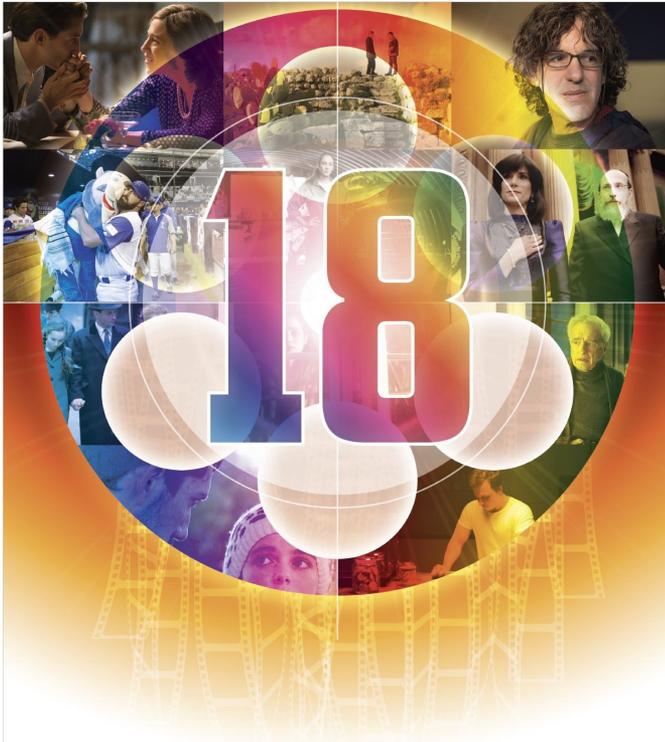




November 2018
Heshvan-Kislev 5779



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION - CALGARY, ALBERTA
NOVEMBER 1-18, 2018

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday November 1st

6:30pm Keruv Class

7:00pm Film Festival

Promise at Dawn

Friday November 2nd

Candle Lighting: 5:50pm

TORAH: HAYYEI SARAH

Shabbat November 3rd

9:00am Shabbat Services

9:00am Bar Mitzvah

Leo Gurevitch

Shabbat Ends: 6:59pm

Sunday November 4th

10:00am Shul School

10:00am B'nai Mitzvah Windows

1:00pm Film Festival

93 Queen

2:40pm Film Festival

Rescue: Bus 300

4:10pm Film Festival

Touching the Sky

7:15pm Film Festival

Above the Drowning Sea

Tuesday November 6th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday November 7th

7:00pm BTZ Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

Thursday November 8th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday November 9th

Candle Lighting: 4:38pm

TORAH: TOLEDOT

Shabbat November 10th

9:00am Shabbat Service

4:30pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Shabbat Ends: 5:48pm

7:00pm Film Festival

The Last Suit

8:50pm Film Festival

Here and Now

Sunday November 11th

10:00am Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence
Brunch

1:00pm Film Festival

*Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish
Montreal*

2:15pm Film Festival

*Gi Jews: Jewish Americans in
World War II*

4:00pm Film Festival

Inside the Mossad

7:15pm Film Festival

Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel

Tuesday November 13th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday November 14th

12:00pm Hazak 55+

Thursday November 15th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday November 16th

Candle Lighting: 4:28pm

TORAH: VAYETSE

Shabbat November 17th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am B'nai Mitzvah

Mason and Westin Goldstein

4:30pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Shabbat Ends: 5:40pm

7:00pm Film Festival

Shoelaces

9:00pm Film Festival

Cakemaker

Sunday November 18th

10:00am Shul School

1:00pm Film Festival

RBG

2:55pm Film Festival

A Land without Borders

4:10pm Film Festival

Winter Hunt

7:15pm Film Festival

Who will Write our History?

