



BETH TZEDEC

SHOFAR

March 2020
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday March 1st

10:00am Shul School

Tuesday March 3rd

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

6:30pm Beyond Dispute

Wednesday March 4th

1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study

7:00pm Beth Tzedec Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

Thursday March 5th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday March 6th

Candle Lighting: 6:08pm

TORAH: Tetsavveh

Shabbat March 7th

9:00am Shabbat Service

6:00pm Bat Mitzvah - Eleah Devlin

Shabbat Ends: 7:18pm

Sunday March 8th

10:00am Shul School

12:00pm Seniors' Purim Luncheon

Monday March 9th

5:00pm Pre-Megillah Purim Carnival

6:30pm Megillah Reading

7:45pm Purim Party

Tuesday March 10th

7:45am Megillah Reading

Wednesday March 11th

1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study

Thursday March 12th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday March 13th

Candle Lighting: 7:20pm

TORAH: Ki Tissa

Shabbat March 14th

9:00am Shabbat Service

Shabbat Ends: 8:30pm

Sunday March 15th

10:00am Shul School

Tuesday March 17th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

6:30pm Stories of Music

Wednesday March 18th

1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study

Thursday March 19th

10:30am Stories of Music

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday March 20th

Candle Lighting: 7:32pm

TORAH: Vayakhel + Pekudei

Shabbat March 21st

9:00am Shabbat Service

Shabbat Ends: 8:42pm

Sunday March 22nd

8:30am Tefillin Club

Tuesday March 24th

6:30pm Beyond Dispute

Wednesday March 25th

1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study

Thursday March 26th

12:00pm Hazak 55+

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday March 27th

Candle Lighting: 7:44pm

TORAH: Vayikra

Shabbat March 28th

9:00am Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah - Ava Bickman

Shabbat Ends: 8:54pm

Tuesday March 31st

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

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and staff are very
sensitive to perfume.
It is requested that
you please refrain from using any
scented products when attending
Shul. Thank you.*

Beth Tzedec Congregation

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Cantor's Notes



"Today is Purim, tomorrow it's gone – Give us a penny, and throw us out!"

The humble yet beloved *Purim spiel* ("play" in Yiddish) is the only genuine folk theater that has survived thousands of years of European culture, and still continues to flourish even up to the present day. In honour of the frivolity that will ensue later this month, as we commence our annual Purim celebrations, I would like to take you on a brief tour through the amazing history of this still beloved folk tradition.

Chazal (the Jewish sages from Mishnaic times through the period of the Talmud) condemned the theater as frivolous at best and vulgar/pagan at worst. This view was crystallized during the Roman Era, when live theatre was often cruel and violent and involved slaves, including Jews, as actors who were sometimes killed as part of the drama. Nevertheless, the rabbis faced a dilemma with the holiday of Purim. The story of Esther, which is based on disguise, farce, melodrama, comedy, and victory over existential threat, was a natural for theatrical re-enactment. Add to that the rejoicing, masquerade, irreverence, and even drunkenness that was quickly becoming part and parcel with the *halachic* laws and customs of the holiday, and you have an almost perfect storm, with public reenactments beginning sometime in the early centuries of the Common Era.

In most early Jewish communities the "re-enactment" was usually restricted to the hanging and burning of Haman in effigy, but in medieval Europe, surrounded by a larger cultural context of both Christian and secular folk entertainment, drama, carnival and parody, the idea of expanding the experience into a *spiel* began to quickly take root and flourish.

According to historian Chone Shmeruk the term *Purim spiel* started to appear throughout Ashkenazic Jewry as early as the mid-1500s. The *spiel* could be a poetic monologue, or a story portrayed by several actors. It was usually the story of Esther, but it also could be other biblical stories such as the selling of Joseph, Hannah and Samuel, or David and Goliath. Since most Jewish men were literate and traditionally educated, *midrash* and *aggadah* (stories told by

the sages which reflect or add to stories from the Torah) and rabbinic commentary were also incorporated, along with satire directed at the rabbi, cantor, community leaders, and other authorities. Secular stories were portrayed too, particularly derived from the characters of the Italian *commedia del arte*. Because of this secular influence, suggestive themes and language became increasingly popular elements. This led, at times, to the rabbinic establishment banning *spiels* outright. However, no matter how lewd or outrageous they became, the rabbis could never succeed in squelching the public's thirst for them.

