



BETH TZEDEC

SHOFAR

December 2020
Kislev-Tevet 5781



**Happy Hanukkah from the
BTZ Board of Directors and Staff!**

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday December 1st

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday December 2nd

7:00pm BTZ Board Meeting via Zoom
and In-person (*Members Welcome*)

Thursday December 3rd

1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study

5:30pm Hebrew School but Better

6:30pm An Ethical Life

Friday December 4th

10:30am Jewish Theology

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 4:12pm

TORAH: Vayishlah

Shabbat December 5th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

9:00am Bar Mitzvah

Gabriel Ungar

4:30pm Live Streaming Mincha Service

Shabbat Ends: 5:28pm

Monday December 7th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday December 8th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday December 10th

Hanukkah Night 1

1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study

Friday December 11th

Hanukkah Night 2

10:00am Story Time with PJ Library and
Jonah via Zoom

10:30am Jewish Theology

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 4:11pm

TORAH: Vayeshev

Shabbat December 12th

Hanukkah Night 3

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

4:30pm Live Streaming Mincha Service

Shabbat Ends: 5:27pm

6:30pm Family Havdalah and Hang

Sunday December 13th

Hanukkah Night 4

10:00am-2:00pm Latke Drive-By

Monday December 14th

Hanukkah Night 5

5:30pm Candle Making via Zoom

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday December 15th

Hanukkah Night 6

5:30pm Sufganiyot Workshop with Sara
Brodsky and PJ Library via Zoom

Wednesday December 16th

Hanukkah Night 7

5:00pm Teen Hang via Zoom

7:00pm BTZ AGM via Zoom

Thursday December 17th

Hanukkah Night 8

1:00pm Hazak 55+ with Cantor Russ

5:30pm Hebrew School but Better

Friday December 18th

10:30am Jewish Theology

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 4:12pm

TORAH: Mikkets

Shabbat December 19th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

4:30pm Bar Mitzvah

Jared Blayways

4:30pm Live Streaming Mincha Service

Shabbat Ends: 5:29pm

Thursday December 24th

Office Closed

Friday December 25th

Office Closed

4:30pm Live Streaming Mincha Service

Candle Lighting: 4:16pm

TORAH: Vayiggash

Shabbat December 26th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 5:33pm

Monday December 28th

Office Closed

Thursday December 31st

12:00pm Office Closed

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Cantor's Notes



Stories have great power. We tell stories about ourselves and about our communities because they give our lives meaning and they help us navigate between the past and the future. We use stories to help us make sense of the world and our place in it. Not far behind the seemingly innocent plots of many of the stories we tell about our community's religious history lie profound cultural responses to our most pressing questions about what it means to be a human being and how to live life well.

The holiday of Hanukkah offers us at least two stories which seek to explain why its observance may be compelling. Of course, there is the exciting and courageous story of the Maccabees' military victory and their role in reclaiming a sense of Jewish national autonomy. What grade-school child, or even Jewish adult, doesn't love to hear or tell tales about the physical acts of heroism performed by our Maccabee brothers and sisters? Competing with this story of military achievement is the pious narrative of the oil lasting for eight days and the rededication of our holy Temple, a deeply inspiring moment in our people's history.

While each of these stories serves different aspects of our Jewish identities, I would like to share a slightly different recounting of the story of the miracle of Hanukkah, as expressed by Jacob Falk, better known by the title of his book, the *Penei Yehoshua*.

The true nature of the miracle of Hanukkah according to the *Penei Yehoshua* is not that one vial of ritually pure oil miraculously lasted for eight days. Indeed, even if they had not found this container of pure olive oil, the menorah in the Temple could still have been kept lit. The *Penei Yehoshua* reminds us that even open, ritually unfit containers of oil could have been used for the lighting of the menorah after the Temple was rededicated. There is a very interesting law which permits the use of things rendered impure provided they are used for communal needs. So, in truth, there really wasn't a need after all for the miracle where one day's worth of pure oil lasted for eight days. Given this understanding, the *Penei Yehoshua* asks us to reconsider the way we tell the story of Hanukkah and, consequently, to also reconsider its religious meaning.

