



January 2020
Tevet-Shevat 5780



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday January 1st

9:00am Services

Office Closed

Friday January 3rd

Candle Lighting: 4:24pm

TORAH: Vayiggash

Shabbat January 4th

9:00am Shabbat Service

4:30pm Mincha/Seudah Shlshit

Shabbat Ends: 5:41pm

Tuesday January 7th

6:30pm Stories of Music (remake class)

Wednesday January 8th

7:00pm Beth Tzedec Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

Thursday January 9th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday January 10th

Candle Lighting: 4:32pm

5:30pm Tot Shabbat

TORAH: Vayhi

Shabbat January 11th

9:00am Shabbat Service

4:30pm Mincha/Seudah Shlshit

Shabbat Ends: 5:49pm

Sunday January 12th

10:00am Shul School

Tuesday January 14th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday January 16th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday January 17th

Candle Lighting: 4:43pm

TORAH: Shemot

Shabbat January 18th

9:00am Shabbat Service

10:00am Minyan Katan

4:30pm Mincha/Seudah Shlshit

Shabbat Ends: 5:58pm

Sunday January 19th

10:00am Shul School

Tuesday January 21st

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

6:30pm Stories of Music

Wednesday January 22nd

12:00pm Hazak 55+

Thursday January 23rd

10:30am Stories of Music

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday January 24th

Candle Lighting: 4:54pm

6:00pm Services and Shabbat Dinner

TORAH: Va'era

Shabbat January 25th

9:00am Shabbat Service

4:30pm Mincha/Seudah Shlshit

Shabbat Ends: 6:09pm

Sunday January 26th

10:00am Shul School

Tuesday January 28th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday January 30th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday January 31st

Candle Lighting: 5:06pm

TORAH: Bo



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Cantor's Notes



Sometimes I marvel at how lucky we are to be Jews. Every year we get two potential shots at wiping the slate clean in our lives, and demarcating a new start. We did it about three months ago when we celebrated the turning of our religious year, and now we can do it again as we mark the turn of the secular year. Yes, 2019 is now behind us, and whether you did it by watching a ball drop, or lifting a glass full of Champaign, or kissing those most near and dear to you as the clock struck midnight, you performed an act of separation which officially ended one period and began something new and different. So, while our minds are currently focused a bit more acutely on acts that separate, I thought I would muse a bit on the service of *Havdalah*.

Traditionally, *Havdalah* is thought of as a separation between *Shabbat* and the rest of the week. We are saddened by the ending of *Shabbat*, the separation from holy time. We mourn the loss of our *neshama yetayra*, the extra soul that visits each of us on Shabbat, and we feel a wrenching separation from holiness as we enter the profane work week. Yet, the concept of separation, so celebrated in this simple ritual and so seemingly essential to us as a people, can at times become a source of great destructive potential.

You see, separations ultimately weaken us, sapping our individual and communal energies. Spiritually and communally, within Judaism and in our world, we become impoverished as more and more walls are built. One Jew is separated from another Jew because of a different approach they may have to Judaism, or a different birth status. Jews are separated from non-Jews because it is just too time consuming to build bridges and understand each other's traditions. Young are separated from old, men are separated from women, and the walls grow higher and thicker and more impenetrable until, ultimately, we come to live in a world completely overwhelmed and dominated by walls.

Yet, not surprisingly, the very ceremony that seems to celebrate this tendency also contains within it a symbol that encourages us to engage

in its opposite. That symbol is the multi-wicked *Havdalah* candle. It is said that our great teacher, Rabbi Hillel, composed the words of the blessing we say over this candle. He carefully crafted the words to impart that God creates the lights (the plural form) of fire. *Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech HaOlam, Boreh M'Oray HaEsh* is the traditional formulation of this blessing. So what meaning can we find in Hillel's carefully crafted words?

Within each of us, our rabbis have taught us, is embedded our own unique holy light, our unique spark and flame. In separation from others, our light is of limited reach and of limited use to the world. However, when everyone's diverse light is braided together, as within the fire of the *Havdalah* candle which is crafted from braided wax strands with many wicks, our combined glow can overpower the darkness of an entire room, and by extension, the darkness of the entire world.

Havdalah isn't so much about celebrating separation as it is about celebrating difference, the difference between Shabbat and the other days of the week, and the many differences between peoples which, when they allow us to enhance each other's light, so enrich God's world.