Purim spiels were acted primarily by poor people like students, musicians, dancers, acrobats and artisans. They were performed either in large public venues like yeshivas, or for wealthy families, typically in their homes after the festive Purim meal. If the community was small, the actors took great pains to rehearse in secret and disguise themselves thoroughly so they would not be recognized, to their shame. They walked through the streets from house to house, followed by hordes of excited children, who would crowd into or hang from the windows of the homes of the rich, in order to see the performance. In these homes the actors were rewarded in the form of money and/or food. Afterward, they would eat together and dish their wealthy benefactors. All the roles were played by men and boys, the only day of the year when cross-dressing was allowed, although a few women were known to have been acrobats and dancers in these elaborate productions.

When the *Haskalah* (the Jewish Enlightenment of the 18th and 19th centuries) reached Eastern Europe, a whole new genre of parodies for the *spiel* arose, written by the leaders of the *Haskalah* against the traditionalists and the Hasidim. One notorious example, directed at these new targets for satire, was the lyric, "And all our enemies call us treyf-eaters! But they are heretics, may they catch the plague!" included in many Yiddish *spiels* during this era.

The amateur folk quality of the *Purim spiel*, and its ability to be ever topical and irreverent, has guaranteed its survival in synagogues and schools to this day, and while *Purim spiels* may seem, on their surface, to diminish the spiritual importance of the holiday, they are part of an ongoing celebration of good over evil, and a festival which ultimately celebrates God's presence in Jewish history.

Chag Purim Sameiach!!!

~~Cantor Russell Jayne~~

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

March is always a challenging month. We are quickly approaching the Beth Tzedec fiscal year end when the Board will commence the final deliberations on another annual budget. Our Vice President, Finance, along with our Executive Director, Clergy and staff are working tirelessly to determine what it will take to keep our budget balanced given the fixed costs of maintaining our building. We understand the importance of keeping our community fees stable with minimal or no increase, while at the same time we are also aware that our congregants are not able to accept out of control costs. Recognizing all the various components of the needs of the congregation, the aging building and continuing to provide all the services we have all become so accustomed to having at Beth Tzedec, we will be asking you to renew your commitment for 2020/2021.

We are grateful for both the financial support of our congregants and your personal participation in making Beth Tzedec the best it can be. Toward that end, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for filling out the surveys we distributed to everyone. Your voices were heard loud and clear. The response rate was high (over 100 completed surveys) and according to IPSOS was statistically accurate. The results are being tabulated and we will be providing an executive summary in a future edition of our Shofar.

Now we have moved on to open-sessions and targeted focus groups led by facilitators who are independent of our Executive and Board. It is important for congregants to know they can share any input without the feeling that they are being judged by our leadership team. If you have not already done so, there is still time to sign up and participate, watch for dates and times in Shalom Bytes and Lecha Dodi. Once again, we thank you for sharing your vision with us!

We have been told by many of our guests, including Rabbis Sapirman and Klein, that we really do not do enough promotion of all the good things that happen at Beth Tzedec, which leads us to focus on our challenges, rather than celebrating our accomplishments.

We just had a number of amazing events at the Beth Tzedec, starting with the revival of Robbie Burnstein. Since its inception, Leonard Seidman has been the driving force and leader in bringing this spectacular evening to our Shul. This year we saw an affordable, intimate affair with friends and family and enjoyed quiet conversation, kibitzing and laughs throughout the night. This Robbie Burnstein brought us back to our roots, but don't take my word on just how amazing this event was, speak to the congregants and many guests who attended this year. We owe a special thank you and Yasher Koach to former Vice President Leonard Seidman who worked tirelessly to bring Burnstein back. In addition, a special thank you to Len's volunteers and especially our Beth Tzedec staff led by Max and his team in both the office and operations.