The story of the oil lasting for eight days does relate a miracle. The question is, how do we interpret the story, and where do we attach meaning? The power of the miracle that God performed was not providing oil that we would not have had otherwise. Rather, God kept a small quantity of oil miraculously aflame for eight days in order to communicate to the Jewish people that God was present in their community. The miracle of the oil was that God gave the Jewish community, the very people who had suffered so greatly in their war against the Greeks, a clear sign that God had not abandoned this holy nation.

Despite God's silence, or even God's seeming absence, God is close. As a result of God's profound love for the Jewish people, God wanted to comfort us and not let us slip into despair because of a frustration at the inability to perceive God's immanent presence. The lit menorah is God's eternal sign to the Jewish people and all of humanity that God does hear us and responds to our yearning to be in God's presence. God ultimately wants intimacy with us as much as we seek intimacy with God.

When we attach this story of the meaning of Hanukkah to the ritual of lighting our *hanukkiyot*, we affirm our conviction in the belief of the immanence of a caring God. In every generation, the Hanukkah candles are testimony that God is present and desires intimacy with us. The lights of Hanukkah and the story behind them are our bright light against darkness and despair. The flames dancing from our *hanukkiyot* announce our belief that there is not even a thin wall between us and God.

As I face the world this December, this is the story I need to tell to myself, and one I hope you will tell to your families.

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

Life Cycle Events

B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to parents Mandy Smith-Haber and Brandon Haber, brother Caleb Haber and grandparents Leonard and Hilda Smith on the occasion of Zane's Bar Mitzvah on November 7, 2020

Mazel Tov to parents Shaun Gawryliuk and Gita Ersh, sisters Sara and Hannah Gawryliuk and grandparents Lazar and Polina Ersh on the occasion of Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah on November 21, 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.



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

Hi Everyone,

We've just had another busy month at Beth Tzedec. Once again, we enjoyed the 20th Annual (and first-ever virtual) Beth Tzedec Congregation Jewish Film Festival.

One of my favourite films this year was *Aulcie*, about African-American Basketball player Aulcie Perry, who was recruited to Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team in the 1970s.

This film was much more than a story about basketball; it was about the journey of a man who got lost and, eventually, found his way. This film and others throughout the Festival tackled very human issues that many of us have faced at some level during the course of our own lives. The Film Festival, which began as an innovative adult education program here at Beth Tzedec, continues to give us the gift of insight, education and entertainment.

Yasher koach to Harvey Cyngiser and the entire Committee for another great season, this time in the comfort of our own homes. Hopefully next year we will be back at Beth Tzedec where we can enjoy great conversation and snacks between screenings!

In other Beth Tzedec news, we have assembled a Youth Team under the leadership of Cantor Russell Jayne, Jonah Potasznik and our Youth Committee chair, Heather Khan. We have started to see some amazing young adult programming and events. ***Hebrew School but Better***, a program intended for 22 to 35-year-olds, has launched and takes place on the first and third Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Please check this issue of Shofar or our weekly *Shalom Byte* e-blast for further details about this not-to-be-missed program.

Cantor Russ continues to lead his class on Jewish ethics on Thursday nights from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Registration for the class is ongoing, so don't worry if you've missed some of the sessions. A solid understanding of Jewish ethics can help us navigate complex issues in today's society. Check out the details on this and other classes in this issue of *Shofar* or in *Shalom Byte* and register today!

Another Community event is fast approaching ... the 8 Days of Hanukkah at BTZ. Led by our Youth team and targeted to our children, teens and parents, this program features a new event or activity for each day of Hanukkah. Please check page 13 for details and sign-up information.

Our Youth Team is making a difference at Beth Tzedec. Please let your kids and grandkids know!

In addition to the youth programming I've already mentioned (and more that you can read about in this issue of *Shofar*) we are working to re-invent our Shul School, creating a more formalized curriculum that is focused on specific outcomes and encourages feedback.

I never thought I would be preparing for a winter AGM. Following our fiscal year end on March 31, 2020, we held a June business update, postponing our AGM to the fall in the hopes we could meet in-person to discuss Beth Tzedec business. Unfortunately, COVID-19 once again prevented that from happening.

