

 **BETH TZEDEC**
SHOFAR

April 2019 • Adar II-Nisan 5779



*Wishing You a Joyous and
Inspirational Passover!*

**Rabbi Shaul Osadchey
Cantor Russell Jayne
Max Lipsman, Executive Director
David Inhaber, President
and the Board of Directors and Staff**

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday April 2nd

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday April 3rd

7:00pm BTZ Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

Thursday April 4th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday April 5th

Candle Lighting: 7:57pm

TORAH: TAZRIA

Shabbat April 6th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bar Mitzvah

Jerald Cheyfetz

Shabbat Ends: 9:09pm

Sunday April 7th

10:00am Shul School

10:00am B'nai Mitzvah Windows

Tuesday April 9th

10:00am Taste of Judaism

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Friday April 12th

5:00pm Tot Shabbat

Candle Lighting: 8:09pm

TORAH: METSORA

Shabbat April 13th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Shabbat Ends: 9:22pm

Sunday April 14th

10:00am Shul School

Tuesday April 16th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday April 18th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday April 19th

Office Closed

Candle Lighting: 8:20pm

Shabbat April 20th

1st Day of Passover

9:00am Shabbat Service

Shabbat Ends: 9:35pm

Sunday April 21st

2nd Day of Passover

11:00am Matzah Brei

Monday April 22nd

3rd Day of Passover

Tuesday April 23rd

4th Day of Passover

7:00pm Tzed Talks

Wednesday April 24th

5th Day of Passover

Thursday April 25th

6th Day of Passover

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday April 26th

7th Day of Passover

Office Closed

Candle Lighting: 8:32pm

Shabbat April 27th

8th Day of Passover

9:00am Shabbat Service

Yizkor

Shabbat Ends: 9:49pm

Sunday April 28th

10:00am Shul School

4:00pm Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

(offsite)

Tuesday April 30th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes



Beth Tzedec Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:30pm

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

2019
AGM
Annual General Meeting

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Rabbinic Reflections

During our Shabbat morning services this month, we read from the book of Leviticus a series of blessings and curses. These are meant to represent the consequences of observing or neglecting the commandments. One particular blessing is noteworthy: “*And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand.*” (Lev. 26:8) The verse calls attention to itself because of the ratios in its two parts (20:1 vs. 100:1). Rashi, the famous 12th century biblical commentator, drew a moral lesson from these numbers: “*We conclude that the few who observe Torah are not to be compared*

to the many who observe Torah.” Rashi is teaching us that the impact of a few persons does not necessarily increase in arithmetic proportion to their number. While one person may have difficulty overcoming two opponents of equal strength, ten against twenty or one hundred against two hundred are much better odds. Even if the ratio remains the same, an increase in the minority enhances the opportunity to outwit and defeat the majority. The Torah portion is conveying to us that this principle applies on both the physical and spiritual level.

Despite our size, the Jewish people have always had the ability to overcome enemies who greatly outnumbered us. Moses and Aaron prevailed against the Pharaoh and the might of Egypt in freeing the Israelites from 400 years of slavery. In our own time, this has been demonstrated as Jews survived the horrors of the Holocaust and as Israel has repeatedly prevailed against the numerical superiority of its Arab enemies. Similarly, our society’s political, economic, and social history is replete with examples of how small, dedicated groups of people changed the course of events through their efforts. Often it was for the better although sometimes it was for the worse. Yet, this Torah blessing emphasizes how the addition of even one person can swell the power of the minority well beyond the quantitative level.

With the alarming rise in hatred and horrific acts of violence throughout the world, it is important that we do not succumb to the notion that as individuals we are powerless to alter the current situation. The Torah suggests that each of us has the potential as well as the obligation to effect change and to create peace and dignity in our midst.

Passover is the story of the liberation of the Jewish People from slavery and the fundamental message is that we must spread the light of human dignity and freedom into all corners of human life. At our seder tables this year, I encourage you to explore the rise of antisemitism and all forms of religious, gender, and racial bias and intolerance. Discuss its origins, its destructiveness,

and, most importantly, find ways that you can make a difference in overcoming prejudice locally and globally.

I encourage you to engage in our Beth Tzedec program devoted to increasing religious literacy (the Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence) and in the activities of two organizations with whom we partner for social justice - the Calgary Interfaith Council and the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good.

When your voice and action is added to those of others, the result is a significant increase in bringing shalom and blessing to others and making our society a respectful and compassionate place to celebrate our diversity.