Tuesday November 20th

10:00am Taste of Judaism

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Friday November 23rd

Candle Lighting: 4:20pm

7:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Shabbat Dinner

TORAH: VAYISHLAH

Shabbat November 24th

9:00am Shabbat Service

10:00am Minyan Katan

4:30pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Shabbat Ends: 5:34pm

Sunday November 25th

10:00am Shul School

10:00am B'nai Mitzvah Windows

4:00pm Lil Faider Program – Off Site

Tuesday November 27th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday November 29th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday November 30th

Candle Lighting: 4:15pm

TORAH: VAYESHEV

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Rabbinic Reflections

True Joy- The Best High in Life

I was stunned but not surprised by the media reports of thousands of people in line to buy legal cannabis on October 17, 2018. The novelty of being part of a new experiment in Canadian life was too much for many to forego. I wonder, though, how many of those in line were first time users of cannabis rather than those who already were consumers. And, weeks later, the excitement for the most part has passed and life has returned to its normal pace. The “high” does not last for long and it eventually dissipates into the humdrum of the everyday routine. What ensues is a continuous cycle of trying to regain that exhilaration with the inevitable realization that it cannot be sustained without severe consequences.

Joy and happiness in Judaism is a very significant part of what we strive for in life. Shabbat is a time for “*oneg-joy*.” We recently celebrated the holiday of Sukkot which is referred to as “*z’man simchateynu* - the season of our joy.” While wine accompanies the blessings that ushers in these special moments, as it does for lifecycle events such as birth and marriage, profound joy comes not from substances we consume but from the people and events that give our lives meaning.

While the experience of the “high” might be a fun and enjoyable release from everyday stress, the return to everyday life inevitably seems like a “low.” This can lead to the perception that daily life has little or no joy and that happiness can only be obtained during those times when one can experience another “high.”

I recently read an article by Rabbi Eliyahu Heller in relation to the joyous celebration of Sukkot. In it, he articulated the following thoughts about Judaism’s emphasis on happiness:

Here are the three S’s of Sukkot for lasting happiness.

1. Stop Chasing It

On Sukkot we leave our comfortable, expansive homes and move into the flimsy confines of the sukkah. Many people make the mistake of thinking that the more you have and the more comfortable you are the happier you will be. We think that if we spend our lives pursuing happiness we will find it. Judaism teaches that happiness

has nothing to do with how much you own or how comfortable your life is. In fact, if you chase it, you will never find it.

What is happiness and how do we get it?

The Jewish word for happiness is simcha which is directly connected with the word tzmicha, or growth. Happiness is the pleasurable experience that results from engaging in meaningful work and in progression towards meaningful goals.

Where there is meaningful growth, progress, expansion, there can be happiness.

We shift our focus from being comfortable to being growth-oriented and we become uplifted in a world of happiness.

2. Stop and Appreciate

We are so busy. We have a hard time living in the present moment. So often we focus on what we are not doing or what we could be doing instead, negating that which we are doing. We rob ourselves of the happiness right before us in that present moment. We have been blessed with so much, we have grown so much, and we need to make time to stop and appreciate that.

3. Show Gratitude

One of the greatest obstacles toward achieving happiness is our feelings of entitlement. Our feeling of deserving what comes to us undermines our sense of gratitude. Instead we need to foster the humility to recognize that everything in our lives is a blessing from the Almighty. We need to show sincere gratitude for all the blessings in our lives.

While we have now entered into the age of cannabis in Canada and there are few religious objections to its recreational usage (the exceptions being if it poses a potential harm to a person susceptible to mental illness or addiction), we should never lose sight of the real source of our joy - family, friends, community and tradition.

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair



Cantor's Notes



Music stirs the soul. I can't explain exactly how, but it does. There's something about setting texts to melodies that transforms them. It's as if the song takes the words and spins them around and around until the words and the music are one. And amazingly enough, one doesn't even need words to experience this effect. A simple *yai-dai-dai* or *ai-ai-ai* can weave the same spell, sometimes an even greater one. And when it comes to setting a prayerful mood, or expressing one's greatest urges towards spiritual oneness, there's nothing like music.