I was also privileged to witness a tot Shabbat, minyan and Kabbalat Shabbat in February. Over 50 attendees, young adults and families joined us for a brief service with Cantor Russ Jayne which was followed by a light dinner. During the course of my conversations with many of these young families I confirmed we are getting this right.

Hazak 55+ (not just for 55+ ... just so you know) was another well attended event. After listening to Cantor Jayne's continuing spiritual journey, we are yet again inspired by him to face the challenges in our own lives.

As you can see and as I have said before, our community commitment gives us access to many wonderful events and activities, but it is up to all of you, our congregants, to come and take advantage of these offerings.

Once again, I want to thank Cantor Russell Jayne and Executive Director Max Lipsman for their continuing professionalism and dedication to Beth Tzedec and our congregational family. We are also very grateful to all our congregants who have stepped up and davened, led parts of services, leyned Torah, accepted honours and volunteered to help us ensure a smooth transition of uninterrupted services while we continue our search for the third professional staff position. We want you to know that while this hire cannot happen overnight, the process is proceeding.

Finally, I want to share another amazing experience which took place on our Bimah in February. Cantor Jayne set aside his Shabbat sermon to allow a congregant to share her interpretation of Parchat Yitro. If you were lucky enough to attend, you know I'm speaking of Karry Taylor's D'var Torah, on Shabbat, Saturday, February 15.

Karry spoke about Moses just after the exodus from Egypt. She described how Moses spent his days as a judge amongst his people and how eventually, at the advice of his father-in-law, appointed a system of judges to ease the burden of being the sole judge. We learned the names of Moses' sons and for the first time we hear the term "strangers in a strange land". This theme of being a stranger in a strange land underlies much of Parshat Yitro. Pushing aside any discomfort or awkwardness about his outsider status, his father-in-law, Jethro, shares his insight, wisdom, and suggestions with Moses. While Moses, to his credit, allows himself to be open to an outsider's observation, and accepts the advice.

What brought this home to me was that we must remind ourselves that we have all had occasion to feel as strangers in a strange land.

Karry continued by telling us, "Being a stranger is something that we all must wrestle with both outside and within the Jewish community. At one point or another, each one of us has likely experienced a situation of feeling uncomfortable in a place where we should ostensibly feel comfort."

When we visit or walk into a new synagogue or another Jewish space that is unfamiliar to us, we immediately undertake the role of a stranger. Even though, in theory, every synagogue should be an open and welcoming place for everybody, in practice, one often can't escape that initial discomfort of feeling out of place.

Even within our own community and our own synagogue, we can experience a sense of discomfort. We might be new to the community and don't really know anybody yet. Or we might be longstanding members who aren't quite sure how or where to get more involved. Or we might be someone who has become a Jew by choice and, having converted and not having any Jewish family, spends important holidays alone.

There are many other reasons we might feel disconnected — even in a place we call home like the Beth Tzedec sanctuary. The key is how we respond to that feeling. We can choose to stay away. Or, my hope is, we can choose to be involved and to work towards finding ways to connect with others and with God to strengthen our community as a whole.”

This D’var really spoke to me, and if you were there, likely it spoke to you as well. I was that guest who came to Calgary in 1981 and visited the Sharrey Tzedec and Beth Israel for the first time and I was the one who felt awkward and discomforted. My takeaway is to always be more mindful of those guests who enter our Beth Tzedec home and ensure we are as welcoming and inclusive as the members of Shaarey Tzedec and Beth Israel were to me many years ago. When I entered Sharrey Tzedec and Beth Israel, it was not the President of those congregations who made me feel welcome, it was the members like all of you.

We never really know how special and talented our congregants are until we get to know them. A very special thank you to Karry Taylor who reminded us that we all have a role to play at the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

David Inhaber,
President

Life Cycle Events Wedding

MAZEL TOV TO: Joseph Tappenden and Mira Feldman on their wedding which took place on February 1, 2020.