Bobbie joins me in wishing you a Chag Sameach V'Kasher,

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair



PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Erev 1st Day	(April 19)	6:00pm
1st Day	(April 20)	9:00am
Erev 2nd Day	(April 20)	6:00pm
2nd Day	(April 21)	9:00am
Erev 7th Day	(April 25)	6:00pm
7th Day	(April 26)	9:00am
Erev 8th Day	(April 26)	6:00pm
8th Day/Yizkor	(April 27)	9:00am



Cantor's Notes



The folksong, “*Chad Gadya*” (“One Goat” or “The Only Goat”) is one of the most famous songs in the *Haggadah*. It has been set to dozens of melodies all over the Jewish world, and each community seems to have their own way of singing and engaging with the text. Yet, despite how much fun it is to sing, it has such an obscure and confusing text that most of the time,

even if we can get ourselves back to the table to sing it after the meal, we just accept the song for its comedic value, and pay very little heed to the deeper meanings hidden within the text.

Composed of ten stanzas the song runs as follows:

A father bought a goat for two *zuzim* (low value ancient coins);
 a cat came and ate the goat;
 a dog then bit the cat;
 the dog was beaten by a stick;
 the stick was burned by fire;
 water quenched the fire;
 an ox drank the water;
 a *shochet* (ritual slaughterer) slaughtered the ox;
 the *shochet* was killed by the Angel of Death who
 is then killed by God.

It is written in the ancient language of Aramaic (the same language as the *Kaddish*) which was the common, and also scholarly, language of the Jewish people in the Middle East from around 200 to 1200 CE. Historians have translated, and continue to discover, many ancient Aramaic poems which deal at length with the holidays, including Passover, and it may be possible that this poem was not written as a stand-alone piece for inclusion in the *Haggadah*, but rather, comes from among collections of other sacred Passover poems, and then found its way into the *Haggadah* over the intervening centuries.

Interestingly, the earliest known inclusion of the poem was not in a *Haggadah*, but in a compendium of law codes entitled, “*Sefer Rokeach*” by Rabbi Elazar ben Yehuda of Worms (1160-1238). We are unclear as to original author, but in its overall form, it is clearly a folksong that imitates other European additive folk songs, or zipper songs, from the same era. They are called additive or zipper songs because they get longer and longer with each consecutive verse similar to “There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.” One challenge for scholars of the song, however, is that the Aramaic text means it may be much older than its medieval musical counterparts. Yet whether it pre-dates or is imitative of German folksongs does not really matter. Its standing as an indispensable part of the modern *Seder* comes from the fact that we can trace it back at least to the 13th Century.

Yet what do we make of the text itself? Our tradition teaches that the poem is a very significant work with great depth of meaning in its symbolism, and literally hundreds of explanations have been written on it over the centuries. The most common popular explanation goes as follows:

The goat symbolizes the oppressed Jewish people, bought by the father (God) for two coins (the two Tablets of the Law). The subsequent animals and people in the song represent the nations who persecuted the Jewish people over the centuries. The devouring cat represents Assyria; the dog, Babylon; the stick represents Persia; the fire, the Greeks; the water is Rome; the ox, the Saracens; the *shochet* (ritual slaughterer), the Crusaders; and the Angel of Death, the Turks who subsequently ruled Palestine. The end of the song expresses the hope for messianic redemption with God destroying the foreign rulers of the Holy Land and vindicating Israel as "The Only Goat."

There are also spiritual elements to the song. The Vilna Gaon (1720-1797) interpreted it as illuminating the many sins of the Jewish people over the centuries. For instance, in his view, fire was the idolatry of the people which brought about the destruction of the First Temple. Water, was the spirit of *K'lal Yisrael* which led them back to their homeland after Babylonian exile, and the ox symbolized Roman rule and the *Sinat Chinam* (baseless hatred) which led to the destruction of the Second Temple.

Even modern artists and commentators have added their voices to the mix. In his video commentary to the *Haggadah*, the great writer and thinker, Elie Wiesel, teaches us that, though the song is a confusing one, if looked at correctly it has a wonderful lesson to share at the *Seder* table. Wiesel comments, "And here we are, concluding the *Seder* with *Chad Gadya*, a beautiful song, which is not just about a father who buys a goat for his child. It's a song about God's creatures destroying each other. It may be a puzzling way to end the joyous meal but one that is fraught with meaning. The song of *Chad Gadya* reminds us that in Jewish history, all creatures, all animals, all events are connected. The goat and the cat, the fire and the water, the slaughterer and the redeemer, they are all part of the story."