That is why being a Cantor in today's synagogue involves more than just singing with talent and deep passion in order to inspire one's congregants. From my experience, although most congregants today do appreciate an occasional venture into *hazzanut* and vocal fireworks, they seek a more balanced approach to their synagogue music, an approach that engages them and calls for their active participation. Now there are many ways for a person to "participate" in music, and one of these involves listening and not singing. As anyone who has attended a *Kol Nidrei* service can attest, listening to the Cantor chant the *Kol Nidrei* three times, each one rising higher and higher, is truly a participatory event. Nevertheless, most congregants today want to actively participate in some form, and it is the job of the Cantor to facilitate this participation in such a way so that my intention, the direction of my heart, my *kavannah*, can provide the framework for the congregation to establish their own.

The problem is that *kavannah* is by-and-large an individual quality, and as an individual, no matter how strong my *kavannah* might be, there is no way to guarantee that yours is just as strong as mine at any given moment. The reverse is also true. If you are truly in the moment, you cannot be sure that I am as well, and that is truly why we need to use music to connect us. We all know how easy it is for some small disturbance to break our mood and our concentration, regardless of where we are. But when the desired *kavannah* is carried and reinforced by music, be it music that is sung together, or music that is done in a call-and-response manner, or music that is sung by the Cantor alone, it is

less likely to be easily interrupted. It is as if our combined attention to the music strengthens the *kavannah* and protects it against disturbances.

I have found over the years that *kavannah* is often more about melody than about text or liturgy. When the music captures the mood and the meaning of the moment, it can establish and maintain the requisite *kavannah* whether or not everyone understands the words being sung. The converse is rarely true; the words alone, the *keva*, will not often find their *kavannah* if they do not have a musical vehicle to carry them. However, when the melody and the text are well-integrated they provide the perfect vehicle, a blending of *keva* and *kavannah* that can truly elevate both the body and the soul.

It is this beautiful and elusive blend that I strive for every time I stand on the *bimah*, and I truly long for the day when every word and every melody will excite the hearts of my congregation to such an extent that prayer will no longer be merely an act. It will become a sublime work of art.

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

DAILY MINYAN

The Daily Minyan is a shorter, more intimate prayer service where you can connect more meaningfully with God and one another. No regular commitment is demanded; simply come join us when you have the opportunity.

Please help us by attending morning or evening services during the week. When commemorating a Yahrzeit please bring additional family and friends with you.

Morning Minyans at Beth Tzedec

Monday-Friday: 7:45am

Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays 9:00am

Evening Minyans at Beth Tzedec

Monday-Friday 6:00pm

Saturday Evening Services (Mincha and Seudah Shlishit):

4:30pm on November 10th, 17th and 24th



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

The High Holidays, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah 5779 are behind us. In measuring our Shul's success at bringing joy and meaning to our congregants, I have relied heavily on comments I have heard from many of you and on facts provided by our Clergy, Executive Director and staff.

I have learned, for example, that 94% of all of our main sanctuary seats this year were assigned to congregants or guests that maintain their participation and financial support at Beth Tzedec. Some were involved in activities outside of the main Sanctuary during the High Holidays while others were unable to join us in person.

Much of the feedback I have received is quite positive even though some of us were dismayed seeing empty seats during the High Holidays. It is important not to let your eyes fool you. In an effort to more accurately gauge current trends at Beth Tzedec, our operations staff carefully counted those in attendance, discovering that over 800 congregants were present during both Rosh Hashanah morning services and more than 900 congregants were in attendance for Kol Nidre. Some 850 congregants attended Yom Kippur morning services. With a total membership of about 1,100 individuals, our attendance was robust given current local and North American trends.