May 2020 be a year of celebrating that which is unique and enlightening in all aspects of the creation.

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

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

Saturday Evening Services (Mincha and Seudah Shlishit):
4:30pm on January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

Every time I sit down and write a *Shofar* article I reflect on the activity in our Shul and the activities I'm engaged in as your Shul president. Since taking on this role, I have promised myself that I would engage and listen to feedback from our congregants. In doing so, I knew full well that I would face the dilemma of many opposing viewpoints. These conversations have yielded many of the changes we are experiencing today.

Those of you who attended Rabbi Yossi Sapirman's presentation on the successes he has enjoyed at Beth Torah (Toronto) heard about issues that similarly challenge us at Beth Tzedec. Most profound for me was the issue of balancing diverse opinions. The Rabbi suggested many different examples of diverse opinions. Rabbi Sapirman pointed out that congregants already attending Shabbat services on a regular basis are the least likely to embrace change. Yet we need to evolve if we hope to attract those congregants that are seeking a different Synagogue experience.

Some congregants measure my performance on the basis of how many Shabbat services I attend, yet the many ideas I obtain and share with our leadership results from the travel, discussion and observations Sue and I make at Synagogues across North America and the rest of the world.

A question I have been asked since Rabbi Yossi Sapirman's visit concerns the value of our affiliation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). Rabbi Sapirman's challenge was very timely. I was registered for a USCJ Shabbaton and Conference a couple of weeks following his address to our Shul.

The USCJ conference was my first. From the lens of a CPA, Tax Practitioner and former Treasurer of the Beth Tzedec, I arrived prepared to delve into whether or not we are benefiting from our membership.

My first takeaway was that USCJ represents a movement, not just an affiliation. Together with the Rabbinical Assembly, it defines the parameters of spiritual belief and observances for Conservative Jews throughout North America and, increasingly, around the world. It defines the commonality of Conservative Jews but also honours the beauty of our diversity. The movement includes 22 arms representing us all from youth engaging in USY, to the Rabbis represented

by the Rabbinical Assembly and everybody in between. At the convention, we encountered and shared experiences with Jews from Canada, the United States, Mexico, Europe, and Australia and, of course, Israel. We share challenges and stories about what works and does not work in Synagogues today. This movement creates an environment where we feel less siloed, where we are privileged to share our strengths and fortunate to share our challenges. USCJ brought in experts that spoke about the challenges we face, from engaging youth and young families to welcoming and serving intermarried and multi-faith families. Multiple workshops and learning tracks exposed us to experts on a wide variety of topics including environmental issues, synagogue finances, and inclusion and diversity in our Synagogues and communities.

For example, we need to start listening to our teens and young adults. In one presentation we learned that over 80% of our teens consider themselves to be spiritual. But when you drill down, their definition of spirituality is applied differently than ours. For us, spirituality may look like a person sitting in Synagogue thinking about God. For a teen or young adult, it may be a person sitting in a kayak, marvelling at the nature surrounding them and thinking about God. The experts are suggesting that we cannot force our views on teens and young adults. It won't be accepted. We need to embrace them as they are and consider new and different ways to engage them.

The Plenary session devoted to intermarriage was an emotionally-charged, cutting-edge discussion about the challenge Conservative Rabbis face in today's world. While there are Rabbis within our movement who long for the ability to perform intermarriages, our Rabbinical Assembly does not allow them to do so.

As you may appreciate, these are complex issues. The scenario that we were provided by Rabbi Wesley Gardenswartz, who serves Temple Emanuel in Newton, MA, was that Rachel, who was educated at a Jewish day school and attended a Jewish camp and Jewish youth groups, eventually went off to University. While she fully expected that she would one day marry a Jewish person, she met and fell in love with Christopher, who is not Jewish. While Christopher is open to a potential conversion, he does not want to do so just for the sake of a wedding. Rachel and Christopher ask Rachel's long-time Rabbi if he will marry them. While he wants to help them and draw Christopher closer, he is not permitted by the RA to perform the intermarriage.