So this year, bring yourselves back to the *Seder* table, and end your evening with a song that will not only wake up the kids and get everyone laughing, but that also has a wonderful history, deep meaning, and, let's be honest, is just a blast to sing!

Chag Sameach!!

Happy Passover!!

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

Hi Everyone,

This month's message is a potpourri of things that have been happening at Beth Tzedec. It is sometimes hard to decide what to talk about and celebrate first!

We have just enjoyed an amazing two-week Purim Festival. Between the Kid's Purim Carnival with PJ Library on March 17th, the Megillah reading and party on March 20th and the annual Seniors' Purim Luncheon on March 24th it was a joyous time at Beth Tzedec.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who stepped up to make these events run so smoothly. I am particularly grateful to the Cantor and our newly revitalized Youth Committee, headed by co-chairs Heather Lister and Deb Silver. As you may have heard me mention on the Bimah, we have doubled the size of our Youth Committee and look forward to exciting new programming in the future.

A special thank you goes out to all the past members and leaders of the former Sisterhood of the Beth Tzedec Congregation. The Seniors' Purim Lunch was funded through the generous gift we received when Sisterhood took the decision to wind up their society. We are grateful for the continuing leadership in Synagogue life. Their gift to Beth Tzedec ensures that our Congregation can continue to offer programs previously spearheaded by Sisterhood, a legacy of love that will be appreciated well into the next decade.

A couple of months ago I was going to dedicate a paragraph or two to the results of our 2018 High Holiday survey. This year we shortened the survey but still asked the basic questions we had in the past. The questions focused on services in the main sanctuary, our parallel family service, and child supervision. We also asked you for your input on the Synagogue's physical plant and our High Holidays Machzorim (prayer books).

We had more than 136 replies to the survey which was slightly greater than in previous years. I had a conversation with a gentleman from IPSOS who provided the opinion that the results were statistically significant. Our response demographics were almost identical to those over the past three years. While heavily weighted to our Seniors, we received responses across the age spectrum.

The demographic was virtually the same as in previous years with over 81% of the respondents in the age group of 45 – 60 (27%) and 60+ (54%) responding to the survey.

Satisfaction with our main services (including service times, service length, prayer books, clergy and lay leaders) showed overall satisfaction with 75% of respondents, expressing positive or extremely positive feedback. While we reduced service times (on average) by 30 minutes each morning, some congregants still tell us they believe our

services are too long. We will continue to evaluate the balance between service length and fulfillment of religious requirements.

Our clergy are continuously exploring ways to infuse all our services with more joy and excitement while respecting time-honoured ritual.

Satisfaction with the 2018 High Holidays Alternative Family Service (service times, service length and clergy performance) is up by a percentage point from 2017. We are so fortunate to have a strong Youth Committee that will once again work with our Clergy in planning this service for 5780.

I was thrilled to see that congregants felt we provide a welcoming environment for our High Holidays services with satisfaction ratings of more than 85%. Creating a welcoming environment is a year-round effort at Beth Tzedec. Kudos to our greeters, honours gabbaim, Shul leadership and regular attenders who help to ensure that Beth Tzedec provides a warm and engaging atmosphere.

Notably, 94% of congregants felt we provide a safe environment (up 4% from the previous year).

Our annual survey is but one of many tools to gather feedback from congregants. The comments you shared were discussed at the Board, both kudos and constructive criticism. After High Holiday's last year, the Board made the commitment to address our programming, particularly youth programming, with the intent of continuous improvement. Any changes we make will meet Halachic guidelines as interpreted by our Mara D'atra, Rabbi Shaul Osadchey, and will be consistent with the tenets of Conservative Judaism as endorsed by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ).

In addition to our revitalized Youth Committee, we have a new Fundraising Chair, Leonard Seidman. We have opened nominations to the Board and have already received expressions of interest from three new potential Board Members, adding energy and enthusiasm as we move towards 2020. Guests have been joining us at the Board table and I welcome others. There is nothing more exciting for me than when congregants witness first hand the discussions and challenges of running one of Jewish Calgary's major Jewish organizations.