In Memoriam

Lucille Hanson, mother of Annette Hanson, Candice Hanson and Dorothy (Sheldon Shagal) Hanson. The funeral was held on February 6, 2020.

Harry Tucker, brother of Lionel (Teresa) Tucker. The funeral was held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 in Winnipeg.

Micheline Rostoker, mother of Gerard (Pamela Bacchus) Rostoker, Jean-Francois Rostoker (Cathy Ellis) and Sylvie-Ann (Eric) Shipman.
The funeral was held on February 9, 2020.

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.



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.

Markham is the next davener in this series. He typically davens on the first Tuesday of the month, when he attends with his team the Silver Maccabees or when he is coming to say Kaddish, but also when he has the chance to attend in the afternoons. Before and after services, he always has great stories to tell. Currently, he is 'on leave' as he works on taking care of his health.

I recently emailed Markham to ask him my questions.

Me: How long have you been leading the davening?

Markham: Probably since I was nine or 10 years old.

Me: How did you learn to daven?

Markham: I went to a parochial school in Toronto, Associated Hebrew School. We were taught how to lead services as part of the Hebrew school portion. And we were "encouraged" to attend Junior Congregation at the school on Shabbat morning. On a rotational basis, we were given portions of the service to lead. Also, as I got older, after bar mitzvah, we were encouraged to attend morning services at least once a month. I was taught how to read Torah, haftorah, Megilat Esther and Eicha as part of my bar mitzvah learning as well as how to blow the shofar.



Me: What is your earliest memory of synagogue?

Markham: I remember being in grade one (age five) and being taken into the synagogue chapel of the school. This was a cross between a sanctuary and an actual chapel. It was not used for junior congregation, because that was held in the school gym. The Chapel was for a kehillah that was based out of the school. It was a beautiful chapel, even though

the school building itself was pretty ugly. I also have a memory of being with my father at High Holiday services from the time I was 6 – which corresponded with my tonsillectomy, so I actually do remember it vividly.

Me: Thanks, Markham.

Wow, now I can understand why Markham is so knowledgeable about so many aspects of Judaism. He really had quite the bar mitzvah education and such good foundational learning. No wonder he is always so confident and capable.

We wish our friend Markham a refuah shlema and we hope to see him attending services again soon with renewed strength and a clean bill of health. We miss you, Markham!

Susan Inhaber,
NML Commissioner

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



National Minyan League Bonus Dates

Sunday	March 8, 2020	12 Adar	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	March 15, 2020	19 Adar	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	March 22, 2020	26 Adar	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	March 29, 2020	4 Nisan	9:00am	6:00pm
Monday	March 30, 2020	5 Nisan	7:45am	6:00pm
Tuesday	March 31, 2020	6 Nisan	7:45am	6:00pm

Ellie (Eleah) Riley Devlin

Ellie (Eleah) Riley Devlin will be given the honour of being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Mazel Tov to Ellie and her parents Shane and Alana Devlin and her older sister Sydney.



Ellie attends the Calgary Jewish Academy and is currently in grade seven. Ellie has been blessed with many wonderful friends.

She is kind hearted and has an enthusiasm for life. She has a love of learning which has truly helped shape her Jewish identity. She loves to spend time away from school playing basketball, swimming and has recently taken up climbing. When Ellie is not doing something active, she loves using her creative mind in artistic pursuits like painting.

Ellie's favourite thing to do is to spend time with her family and her dog, Cooper, but especially her grandparents and aunt and uncle.

She loves her time on family vacations and her summers at Camp BB.

We would like to thank Cantor Russ and the congregation at the Beth Tzedec for helping prepare Ellie for this milestone in her life. We are so very proud of Ellie and all of the time and effort she has devoted to preparing for her Bat Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov Ellie!!



Ava May Bickman

Ava May Bickman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 28, 2020. Ava is the daughter of Lori and Aaron Bickman and a big sister to Leah. Her grandparents are Sonia and David Bickman and Milt Shewfelt, all of Calgary.