Rachel and Christopher's story is not unique. Rabbi Gardenswartz stated that all conservative Rabbis face this dilemma in today's world. He characterized the challenge as a three-generation decision. If the Rabbi says "no" then there is a risk we will lose the couple and their children to Judaism. If not, the couple may look to the Reform movement, get married and continue their affiliation elsewhere. Two generations are lost to the Conservative movement. In addition, Rachel's parents, who have always participated in Conservative Jewish life,

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may be lost to their Shul and movement as they move to the Reform synagogue to be with their children and grandchildren. Rabbi Gardenswartz suggests that statistically Jewish males are more likely to abandon their religion than retain it while females are more likely to try and retain Judaism. The odds are not in our favour.

The story does not end here because ask yourself...aside from the fact our clergy cannot perform their marriages, how well do we serve the interfaith or multi-faith congregants we do attract in our Synagogues? Do they feel welcomed and embraced or are they "othered?"

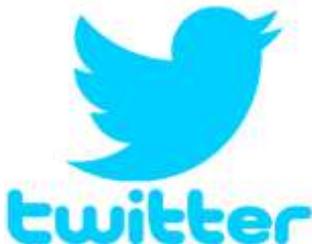
For me, the USCJ 20/20 Convention opened my eyes to an even wider problem we all face. We have a next generation that, by and large, do not find relevance in traditional Synagogue practice. Hence, we are faced with what some may call a threat, while others see an opportunity: Reimagining the possibilities for our Synagogues through the eyes of our youth and young families.

My initial goal in attending the convention was to explore the value proposition of Beth Tzedec remaining affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The friendships I made, the colleagues I networked with and the information I collected about the ongoing expertise, resources and support led me to conclude that our USCJ membership is money well spent. We need this organization more than ever, and the Conservative movement needs us. Conservative Jews are stronger when we stand together based on shared values, in Calgary, in Israel, and around the world.

David Inhaber,
President

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Anonymous (4), Jenny Belzberg, Maxine and Milt Fischbein, Jaclyn Horne-Grintuch and Benjamin Grintuch, Susan and David Inhaber, Josh Inhaber, Diana Kalef and Elliott Steinberg, Barb and Ron Krell, Lily and Bill Lister, Elaine and Stuart Myron, Beth and Rob Ordman, Al Osten, Kimberly Rothenberg and Leonard Seidman, Brenda and Garry Sapoznikow, Cheryl and Bob Shiell, Deborah and Adam Silver, Ida and Sam Switzer, Joey Tappenden

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 inhaberdavid@yahoo.ca or Executive Director Max Lipsman at mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca.

Thanks for your vision and generosity!





I am continuing to feature the wonderful lay leaders who lead the services for our minyanim. I was curious to know how long they had been leading the davening, how they learned to lead and what their earliest memories of shul are.

I begin this New Year and decade by showcasing Lou Bracey. I met Lou when I was coming for minyan with my dad to say Kaddish for my mom. My dad always said that he liked it when Lou was davening. He found him very easy to follow compared to some of the other leaders back then who raced through and ‘vooz voozed’ through the prayers. In the past few years, since I joined the NML, I have gotten to know him better. He davens on Sundays. Before and after services, he likes to engage in our conversations and kibbitz with us.

I recently asked Lou my questions.

Me: How long have you been leading the davening?

Lou: I have been davening for over 35 years. I moved to Canada from England in 1964; first to Winnipeg and then to Calgary in 1979. In Winnipeg, I attended the Herzlia Adas Yeshurun synagogue. When my father passed away, I went to shul every day.

Me: How did you learn to daven?

Lou: I have been coming to shul regularly since 1980. I picked it up from listening to others. When I came here, Cantor Lang was here. One day, he told me to go daven. I used to split the service with someone. I often split it with Abe Zeisler, Abe Yuffe or Isaac Aptowitzer. Then, I started doing the whole service on my own.

Me: What is your earliest memory of synagogue?

Lou: It was in Liverpool at the Princes Road Synagogue. I was four or five years old. I would go with my father. I would often play with his tefillin boxes. I pretended that they were toy tanks. I would play with



them and I listened. That was in 1949 to 1950. My father was going to say Kaddish for his father.

Me: Thanks, Lou.

If you like a haimish, easy to follow service delivered with a smile and a hint of an English accent, join us when Lou is leading the service. If you have any questions to ask him about his youth, just ask. I am sure that he would be more than happy to answer.

Susan Inhaber,
NML Commissioner

SKIP THE DEPOT!