Some long-serving board members are stepping down at the end of their terms in June. I have gained enormously from their advice and guidance every step of the way. Dr. Howard Cohen, Stuart Myron and Markham Silver have served our congregation with distinction for more years than anyone can remember. I am very grateful that Dr. Cohen has agreed to continue to serve as the Chair of the Memorial Park, a role in which he continues to excel. Stuart will continue to share his expertise, especially on the financial front. While stepping down as a board member, Markham will also serve as a trusted advisor and as our legal counsel. We will miss Howard, Stuart and Markham at the board table but take comfort in their continued and significant contribution to Beth Tzedec life.

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Finally, our participation in LIFE & LEGACY has started to yield amazing results. With eight Letters of Intent in our first two months alone, congregants are showing, through their commitment to after-lifetime gifts, how important our Synagogue and Jewish community are to them.

Our legacy donors are people like you who understand the importance of sacred spaces that bring people together with warmth and openness; a place where tradition and change co-exist and all humanity is celebrated.

Beth Tzedec congregants have proven their loyalty and generosity over many generations. Your legacy gift today will ensure that future generations will have a Synagogue they can connect with as our world continues to change and evolve. For more information about LIFE & LEGACY, please contact me at 403-998-3283 or our Executive Director, Max Lipsman at 403-255-8688, Ext 1 or visit the Calgary Jewish Federation website [here](#).

Todah rabah!

David Inhaber
President



Lil Faider Scholar-in-Residence

Lil Faider Interfaith Scholar-in-Residence Trip
Sunday, April 28th

3:30pm | Transportation Departs Beth Tzedec

4:00pm | St. Laurence Anglican Church

Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee will share the history, beliefs, and current issues facing the Anglican Church. Everyone welcome. RSVP at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca by April 24th.





Beth Tzedec Congregation is proud to be a part of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY Program, coordinated locally by Calgary Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary. We are working in partnership with organizations throughout the Calgary Jewish community to raise endowment funds through after-lifetime gifts.

Todah rabah to the following Beth Tzedec congregants who have generously committed to after-lifetime gifts that will support our Synagogue in perpetuity:

Maxine and Milt Fischbein
 Josh Inhaber
 Elaine and Stuart Myron
 Cheryl and Bob Shiell

Susan and David Inhaber
 Barb and Ron Krell
 Beth and Rob Ordman
 Joey Tappenden

We thank them for their support of Beth Tzedec through the LIFE & LEGACY program and encourage all congregants to participate in this exciting, community-building initiative.

You can be remembered forever with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy and we are excited to show you how!

Beth Tzedec plays a crucial role in sustaining and building Jewish life in Calgary. By making your legacy gift today, you will make an indelible impact on the future of our Shul, our community and our people.

If you have already designated Beth Tzedec as a beneficiary, or you would like to plan your legacy gift, please contact Beth Tzedec President David Inhaber at inhaber david@yahoo.ca or Executive Director Max Lipsman at mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca.

Thanks for your vision and generosity!





Welcome to our Saturday and Sunday Teams

I have been featuring the wonderful teams of The National Minyan League. This month, I will highlight our Saturday and Sunday teams. Currently, we only have two of each.

The first Saturday of each month is covered by ***Fire and Spice***. The name evokes the beautiful Havdalah service held at the close of each Shabbat. At Beth Tzedec, we celebrate Havdalah on Saturday evening services during the months of November, December and January. This team is led by **Linda Gashman** and **Leib Zeisler**. They are joined by **Gheorghita Constantinescu**. This team could certainly use more players.

The next Saturday is assigned to ***The Specialists***. **Harvey Silverstone** created and named this team. **Usher Fleising** stepped in to be the captain soon after and Harvey stepped away to focus on his other teams. He is joined by **Gheorghita Constantinescu** and **myself, Susan Inhaber**. This is another tiny team that could use some more help. They also cover any fifth Fridays that occur throughout the year.

The first Sunday is covered by ***Yom Rishon***. Harvey was the captain of this team for two years, but then **David Inhaber** took over once he became president of Beth Tzedec. Early members were **Eli Kogut** and **Morris Dancyger**. Eli is still a member. Once David became captain, he brought his family onto the roster. So now **Josh, Jon** and **I** are also members. **Willa Litvack** is the newest person to join.

The second Sunday is handled by ***Team Naomi***. Until very recently, this team was captained by **Naomi Lakritz**. She was joined by **Marsha Carnat, Ed Dunn** and **Peter Lanyi**. Sadly, they too have had to step away. Fortunately, **Russ Janiger** and **Gigi Soros** have stepped in to help this team. They too could use more team members.

