindu dishes. Class is limited to 25 participants. RSVP to the synagogue office by email at info@bethtzedec.ca or phone 403-255-8688.

Shavuot Blintz Dinner, Keruv Class Siyum and Cheesecake Party Sunday, May 20th - Starting at 5:30pm

Please see page 19 for details

Beyond Bim-Bam: A Concert of Jewish Art Music Sunday, May 27th - 1:00pm

Please join us for a spirited concert of Jewish Art Music with a pre-concert lecture by Neal Brostoff, a leading scholar in this area. The concert will feature some of the lesser known gems in the Jewish musical world, and is sure to be an eye-opening experience. I hope you will be with us as we journey beyond Bim-Bam. RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or call 403-255-8688.

Tzed Talks - *Are You Prepared for the Next Disaster? by Dr. Daniel Kollek*Wednesday, May 30th - 7:00pm Beth Tzedec Congregation

Beth Tzedec, in conjunction with the University of Calgary's Cummings School of Medicine, is presenting the third in a series of lectures about current medical issues that are of interest to the Jewish Community and to all Calgarians. The evening features a presentation by Dr. Daniel Kollek from McMaster University on the topic, "Are You Prepared for the Next Disaster?" Dr. Kollek will discuss the characteristics of a disaster from a healthcare perspective and responses to it. He will share examples from an Israeli emergency department.

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Rabbi Joshua Corber, on the occasion of your recent appointment as Rabbi of Beit Rayim

By Reva Faber

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MAZEL TOV

Cantor Russell Javne, on your beautiful concert By Hilda Smith

SYMPATHY

Toto Levitt and Family, on the loss of her husband, their father, grandfather and great grandfather Mort Levitt

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GET WELL

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SYMPATHY

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By Beulah Martin

Lil Faider, on the loss of her brother Sam Belzberg

By Beulah Martin



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Do you think you lost something at Beth Tzedec?

Check the lost and found display in the coat room.

Leonard Plosker, beloved brother

By Aaron and Sherry Berman and Family

Abe Caplan, beloved husband

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By Sucher and Bronia Cyngiser

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