I am pleased to tell you that our long-awaited AGM will finally take place on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing to attend must register in advance by contacting the Synagogue at info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688. Zoom meeting information will be provided after you register.

Also on the business side of things, the Synagogue board of directors has created a taskforce to review issues surrounding membership, staffing, and our physical plant.

On yet another front, our Ritual Committee is studying changes made by our Conservative movement in light of COVID-19, some of which are no doubt apparent to you when you attend our twice daily prayer services either in person or via Zoom.

I want to once again thank our growing list of LIFE & LEGACY donors, individuals and families who have blessed Beth Tzedec and the community with promises of after-lifetime gifts. We are grateful for your support which will help us to ensure the strength of Beth Tzedec and Jewish Calgary in perpetuity. We are fast approaching our second anniversary as LIFE & LEGACY partners, having raised over \$1 million in future gifts to Beth Tzedec. If you have not already signed a Letter of Intent, I thank you for considering what your Legacy will be.

Todah rabah to our LIFE & LEGACY Team, Maxine Fischbein, Josh Inhaber, Max Lipsman, Cheryl Shiell and our most recent volunteer, Cantor Russell Jayne, for their commitment to this amazing program. For more information about LIFE & LEGACY, please contact me or any member of the Beth Tzedec LIFE & LEGACY team.

If you would like to further explore any topic related to your experience here at Beth Tzedec, I encourage you to talk with Cantor Russ, Executive Director Max Lipsman or me. We want you to become involved, or more involved, at Beth Tzedec. With your participation, Beth Tzedec can look forward to a bright future. Thank you for being a part of it!

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and healthy Hanukkah!

David Inhaber
President



During these sad and uncertain times, I count myself lucky. As I stay home more these days, I know that in the evening David will be home and I will have company for the last few hours of the day. I also have many wonderful friends who I can call, text and email, often just to send a funny meme or two and they do likewise. Not everyone can say the same.

I hear that people are lonely and discouraged and eager to get back to their social outings. They live alone and are not as connected in terms of technology. While I too look forward to visiting again in person, I do not have the same feeling of loneliness. This is likely due in some part to the fact that I invite a group of people into my house, twice a day. This morning there were thirteen but often there can be over twenty. (Shhh, do not tell anyone that I am not following Provincial guidelines).

Of course, these are my fellow Minyanaires. There is a core group who join daily and others who join often and some who are only there occasionally. Some have been friends for years and others I have only recently begun to know even though I have heard their names or seen them from afar. Some, I see more often than I did in the past and others I have come to know better and have formed a greater bond with.

I am happy to see them all. We are starting to know each other's routines. We know who comes on which days. We know who signs on early and who shows up just in the nick of time or even later. We even have an order that we go through as we add names to the Misheberach list. We kibbitz and share news and sometimes we are a quiet bunch at first. We go through saying hello to everyone as they log on. As the restrictions persist and get even stronger, the daily Minyan becomes even more of a lifeline for some.

For this group, twice a day, we are a presence, a support group, and a social gathering. And of course, we want you to join us. While it is not the same as being together in person and there is no food served, the commute is short, the traffic is manageable, and the weather is never a factor. The faces are friendly and there is no need to dress in your finest.

Because of this dedicated bunch, thankfully, we do not have this problem either:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1a_E62Ru510

So, if you have never logged on to our Zoom prayer services, try it. It might be a great way to start or wind down your day.

I would like to thank Ben Zalmanowitz who often gives me the kernel of an idea to use in my articles, including this one. I would also like to thank him for dropping off some leftover prizes last month at winners' homes. Wishing him and all of our other members who are not well a Misheberach. We miss you all and want to see you back soon.

From all of the NML members we wish the congregation a happy and bright Hanukkah. And to all of the NML and Platinum Minyanaires, I send my best greetings. Though celebrations may be more muted, we hope that you will be able to enjoy the Festival of Lights in a meaningful way.