When we prepare for our High Holidays, we do our best to thank everyone who has participated in volunteer roles both on and off the Bimah and to acknowledge them in the High Holiday Booklets placed at your seats. Unfortunately, mistakes sometimes happen and I apologize to valued volunteers who were inadvertently missed. Those of you that attended services in the main sanctuary saw Elliott Steinberg and Markham Silver join with the Cantor in his chanting of Kol Nidre. Markham and Elliott played key roles both in the main sanctuary and the Family Service and we thank them both.

Our operations staff members take great pride in helping us to prepare for High Holidays. Jennifer Girvitz, who went the extra mile by assisting with our youth activities, was accidentally omitted in our staff acknowledgements. Todah rabah, Jennifer! Max Lipsman and his entire staff played key roles in making our High Holiday and festival experiences amazing. Thanks again to each and every one of them.

I received so much positive feedback on how well Cantor Russ rose to the occasion throughout the High Holidays and Chagim despite a terrible cold. Don't wait for next Yom Tov to enjoy the Cantor's amazing renditions of our liturgy! It is a treat to hear him chanting prayer services and leining Torah at Shabbat and weekday services throughout the year.

Many of you made a special point of letting me know that Rabbi Osadchey hit three home runs with his High Holidays sermons this year. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi O spoke about *The Mitzvah of Inclusion*. While it is impossible for me to summarize everything, here are some highlights of the Rabbi's message:

Our challenge is to create a culture of inclusivity so that every person among us will live out their potential for bringing blessing and joy into this world. Inclusion means accommodating an individual's needs without restrictions or limitations. It necessitates that each of us here today learn a new sensitivity toward others who are not exactly like you but from whom you can apprehend and appreciate the great gifts of love and caring.

Creating a culture of inclusivity means welcoming the physically and intellectually disabled, those that suffer from domestic violence and substance abuse, those that have experienced losses, be they employment or loved ones, and those that are lonely and seek the presence of others in their lives.

Inclusion means harnessing the strengths of every person while gaining a deeper and more profound appreciation and gratitude for life. Inclusivity gifts us with the potential to find our place in our community and in the chain of generations dating back to Mt. Sinai.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi O's topic was entitled *There is Hope Even in Darkness*. In his remarks, the Rabbi urged us to choose optimism over despair saying, in part:

You and the synagogue are partners in creating and dispensing the hope that is so critically needed to transform the world from darkness into light.

We can also do this by encouraging people to live lives of meaning and compassion, caring and goodness, lives of responsibility and love. We need to begin with one another, but our responsibility must extend beyond our immediate family and friends. We are part of a community. We are part of a nation. We are citizens of the world. In the face of

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global conflict that tempts us to withdraw from the world, we must instead reach out with caring concern to those around us.

In an uncaring and insensitive world, the synagogue can play a powerful role in infusing our lives with renewed hope and purpose. Too many people respond to the stress of their world by over-medicating themselves with technology and various forms of entertainment.

We can recapture faith and hope if we come together as a kehillah kedosha - a sacred community - in which we live and act upon the goodness that God has implanted within each of us.

On Yom Kippur Rabbi Osadchey spoke about *Engaging with Israel* from a position of undying love. While acknowledging the considerable challenges facing the Conservative Masorti Movement in Israel, he urged positive action, providing us with a list of positive ways to support our movement while reflecting our continued love and support for Israel.

The Rabbi concluded his sermon by reminding us:

There can be no better time than today to reaffirm our love and commitment to Israel and the Jewish People. We are blessed to live in a healthy, creative tension with Jewish life in Israel and to contribute to it as we also benefit from it. Please join me this year as we deepen our relationship to Israel and strive to find ways that it truly will be "Reshit Tzmichat Ge'ulataynu - the Dawn of our Redemption." Am Yisrael Chai!

What an amazing High Holidays we had and I hope you learned, participated and enjoyed the services as much as I did.