Beth Tzedec's ongoing fundraiser!

Please collect and save your refundable bottles and cans and have us do the heavy lifting!

Just download the SKIPTHEDEPOT app on your smartphone and set up your account for free pick-ups at your home. Add Beth Tzedec Congregation as the organization you would like to receive your donated funds. SKIPTHEDEPOT will come pick up your bags and will deposit funds into **Beth Tzedec's Youth Programming Fund**. And, you'll receive the tax receipt!

It's so easy! If you have any problems or questions, contact Deb Silver at debsilver75@gmail.com.

Inclusion at Beth Tzedec

Beth Tzedec Congregation is dedicated to maximizing the joyous participation of all, including people with disabilities. If you or loved ones require accommodations to participate in any of our services or programs please let us know by contacting Executive Director Max Lipsman at 403-255-8688, Ext. 1 or mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca.

Search Committee Update

Beth Tzedec has been working together with the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly (RA) toward a search for our new Rabbi. The first step in this process was a comprehensive questionnaire that affords potential candidates for either an interim or permanent position a glimpse into the life of the Synagogue and the high-level requirements of the position. The Search Committee Chairs, Maxine Fischbein and Markham Silver, completed a draft of the questionnaire some time ago for review by the Executive and Board.

Maxine and I met with representatives of the RA when we were in Boston for the USCJ 20/20 Judaism Convention last month. The RA had previously requested that we suspend our search until the request of some of our congregants to reinstate Rabbi Osadchey had been addressed and resolved. The vote at the Special General Meeting this past October confirmed the desire of our Congregation to move forward in the search for a Rabbi.

As everyone can appreciate, choosing a Rabbi is more than just filling a job description. A Rabbi will lead us spiritually and set the direction of our Shul well into the future. Toward that end, it is imperative that we engage our congregants in conversation on all things Beth Tzedec. Our first steps have included striking a task force that very shortly will be seeking the input of congregants via a survey and targeted focus groups. The survey and discussions will tackle a number of Synagogue-related topics including our clergy search.

An Emerging Opportunity

Last month, Cantor Russell Jayne applied to the Pluralistic Rabbinical Seminary and has shared with us the happy news that he has been accepted into their rabbinical program. This is a distance-learning opportunity that allows already-knowledgeable individuals with considerable prerequisites to enter into a two-year program that leads to *smicha* (ordination) as a Rabbi.

Cantor Jayne will look forward to sharing his journey with congregants in his own words over the coming months and years as he embarks on his studies. We wish him much success as he moves forward from strength to strength.

As you know, in addition to his own responsibilities as our Chazzan, Cantor Jayne has already assumed many of the roles ordinarily associated with a congregational Rabbi. Even a man of his considerable talents cannot do the job alone and we continue to work toward hiring a colleague who will, together with Cantor Jayne, serve our congregation. Fortunately, we have considerable bench strength at Beth Tzedec and many skilled congregants have stepped up to assist by leading prayer services and leining Torah and Haftarah. While we take pride in our collective abilities and will continue to welcome lay participation in prayer services, we are committed to hiring another professional.

While we had been gearing up for a rabbinical search, Cantor Jayne's decision to study toward *smicha* has opened up a new opportunity for Beth Tzedec. Pending feedback from the congregation, it is possible that our search could be for an interim Rabbi, a recently graduated Rabbi or Cantor, or an educator with proven talent in reaching youth and young families. In the interest of the congregation, we are dedicated to being flexible and creative in determining our staffing model.

Some congregants may be wondering if it is "kosher" for a Cantor to step into rabbinical shoes. There are precedents with other congregations engaging Cantors as spiritual leaders. As a graduate of the Cantorial Institute, Cantor Jayne is qualified to officiate all life cycle ceremonies, including weddings, brit milah, baby namings, b'nai mitzvahs, funerals and unveilings. In matters of kashrut, he consults with community *Mashgiach* Phil Wolf. In the event that a *halachik* matter is raised, Cantor Jayne consults with either Rabbi Daniel Nevins, Dean of the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, or with Rabbi Daniel Shevitz of the Rabbinical Assembly of Southern California.

We are additionally fortunate that Rabbi Rick Kline, who co-led us so beautifully throughout the High Holidays has graciously agreed to assist Beth Tzedec when asked. Other local clergy are also at the ready to provide coverage in the event that Cantor Jayne is away or unavailable due to multiple commitments.