Born in Calgary, Alberta on March 7, 2007, Ava started her Jewish education in Nursery at the Calgary Jewish Academy, where she is presently a grade seven student. She likes school, but her first love is soccer! Ava plays defense, and her teammates call her "The Wall". Although she is quite competitive on the soccer field, Ava is truly a kind and gentle soul and always goes out of her way to make sure everyone is included and taken care of.

When not in school or kicking a soccer ball around, Ava enjoys camping and being outdoors. She also enjoys the occasional fishing trip with her father, especially when she can talk him into hauling a stove and pots so he can make her pasta on the riverbank.

Ava also loves animals, especially dogs. For her Mitzvah Project she will be volunteering at AARCS (Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society) and she hopes to continue to support these endeavours with her time and energy in the future.

Ava has worked very hard preparing for her Bat Mitzvah and her family is so proud of her. We are thankful for the help and support of the Clergy, Staff and Congregation of the Beth Tzedec.

Mazel Tov Ava!

סיפורי מוסיקה Stories of Music**Tuesday, March 17th - 6:30pm****Thursday, March 19th - 10:30am**

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.

Hazak 55+ Presents:**Jewish Pluralism in Israel: Reprogramming Israeli Minds with Dr. David Breakstone****Thursday, March 26th - 12:00pm**

Please join us as for a discussion with Dr. David Breakstone on *Jewish Pluralism in Israel: Reprogramming Israeli Minds*. Dr. David Breakstone is Deputy Chairman of the Executive of The Jewish Agency for Israel and the conceptual architect and Founding Director of the Herzl Museum and educational center in Jerusalem. He also serves as a member of the executives of the World Zionist Organization, Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael (JNF) and Keren Hayesod, and has served as chair of the Masorti Movement in Israel. Lunch at 12 noon, \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. For more information and to RSVP, contact the synagogue office at 403-255-8688 by Tuesday, March 24th. Please pay at the office upon arrival, if you have not paid in advance. Everyone is welcome.

BETH TZEDEC'S TEFILLIN CLUB**Wraps, Straps, and Brunch!**

When was the last time you put on Tefillin?

Whether it was last week, the day of your B'nai Mitzvah, or you are a first-timer, Beth Tzedec's Tefillin Club is for you.

Sunday, March 22nd - 8:30am

On the fourth Sunday of the month (March 22nd, May 24th, and June 28th) we will gather at 8:30am to learn why this mitzvah is so important, brush up on your technique, and explore different teachings as to how to make the practice speak to today's Jewish soul. So come one, come all (men and women, boys and girls) and begin to recapture this ancient practice. Tefillin are available at the Shul if you do not have your own. Light brunch served.



Beth Tzedec is proud to take part in 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 individuals and families who have generously committed to after-lifetime gifts that will support our Synagogue in perpetuity:

Anonymous (5), Jenny Belzberg, Val and Lou Bracey, 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, Harriet and Phil Libin, Lily and Bill Lister, Elaine and Stuart Myron, Beth and Rob Ordman, Al Osten, Lorne Pearl, Kimberly Rothenberg and Leonard Seidman, Brenda and Garry Sapoznikow, Cheryl and Bob Shiell, Deborah Shnay, Deborah and Adam Silver, Ida and Sam Switzer, Joey Tappenden

Did you know?

- Since its launch in Calgary, just one year ago, the estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future has already exceeded \$1 million and continues to grow.
- Thanks to the generosity and vision of Beth Tzedec congregants and friends, we exceeded our initial goal of 18 after-lifetime gifts and our stretch goal of 25.
- Regardless of your age, stage and income level, you can be a part of this exciting gift to the future at Beth Tzedec and throughout Jewish Calgary while also supporting your favourite charitable causes in the community at large.
- Your legacy gift will make an indelible mark on the future of your Shul, your community and your people.

You can be remembered forever with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy. If you have already designated Beth Tzedec as a beneficiary, or if 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.



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Pre-Megillah Purim Carnival

Monday, March 9th

5:00-6:30pm

Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank and come in costume!