Susan Inhaber,
NML Commissioner

December Bonus Dates

Sunday	December 13, 2020	27 Kislev	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	December 20, 2020	5 Tevet	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	December 27, 2020	12 Tevet	9:00am	6:00pm
Tuesday	December 29, 2020	14 Tevet	9:00am	6:00pm
Wednesday	December 30, 2020	15 Tevet	9:00am	6:00pm
Thursday	December 31, 2020	16 Tevet	9:00am	6:00pm

Beth Tzedec Congregation is pleased to offer in-person services in accordance with the most up-to-date COVID-19 guidelines from Alberta Health Services. All services are now provided in-person and on Zoom or via live stream. Please see page 18 for details and requirements for attending in-person services.



via Zoom

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30pm

Register at info@bethtzedec.ca or

403-255-8688 for the Zoom link.

LIFE & LEGACY Donor Profile:
Ellen Magidson

by Maxine Fischbein



“The longer I live, the more appreciative I am of the work and generosity of community members that have come before me. They’ve created a community my family is proud to be a part of,” says Ellen Magidson. “We have an obligation to carry it forward by giving generously.”

Toward that end, Ellen has chosen to support Beth Tzedec Congregation and Jewish Calgary with an after-lifetime gift through the LIFE & LEGACY program.

When her husband, Stan Magidson, was considering a professional opportunity in Calgary, Ellen’s first question was whether this

city had a Jewish critical mass that could support her family’s Jewish aspirations.

Taking a look at the Calgary Beth Tzedec website, Ellen’s immediate reaction was one of relief.

“These folks know what they’re doing. The foundation is there,” she thought.

When the Magidson family made their move from Toronto to Calgary in 2001, they visited each local Shul.

“The culture and the warmth of Beth Tzedec really spoke to us as a family,” recalls Ellen, who saw the Synagogue as a place where they could daven as a family, enjoy lifecycle events and experience the community.

“It became an integral part of our Jewish life in Calgary,” said Ellen who, together with Stan, regularly attends Shabbat services.

Their children, Jordan and Kaylie, participated in B’nai Mitzvah lessons and other youth programming at Beth Tzedec that supplemented the education they received at The Calgary Jewish Academy.

“They are proficient in Jewish liturgy because of the good teaching they benefited from at Beth Tzedec,” Ellen said.

Beth Tzedec has been there for the Magidson family in other important ways over the years.

“We have been comforted knowing our Beth Tzedec family has been there for us in times of sorrow,” said Ellen, recalling the kindness and caring with which clergy and congregants responded when she and Stan experienced the painful loss of parents and siblings.

In addition to naming Beth Tzedec Congregation as a beneficiary through a bequest in

her will, Ellen has also chosen to support The Calgary Jewish Academy, Calgary JCC, Calgary Jewish Federation, Camp BB Riback and Jewish Family Service Calgary via the LIFE & LEGACY program.

“We live Jewishly in a collective that strengthens families. Being part of the collective means taking care of one another,” Ellen said.

“Each of us has the responsibility to do our best.”

Ellen expresses unmitigated gratitude for the visionary folks that built her Synagogue and community, people like the Sheftel, Waterman and Belzberg families.

“It’s a beautiful legacy they have left to us. We have to appreciate and honour it.”

Ellen honours that legacy through generous annual charitable giving, her LIFE & LEGACY after-lifetime commitment and volunteer work in the Jewish community. She currently serves on the board of directors of Calgary Jewish Federation which brought the Harold Grinspoon Foundation’s LIFE & LEGACY program to Calgary in partnership with the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary – another organization she once served as a director.

The Magidsons have always made a point of modeling charitable giving for their now-grown children, knowing that the virtue is often more effectively caught than taught. Ellen encourages others to do the same.

“We must all encourage our kids to become givers,” says Ellen Magidson. “We need to help them understand that this isn’t someone else’s responsibility. It is ours.”

Maxine Fischbein is the former President of Beth Tzedec and a proud LIFE & LEGACY donor and team member.

Did you know?

The Beth Tzedec LIFE & LEGACY team can help you begin a meaningful conversation about your gift to the future. Regardless of your age, stage or income, you can join Ellen Magidson and a growing list of congregants who have made their after-lifetime commitments in support of Beth Tzedec and other charitable organizations within and beyond the local Jewish community. To find out how to support your Synagogue and community through LIFE & LEGACY, please contact Beth Tzedec President David Inhaber or LIFE & LEGACY team members Maxine Fischbein, Josh Inhaber, Max Lipsman or Cheryl Shiell.