On another note, I want to share the happy news that we have successfully concluded contract extensions with both Rabbi Osadchey and Cantor Russ who have both agreed to serve us for the next five to seven years. This will take Rabbi Osadchey to retirement here at Beth Tzedec, and I'm pleased to announce that he is assisting the Board as we develop and implement a sound succession plan that is already under discussion.

We have a very bright future ahead of us as we continue to build our congregation. Our clergy, executive director, staff and lay leaders are immensely grateful for your continued and generous support.

David Inhaber
President



Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

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Brunch and Lecture
Sunday, November 11th - 10:00am
Beth Tzedec Congregation**

*Christianity: From its Jewish Origins to its
Diverse Expressions in the 21st Century* by
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Everyone welcome!



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***Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence programs are complimentary.
Everyone is welcome!***



Meet our Monday Teams

For the next few months, I would like to feature the wonderful teams of The National Minyan League. This month, I will highlight our Monday teams.

The first Monday of every month is covered by *The Kibbitzers*. This team has had a couple of different captains, but now is under the capable leadership of **Brooklyn Ritchie**. Other members include **Len and Hilda Smith, Bev Silverstone and Eli Kogut. Harvey Silverstone** was also a member of this team in the first two years as the league was getting established. New members would help bolster this small but mighty team.

The next Monday is handled by the *Monday Mavens* helmed by **Bev Silverstone** - yes, the same Bev - who is joined by **Reva Faber, Rosslyn Steinberg, Reesa Girvitz, Ron Plucer, Arlene Viner-Holmes and Hilda and Len Smith**. When these first two Monday teams were formed, the Silverstones and the Smiths agreed to be on each other's teams. Now they are guaranteed to see each other at least twice a month. The Mavens say, "We are proud to be part of this". And besides, it is a great opportunity for them to schmooze.

The third Monday is covered by the *Monday Miracles*. **Walter Moscovitz** is captain and he has a strong team that includes these other members: **Jessie Moscovitz, Albert and Marcy Fialkow, Charles Mendelman, Allen Mendelman, Nathan Ksienski, Darlene Switzer Foster, Emanuel Cohen and Teresa Tucker**.

The final Monday of each month is handled by *Team Tranquility*. Team members are **Jeff Staniloff, Gary Staniloff, and Neil Home. Sam Jablonka** is a spare on this team. **Harvey Silverstone** was the first captain of this team. Then **Marni Besser** took over. Currently, there is no captain for this team and additional members would also be appreciated. However, despite having such a small roster, this team is tied for the lead in its division!

Each of these teams would welcome players and especially those that qualify as a young generation member; people between the ages of 13 and 39. These players can earn their teams two valuable points.

Yasher Koach to all of these National Minyan League members. We are so proud of your contribution to the NML.

Stay tuned for coverage on our other teams in the coming months.

Susan Inhaber,
NML Commissioner

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.

Yad Club - Torah Reading Initiative

Beth Tzedec encourages congregants to become active Torah readers. 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.



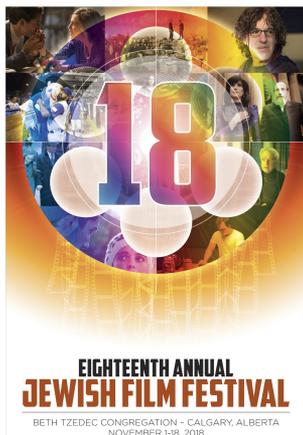
The Beth Tzedec Congregation National Minyan League is featured in the USCJ 5779 Calendar!

To order your calendar, go to the USCJ website at www.uscj.org and follow the link near the middle of the homepage.

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Beth Tzedec Congregation Film Festival
 Don't miss Beth Tzedec's upcoming **18th Annual Jewish Film Festival**, opening on Thursday, November 1st and running over three exciting weekends. From stirring dramas to illuminating documentaries, the festival will feature a diverse selection of award-winning and critically acclaimed films from Israel and around the world. For full details about this year's line-up of outstanding films and special guests, visit us at www.calgaryjewishfilmfestival.com.