**Come celebrate, share
your happiness and let us
handle the rest!**

- Special kid-friendly Megillah reading
- Refreshments and hamentashen
 - Arts and crafts
 - Carnival games
- Light Dinner: \$5.00 ticket purchase



Monday, March 9th
Megillah Reading
6:30-7:45pm

**Participate in a spirited service led by Cantor Russ.
Let's all celebrate the deliverance of the Jewish people
from the wicked Haman (booooo!!!) in the days of
Queen Esther (yaaaaay!!!). Come in costume!**

Let's Party!
7:45-9:00pm

Dance, light refreshments and fun!



Event is free of charge. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank.

(Traditional Megillah Reading - Tuesday March 10 at 7:45 am)

Seniors' Purim Lunch

**Celebrate the holiday with a delicious lunch prepared by
Beth Tzedec Congregation members.
Open to all Calgary seniors free of charge.**

**Sunday,
March 8th
12:00pm**



SKIP THE DEPOT!

Beth Tzedec's new ongoing fundraiser!

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

Just download the app SKIPTHEDEPOT 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.

Bikkur Cholim:

You are a Life-Line!

When our members are ill at home or in the hospital, a caring visit or phone call can lift their spirits and help them heal physically and spiritually. Please call or email Cantor Russ (403-255-8688 or CantorRuss@bethtzedec.ca) with the names of congregants who are hospitalized or are ill at home. We will arrange a visit or a caring note. Please know that we would rather receive 20 calls about the same person than none at all.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

PJ Library® Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 6th (Purim), March 20th, April 3rd (Pesach) and April 17th

9:45 - 10:00am start | Calgary JCC

Join PJ Library® for our popular musical 30- to 45-minute class focusing on the festive feeling of Shabbat and holidays through songs and movement with brachot and challah. There is no charge for this program and no need to register. Everyone is welcome but please note that this program is suitable for children who are not yet in preschool. Please [email Kathie](mailto:kathie@jewishcalgary.org) or phone 403-537-8592 for more information.

PJ Goes to the JCC

Tuesday, March 17th - 9:30am - 11:30am | Calgary JCC

Join us at the JCC's Children's Department Open House and learn about all your preschool options. Now is your chance to bring your little ones and find out about Time for Two's and Ready, Set, 3's, Kidstart Literacy and all the other programs that the JCC has to offer. Please register online: jewishcalgary.org so we know you are coming. Email Kathie: kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or phone 403-537-8592 with any questions.

PJ Library and Camp BB Games Day

Sunday, May 3rd - 1:00pm-3:30pm

Calgary JCC

Get ready for an afternoon of fun and games with your PJ Library friends and Camp BB. Prizes! Camp Songs and Camp Treats and lots of Camp BB Swag. This is your opportunity to meet the staff and learn about Camp BB - or shmooze and reminisce with your friends and get ready for the count down to Camp BB 2020. Please register at jewishcalgary.org so we can prepare. Email kwainer@jewishcalgary.org or phone 403-537-8592 for more information.

JNF Negev Gala

Thursday, May 7th

Cocktails 5:30pm, Dinner and Program 6:30pm

Beth Tzedec Congregation

Our annual major fundraising event, this year honouring Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart, is raising funds for the Trauma Resilience Centre in Sderot. Tickets, and information about Sponsorships, Donations, and Advertising are available at jnfcalgary.ca, or contact our office at 403-255-0295, calgary@jnf.ca.

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

Susan and David Inhaber, on the occasion of the recent engagement of their son Josh Inhaber to Yanna Klimenko
By Reesa Girvitz

Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Milt and Maxine Fischbein

Yanna Klimenko and Josh Inhaber, on the occasion of their recent engagement
By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

Hessie and Bernie Switzer, on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary
By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Ruth and Norman Dvorkin, on the birth of their great granddaughter
By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Joey and Mira Tappenden, on the occasion of their recent marriage
By Yanna Klimenko and Josh Inhaber

Ann and Morris Dancyger, on the occasion of the birth of their new great granddaughter Mila Sydney Libin
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