Since we do not have the other two Sundays covered by NML teams, these days have become our bonus days. This becomes a chance for our teams to earn some valuable points for their teams.

Thank you to all of these people who have joined a Saturday or Sunday team. Several of them are on more than one team.

We welcome **Daniel Feldman** and **David Silverstone** who have joined ***Thursday Thunder***. Yasher Koach to you both.

As I have said in the past, most 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 a valuable two points. People who can also attend on our bonus days, typically Sundays and a few extra days at the end of our longer months, are also an asset to these teams.

Yasher Koach to all these National Minyan League members. We are so proud of your contribution to the NML. Thank you of course to our Platinum Minyannaires as well.

If you can't make a commitment to joining a team yet, just drop in when you can. We are always happy to see you.

Stay tuned next month for coverage of our **Platinum Minyannaires**.

Susan Inhaber,

NML Commissioner



Jerald Johnathan Cheyetz

April 6, 2019

1 Nisan 5779

Jerald Cheyetz is the son of Teresa and Andreas Sofocleous and Jamie Cheyetz. He is the brother to big sister, Danica, and little sister, Serena.

Jerald loves being on the ice, skating and playing hockey. His other interests include gaming, biking, camping, quading, paint balling, reading and hanging out with his friends.

Jerald's education began at The Calgary Jewish Academy, where he made many friends and excelled in his studies from nursery through grade six. He is currently a grade seven student at John Ware Junior High.

His kindness and concern for others, including four-legged friends, is reflected in Jerald's Tzedakah Mitzvah project. He is excited to support the Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society (AARCS) so that other animals can find good homes like his buddy, Hercules.

Mazel Tov Jerald!

Taste of Judaism - Passover Edition**Tuesday, April 9th - 10:00am**

Do you love traditional Passover foods but are looking for a few new culinary twists? Liven up your Seder with some creative and innovative dishes that will answer the question, "Why is this night different from all other nights."

The class is limited to 10 participants. \$10 members - \$15 guests

Please register before Friday, April 5th at the office, info@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

Tot Shabbat**Friday, April 12th - 5:00pm**

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 wonders of Kabbalat Shabbat in a relaxed kid-friendly environment. Light Shabbat Dinner provided. For more information please contact Rabbi Osadchey at rabbi@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext 2. RSVP to info@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 by Thursday, April 11th.

Matzah Brei**Sunday April 21st -11:00am**

Join us for some gourmet matzah brei creations courtesy of Rabbi Osadchey. \$10 per person. RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688 by April 18th.

Tzed Talks***Healthy Aging & Keeping the Brain Young*****With Drs. Holroyd-Leduc, Ismail and Lang****Tuesday, April 23rd - 7:00pm**

Please join us as we discuss *Healthy Aging & Keeping the Brain Young*. Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc is an academic geriatrician; Dr. Zahinoor Ismail is a clinician scientist whose interest is the interface between psychiatric symptomatology and neurocognitive disorders; and Dr. Eddy Lang is the Academic and Clinical Department Head and an Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. Free and open to the public. Register via [Eventbrite](#).

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Beth Tzedec Casino – July 2 and 3, 2019

Beth Tzedec's next casino takes place at Casino Calgary on **Tuesday, July 2nd** and **Wednesday, July 3rd**. These funds are important at Beth Tzedec! If you can help by working a daytime or night shift, please contact the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.



Did you know? Each casino volunteer helps Beth Tzedec to raise approximately \$1,800 per shift . . . what a mitzvah!

Life Cycle Events In Memoriam

Annabelle Gurevitch who passed away March 1, 2019.
The funeral was held on March 4, 2019.

Al Gelmon, father of Cory, Michael and Lewis (Suzi) Gelmon. Al passed away on March 6, 2019. The funeral was held on Friday, March 8, 2019.

Risha Steinman, mother of Leanne Steinman and Benji Steinman (Breonna Sikking), daughter of Lily Joffe and sister of Hal (Robyn) Joffe, Mark (Debbi) Joffe and Danny (Mindy) Joffe. Risha passed away on March 7, 2019.
The funeral was held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 1:00pm.

Brit Milah

Mazel Tov to parents Jeremy Lee and Stacey Engel and sister Bridget on the Brit Milah of Mason Percy Lee on March 12, 2019. Proud grandparents are Joel and Barbara Engel, Harvey and Diane Lee and Michael and Ronni Pollock.
Mason was born on March 4, 2019.