We are asking you, our congregants, to give us your feedback on recent developments, on the search in general, and on all topics related to Beth Tzedec. Please watch for details on the forthcoming congregational survey and on focus groups. Don't wait for an invitation. . .feel free to contact me or any member of the leadership group at any time if you wish to ask questions or share ideas.

On behalf of everyone at Beth Tzedec, I thank Cantor Jayne for his dedication to Beth Tzedec and his desire to serve us in new and exciting ways. We wish him *hatzlacha* as he embarks on his rabbinical studies.

David Inhaber,
President

Life Cycle Events In Memoriam

Mara Shkolnik, wife of Alex Shkolnik, mother of Malivina Epelman and sister of David (Sara) Profis. Mara passed away on December 2nd. The funeral was held on December 4, 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.

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

**Daily minyan at Beth Tzedec
is all this and more**

ALL ARE WELCOME

For more information, contact Cantor Russ at 403-255-8688 ext 4 or CantorRuss@bethtzedec.ca

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):

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BTZ Gift Shop

The BTZ Gift Shop is now open
during office hours (8:30am-3:30pm).
We will be closed on Stat Holidays.

Please call the office at 403-255-8688 for
more information.

Be an Ambassador for Beth Tzedec!

Beth Tzedec is expanding the role of the "Greeter/Ambassador" and invites interested congregants to become Greeters on Shabbat and at special times during the year.

Those who welcome congregants and guests set the tone for the day and for the future by helping make others feel welcome.

If you are interested in being part of this important group please contact either Bob Shiell or Max Lipsman for more information. A short orientation session will be organized in the near future.

Bob can be reached at 403-870-8130 / bobshiell@shaw.ca
and

Max can be reached at 403-255-8688 / mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca



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

סיפורי מוסיקה Stories of Music**Tuesday, January 7th - 6:30pm** *Di Yiddishe Amerika*

Due to the snowstorm on November 19th, the third unit in Cantor Russ' Stories of Music course is going to be repeated on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30p. If you were unable to make the November session, or would like to take the session over again, please feel free to join us.

Tuesday, January 21st - 6:30pm *The Times They Are A'Changin-Part 2***Thursday, January 23rd - 10:30am** *The Times They Are A'Changin-Part 2*

Cantor Russ is proud to bring to Beth Tzedec an adult education project developed in partnership with the Cantors Assembly, the American Conference of Cantors, and the Milken Archive of Jewish Music. This ten session curriculum will engage you to think about the Jewish experience in North America in new and different ways as you explore stories of the evolving nature of Jewish music. We hope you will join Cantor Russ and be a part of this exciting new program. For more information or to sign up, please contact 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca. Members: Free of charge. Guests: \$18.00 per class.

Tot Shabbat**Friday, January 10th - 5:30pm****Members: 0-4 Free, 5-12 \$5.00, 13+ \$10.00****Guests: 0-4 Free, 5-12 \$10.00, 13+ \$20.00**

Introduce your little ones to the wonders of Kabbalat Shabbat in a relaxed kid-friendly environment. Light Shabbat Dinner provided. RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 by January 8th.

Minyan Katan**Shabbat, January 18th - 10:00am**

A Shabbat Morning Service crafted for B'nai Mitzvah students and their families and featuring student-led prayers under the guidance of Cantor Russ.

Hazak 55+ Presents**Common Scams: How to Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones****Wednesday, January 22nd - 12:00pm**

Beth Tzedec and Hazak 55+ welcomes Sgt. Matt Frederickson who will discuss the ways you can protect yourself and your loved ones from telephone, telemarketing and online fraud and scams. Sgt. Frederickson serves on the Fraud Team of the Calgary Police Service's Economic Crimes Unit. Lunch at 12 noon, \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. RSVP to the synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by Monday, January 20th. Please pay at the office upon arrival, if you have not paid in advance. For more information, please contact Maxine Fischbein at 403-616-0320. Everyone is welcome.

Traditional Family Shabbat Dinner**Friday, January 24th****6:00pm Services • 7:00pm Dinner**

Members: Adults \$35 Kids \$25 Guests: Adults \$45 Kids \$35

Beth Tzedec invites your family to be a part of a traditional Shabbat evening dinner. Experience the joy of prayer and the warmth of community as we bring in the Shabbat together. We hope you all will be able to join us!! RSVP to the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca by January 17th.