Festival Passes are available for purchase online or by calling the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688.

OPENING NIGHT

Thursday, November 1

Promise at Dawn - 7:00pm

France 2017

Director: Eric Barbier

French with English subtitles

131 minutes

Drama

From his impoverished childhood in Poland, and sun-soaked adolescence in Nice, to his exploits as a fighter pilot in Africa and Europe during World War II, renowned French writer Romain Gary lived an extraordinary life—decorated military officer, diplomat and two-time winner of the Prix Goncourt, France's highest literary award. Yet he owed this determination to live a thousand lives, to become a great man and famous writer, to his mother Nina. For it was the overwhelming love that this endearing, eccentric woman showered upon him throughout her life that would drive him to become one of the 20th century's most celebrated novelists, a man who led a life filled with adventure, passion and mystery. But her boundless maternal love would also be his burden to bear for life. This epic drama is the film adaptation of Romain Gary's acclaimed autobiographical novel of the same name.





Sunday, November 4

Above the Drowning Sea - 7:15pm

Canada 2017

Directors: Rene Balcer, Nicola Zavaglia

English & Chinese with English subtitles

92 minutes

Documentary

On the eve of World War II, tens of thousands of Jewish refugees were trapped in Nazi-controlled Vienna. This stirring documentary tells the epic story of their dramatic escape to an unlikely safe haven in far-away China – the city of Shanghai - at a time when all other doors were closed to them. Sanctuary was provided thanks to the courageous intervention of Chinese diplomat Ho Feng Shan, the Chinese consul in Vienna, who defied the Nazis and his own government by issuing travel visas to the desperate refugees. In Shanghai, an “open city” that was itself in chaos from foreign invasion and civil war, the Jewish refugees would find safety and acceptance, living among their Chinese neighbours. Filmed in six countries over four continents, and narrated by Julianna Margulies, this remarkable story is brought to life through the vivid recollections of a number of the Jewish refugees and the Chinese neighbours who sheltered them, as they recount their experiences and tell of the exceptional friendships forged across cultures - friendships that survive to this day. Particularly timely in the context of today’s global refugee crisis, this inspiring film celebrates the moral courage and humanity of ordinary people caught in extraordinary circumstances.



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Sunday, November 11

Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel - 7:15pm

USA /Israel/Japan/South Korea 2018

Director: Seth Kramer, Daniel A. Miller & Jeremy Newberger

English

87 minutes

Documentary

A stirring story of sports, patriotism and personal growth, *Heading Home* charts the underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team as it competes for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of crushing defeats, Team Israel finally ranked among the world's best in 2017, making it eligible to play in the prestigious international tournament. The team's line-up includes many Jewish Americans from Major League Baseball teams – most of whom have a tenuous relationship to Judaism, with barely any of them having ever set foot in Israel before. Their odyssey takes them from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, where they are greeted as heroes, to the tournament in South Korea, where - with all the odds stacked against them - the players' new-found connection to Israel pushes them to unexpected heights and they discover the pride of representing Israel on the world stage.



SPECIAL GUEST:

Cody Decker - Team Israel outfielder and film subject

CLOSING NIGHT

Sunday, November 18

Who will write our History? - 7:15pm



USA 2018

Director: Roberta Grossman

English, Yiddish & Polish with English subtitles

94 minutes

Documentary

In November 1940, days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a secret band of journalists, scholars and community leaders decided to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, this clandestine group vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with pen and paper. Now, for the first time, their story is told as a feature documentary. Written, produced and directed by award-winning filmmaker Roberta Grossman and Executive Produced by Nancy Spielberg, this powerfully moving film masterfully interweaves the writings of the Oyneg Shabes archive with new interviews, rarely seen footage and stunning dramatizations, to transport us inside the Ghetto and into the lives of these courageous resistance fighters who defied their murderous enemy with the ultimate weapon – the truth - and risked everything so that their archive would survive the war, even if they themselves did not.