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to parents James and Sandra Mausberg, and grandparents John and Becky Barlot on the occasion of Sam's Bar Mitzvah on March 9, 2019.

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.

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CONGREGATION FUND
MAZEL TOV

Rabbi Joshua and Chloe Corber and Family, on the occasion of the birth of their new son Isaac Jacob Corber

By Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro

Ruth Shapiro, on the occasion of her birthday

By Mona Rosenbaum

SYMPATHY

Anita Cohen and Family, on the loss of her husband Myer Cohen

By Louise Feldman and Family

Carolyn and Jeff Smith and Family, on the loss of her mother Margaret McLennan

By Marg Semel and Adam Singer

Ralph Gurevitch and Family, on the loss of his sister-in-law Annabelle Gurevitch

By Shoshanna and Zeev Berger

Muriel Grobman and Family, on the loss of her husband Arnold Grobman

By Shirley Grossman

Cory, Megan, Miles and Zack Gelmon, on the loss of his father and their grandfather Alvin Gelmon

By Mark and Helen Swartz

Lily Joffe, on the loss of her daughter Risha Steinman

By Sally, Joel, Michael, Joseph and Alysia Grotsky

Mark and Helen Swartz

Harvey and Alexandra Cyngiser

Lily Joffe and Family, on the loss of her daughter Risha Steinman

By Ethel Caplan

Fran Kolinsky

Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

Leanne Steinman, on the loss of her mother Risha Steinman

By Sally, Joel, Michael, Joseph and Alysia Grotsky

Michael and Giezelle Pash

Benji Steinman and Breonna Sikking, on the loss of his mother Risha Steinman

By Michael and Giezelle Pash

Danny and Mindy Joffe, on the loss of his sister Risha Steinman

By Sally, Joel, Michael, Joseph and Alysia Grotsky

Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Hal Joffe and Family, on the loss of his sister Risha Steinman

By Mark and Helen Swartz

Giezelle and Michael Pash

Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

Harvey and Alexandra Cyngiser

Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Sandra and Nathan Kahn (of Edmonton AB), on the loss of her mother Freeda

By Philis and Tom Heffner

Sheena and Cyril Fried (of Edmonton AB), on the loss of her mother Freeda

By Philis and Tom Heffner

Diane and Michael Alkalay (of Edmonton AB), on the loss of her mother Freeda

By Philis and Tom Heffner

The Joffe Family, on the loss of their dear mother, daughter and sister, Risha Steinman

By Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips
 Barb and Ron Krell

Cory Gelmon and Family, on the loss of their father and grandfather, Al Gelmon

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Reesa Girvitz, on the loss of her uncle, Al Gelmon

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Geoff and Laurie McCallum and Family (of Cranbrook, BC), on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Annabelle Gurevitch

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

THINKING OF YOU

Tamar Zenith

By Denny and Mel Hornstein

**CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM
 FESTIVAL FUND**
MAZEL TOV

Sid Cyngiser, on the occasion of his special birthday

By Harriet and Phil Libin

Maxine and Milt Fischbein, on the occasion of Emma's engagement

By Harvey and Alexandra Cyngiser
 Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

SYMPATHY

Cory Gelmon and Family, on the loss of their father and grandfather, Al Gelmon
By Harvey and Alexandra Cyngiser
Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

**LEV SHALEM SABBATH &
FESTIVAL BOOK FUND
SYMPATHY**

The Joffe Family, on the loss of their dear mother, daughter and sister, Risha Steinman
By Therese Nagler

**RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND
SYMPATHY**

Lily Joffe and Family, on the loss of her daughter and their sister Risha Steinman
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Harriet and Phil Libin

Lily Joffe and Family, on the loss of her daughter Risha Steinman
By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

Lily Joffe, on the loss of her daughter Risha Steinman
By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

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MAZEL TOV**

Lily Joffe, on the occasion of her special birthday
By Beulah Martin

SYMPATHY

The Joffe Family, on the loss of their mother, daughter and sister Risha Steinman
By Beulah Martin



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By Helen Libenson

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By Laura Safran and Dr. Jaclyn Safran

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**PLEASE RETURN TO BETH TZEDEC NO LATER THAN
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I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Shaul Osadchey to act as my agent to sell any *hametz* in my possession, wherever it may be (home and work), in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law to Jane Dafoe from the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Project.

Signature: _____

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I enclose \$ _____ as a voluntary act of tzedakah for

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