PREPARING FOR THE END OF LIFE:

**An Eight-Week Course based on Hassidic Literature,
Talmudic Stories and Jewish Laws and Customs**

Led by Rabbi Rick Kline**Thursdays, beginning February 6th - 6:30–9:00pm**

Open to lay participants and clergy, all texts in Hebrew and English, no prerequisite. Participants are asked to commit to all eight sessions ending April 2nd. (Note: No class on February 27th)

Members and volunteers of Beth Tzedec and Chevra Kadisha: \$50

Members of the community at large: \$100 Students: \$25

Includes a comprehensive 194 page text book. Registration limited to 12 participants. For more information, and to register, please go to <https://bethtzedec.ca/education-and-programs/adult-programs/preparing-for-the-end-of-life/> or contact the Beth Tzedec office at info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

**Beyond Dispute: Debates that Shape Jewish Life**

Debates - philosophical, spiritual, ethical, and cultural - are at the heart of Judaism and Jewish life. Are religion and reason compatible? Can Jewish law change, based on context? How do we teach and talk about the Holocaust and the State of Israel? Should we prioritize Jewish causes or universal causes in our giving? Is Jewish tradition intrinsically patriarchal and ableist? Is our relationship with God defined by human obligation or divine compassion?

Beyond Dispute is a multi-month course (11 classes), run by Cantor Russell Jayne, that will submerge all those who attend into a substantive, text-based exploration of how these debates have been manifested over the course of Jewish history, and lead them into a rich discussion about their continued resonance for contemporary Jewish life.

Dates: February 4, 11, March 3, 24, May 5, 26, June 2, 9, July 14, 28, August 11**Time:** 6:30-8:00pm**Cost:** Members: \$10.00 Guests: \$18.00 for the courseTo register, please contact the office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

Class size limited to 15 participants.



Riley Jonah Zipursky

Riley Jonah Zipursky was called to the Torah at the top of Masada in Israel on Thursday December 26, 2019. There he shared a B'nai Mitzvah with his cousins Rosie Zipursky and Jack Moscovitz. 23 members of his immediate and extended family joined Riley on a 15 day adventure through Israel.

Riley has a voracious passion for reading and learning. His uncle Mark gave Riley his first *Atlas of the World* when he was five. We believe that ignited his deep knowledge and appreciation for the world around him and for his desire to learn everything that he can about it.

Riley has gone through some very distinct stages in his life from knowing all there was to know about construction sites and railways to creating his own world as a "Kukaburra". Currently if he does not have his nose in a book then it can often be seen behind a camera directing films with his friends or pointing to the sky to appreciate and identify whatever plane is flying overhead. Riley has so many passions in life: violin, swimming, hiking, biking and going to Camp BB Riback, to name a few.

Both Riley and his younger brother Zach have a true appreciation for their grandparents. They are forever connected with a special bond and love. They have learned many of their most important life lessons together.

We know Riley's Israeli experience will inspire a lifelong connection with his proud Jewish roots.

Shalom Baby Shower

Do you have children under two years old? Join us on January 19th to pick up a special gift bag and engage in family-friendly activities and face painting with other parents and children. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. This event is free, but registration is required at <https://jewishcalgary.crowdchange.co/11642>.



Jewish Family Services - Miriam's Well
Every drop in the bucket helps!

The need is great. Please do what you can when visiting the Synagogue by bringing any canned goods, cereal, paper products or toiletries. Items need not be kosher. Even just one item from everyone can make a difference. Let's encourage our young children to participate in this great Mitzvah.

Cemetery Entry Code

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



National Minyan League Bonus Dates

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 12, 2020</i>	<i>15 Tevet</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 19, 2020</i>	<i>22 Tevet</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 26, 2020</i>	<i>29 Tevet</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 29, 2020</i>	<i>3 Shevat</i>	<i>7:45am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>January 30, 2020</i>	<i>4 Shevat</i>	<i>7:45am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 9, 2020</i>	<i>14 Shevat</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 16, 2020</i>	<i>21 Shevat</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 23, 2020</i>	<i>28 Shevat</i>	<i>9:00am</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>

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