SPECIAL GUEST:

Roberta Grossman – Director, Writer & Producer



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In commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht

B'nai Mitzvah Windows**Sunday, November 4th and 25th - 10:00am**

A Sunday morning brunch that explores key concepts and ethical issues in Jewish life relevant to becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

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Christianity: From its Jewish Origins to its Diverse Expressions in the 21st Century by Dr. Michael Duggan. RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688. Everyone welcome!

Hazak 55+ Presents**Where's Waldo? Where's Waldman?****Wednesday, November 14th - 12:00pm**

Tracking Your Jewish Heritage and Leaving a Legacy with Ken Drabinsky

Ken will discuss the value of genealogy research for tracking Jewish families by starting a family tree, searching for documents and communicating to the family. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, \$10 per person. **RSVP to the synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by Monday, November 12th.** For more information, please contact Donna Caplan at 403-271-3066. Everyone is welcome.

Taste of Judaism - Outrageous Latkes V**Tuesday, November 20th - 10:00am**

Step out of the potato box and explore the world of deliciously crazy latkes! Rabbi Shaul Osadchey will be your tour guide as you join him cooking up new latke recipes that will delight your family and friends. Whether you are a gourmet chef or a novice cook, you will have fun in this popular class that ends with you eating your tasty creations!

Please register in advance as the class is limited to 12 participants.

\$10 members - \$15 non-members

Please register before Friday, November 16th at the office, info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

B'nai Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat Experience**Friday, November 23rd - 6:00pm Services**

Friday night services, followed by Shabbat dinner where families can socialize and learn about Judaism with their children. RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or call the office at 403-255-8688.

Minyan Katan**Shabbat, November 24th - 10:00am**

A Shabbat Morning Service crafted for B'nai Mitzvah students and their families and featuring student-led prayers.

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SAVE THE DATE

BTZ Hanukkah Party

December 9, 2018

10:00am-12:00pm

Enjoy latkes, sufganiyot,
bouncy castles, games,
arts and crafts and more!





Leo Samuel Gurevitch

November 3, 2018

25 Heshvan 5779

Leo Samuel Gurevitch, son of Alli and Darryl Gurevitch, and younger brother to Joseph, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Leo's early education at Akiva Academy provided a solid foundation for his Jewish roots. He attended Westmount Charter School from grade one through grade six. Currently, Leo is in grade eight at West Island College. Leo also attended Yachad Hebrew School at Chabad on Sunday mornings to further enrich his Jewish learning from Kindergarten through grade seven. He enjoys going to Camp BB in the summer.

Leo is a very talented and accomplished young man. He has and continues to win many academic awards in all subjects. His true passion is for science and math. Leo is a very dynamic, creative and diverse individual with a wide range of interests. He loves music and plays the piano, trombone and drums (his favourite). Leo plays basketball for a community team. He also loves to ski, snowshoe, water-ski, wakeboard, bike and hike. Leo loves winter and to be outside, especially in the mountains.

Leo has always been very family-oriented. He is compassionate, loyal and wise beyond his years. Leo has a keen sense of humour, a kind heart, and great passion and enthusiasm for the many things he believes in.

Leo's passion for science is the driving force behind his Tzedakah project. Leo will donate a large number of Meccano Building Sets (both with and without a robotic component) to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary, a charitable organization that supports vulnerable children and youth. He will also be donating a monetary gift to the Telus Spark's Campership Program, which sends children to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Camps.

We are very excited and proud of Leo for all of the hard work, time and effort he has put into preparing for his special day. Mazel Tov, Leo!!!

Life Cycle Events In Memoriam

Norma Nozick, mother of Hanita (Aaron) Dagan and Merrilee (Usher) Newstone.
The funeral was held in Edmonton on October 9th.

Rabbi Moshe Suissa, husband of Levana Suissa and father of Yossi (Cindy Chetner) Suissa, Avi (Aliza) Suissa, Leon (Miri) Suissa and Rubi (Mira) Suissa.
The funeral and Shiva took place in Israel.

Wedding

Mazel Tov to Hila Olyan and Paul Telner on the occasion of their wedding on October 14, 2018. Proud parents are Arnold and Lori Olyan.

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to parents Mandy Smith-Haber and Brandon Haber, brother Zane Haber and grandparents Leonard and Hilda Smith on the occasion of Caleb's Bar Mitzvah on October 6, 2018.

Mazel Tov to parents Aviva and Howard Horwitz, brother Evan and grandparents Siona and Joel Horwitz, Shelley Weinstein and Bruce Bradley on the occasion of Jordan's Bar Mitzvah on October 13, 2018.

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.

ONGOING REGISTRATION

BTZ Shul School (Ages 4-9)

Starting Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 10:00am

Shul's cool at Shul School where kids enjoy music, arts and crafts, and much more! Infuse your home and community with a love of Judaism. Contact info@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

BTZ B'nai Mitzvah Classes (Ages 10-13)

Starting Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 4:00pm

We are committed to making your child's journey toward Jewish adulthood an exciting and memorable experience. Contact info@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.



Beth Tzedec is inviting feedback from our congregants about the 2018 - 5779 High Holidays and Festivals.

Please answer the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTZ5779HighHolidays>.

We have paper copies available at the Beth Tzedec office for those congregants who are not online.

Your responses will help us to ensure the best possible services, programs, and activities during future High Holidays and all year round.

This year's survey is shorter, with only 9 multiple choice questions and a few optional spots where you can enter comments. It will take just 5-10 minutes to do.

Respondents may be assured of complete anonymity. The data is reported in the aggregate only. Identifying information such as names and email addresses are not tracked.

Thank you in advance for responding as soon as possible and no later than November 9, 2018.

If you require more information or need help submitting your online or paper survey, please contact the Synagogue office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethzedec.ca.

MINYAN MATTERS

- * a spiritual comfort zone for meditation, contemplation, prayer
- * an opportunity for regular, meaningful Torah study in a relaxed environment
- * a venue for learning Jewish skills – how to have an aliyah, how to lift and wrap the Torah
- * the place where one fulfills the mitzvah saying kaddish for a loved one during the period of mourning or on yahrzeit
- * a source of spiritual meaning and connection in our lives – the feeling of satisfaction that comes from being part of the “community” (of 10 or more) that makes communal Jewish prayer possible

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Monday-Friday: 7:45am

Saturday, Sunday and Stat Holidays 9:00am

Evening Minyans at Beth Tzedec

Monday-Friday 6:00pm

Saturday Evening Services (Mincha and Seudah Shlishit):

4:30pm on November 10th, 17th and 24th



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

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Brian and Stephanie Sacks, on the occasion of the baby naming of their granddaughter Felicity

By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

Mark and Shelley Markosoff, on the occasion of the brit milah of their grandchild Issac

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Rabbi Shaul and Bobbie Osadchey, on the occasion of the birth of their new grandson Seth Bleich

By Toto Levitt

ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS

The Family of the Late Isadore "Izzy" Feldman

By Jean and Jack Groner

(of Los Angeles CA)

SYMPATHY

Ora Ofer and Family, on the loss of her father Eliezer Ofer

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SYMPATHY

Louise Feldman and Family, on the

loss of her husband, their father and
grandfather Isadore "Izzy" Feldman
By Sylvia Itzcovitch

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MAZEL TOV

Rabbi Shaul and Bobbie Osadchey, on the
occasion of the birth of their new grandson
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By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

THANK YOU

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SYMPATHY

Louise Feldman and Family, on the loss of
her husband, their father and grandfather
Isadore "Izzy" Feldman
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and staff are very
sensitive to perfume. It
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please refrain from
using any scented products when
attending Shul. Thank you.*

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