Beth Tzedec is proud to take part in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation 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, Cheryl and Jason Gurevitch, Susan and David Inhaber, Josh Inhaber, Diana Kalef and Elliott Steinberg, Barb and Ron Krell, Eddy Lang, Harriet and Phil Libin, Lily and Bill Lister, Ellen Magidson, Sahbra Markus, Elaine and Stuart Myron, Beth and Rob Ordman, Al Osten, Lorne Pearl, Kimberly Rothenberg and Leonard Seidman, Brenda and Garry Sapoznikow, Betty Ann Sherwood, Cheryl and Bob Shiell, Deborah Shnay, Deborah and Adam Silver, Ida and Sam Switzer, Mira and Joey Tappenden.

Did you know?

- Since its launch in Calgary, the estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future has already exceeded \$1 million and continues to grow.
- To date, over \$13 million has been raised in support of organizations throughout Jewish Calgary.
- More than \$1 billion has been raised in support of LIFE & LEGACY partner agencies throughout North America.
- Regardless of your age, stage and income level, you can be a part of this 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.





8 Days of Hanukkah at BTZ

Register for your Hanukkah Box and any or all of the programs at <https://cutt.ly/8daysBTZ>.

Order your Hanukkah Box by November 30 - while supplies last!

Pick up Hanukkah Boxes at BTZ

December 7-10 from 8:30am-4:00pm and December 8 from 4:00-6:00pm.



**Thursday
December 10**

Light the first candle with your family! Special holiday crafts are included in your Hanukkah Box.



**Friday
December 11
10:00am via Zoom**

Story Time with Jonah and PJ Library!



**Saturday
December 12
6:30pm via Zoom**

Join Havdalah and Hang!



**Sunday
December 13
10:00am-2:00pm**

Latke Drive-By



**Monday
December 14
5:30pm via Zoom**

Candle Making with Morah Lara



**Tuesday
December 15
5:30pm via Zoom**

Sufganiyot Workshop with Chef Sara Brodsky and PJ Library!



**Wednesday
December 16 via Zoom**

Teen candle lighting and "Among Us" competition.



**Thursday
December 17
5:30pm**

Hebrew School but Better
Special Hanukkah Edition



Happy Hanukkah!

PROGRAMS

Hebrew School but Better: Young Adult Wisdom Series via Zoom**December 3rd and 17th - 5:30-7:00pm****Who: Open to all 22-35 year olds**

Did you make it through a primary Jewish education with nothing to show for it except a strange feeling of guilt whenever you walk past a synagogue? This is the series for you. It turns out that it's not too late to develop your own personal connection to the chain of life wisdom known as Judaism. Join Jonah Potasznik in uncovering the insights into modern life available to us through ancient and classical Jewish sources. Open to learners of any background. And don't expect a lecture - we'll discuss, converse and, if all goes well, even argue a little bit. Please reach out to Jonah at jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca or 514-561-7232 with questions. Please register in advance at <https://forms.gle/m4U54DKhuGsF29yLA>.

Jewish Theology with Cantor Russ**Fridays from 10:30am – 12:00pm****December: 4th and 11th****Members: \$0.00 Guests: \$18.00**

From the very young to the very old, the idea and concept of God evolves and grows just like we do. Please join Cantor Russ, either in person or via Zoom, as he helps us trace how humanity's concept of God has evolved and changed, and how that God is the answer to all of our thoughts, wants, and ideas from science to religion. RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

Family Havdalah and Hang via Zoom**Saturday, December 12th – 6:30-7:30pm****Member: \$0.00 Guest: \$36.00**

Once a month, families with children up to fifth grade are invited to Beth Tzedec to perform the ritual of Havdalah and head into the "regular week" the right way, feeling the warmth of community. Your children will have an opportunity to connect to a beautiful ritual marking the end of Shabbat, as well as each other. Together, we'll sing, laugh, play, bless, and share. Families will also leave with a "Shabbat box" with special keepsakes to help them prepare for and connect with the next Shabbat right around the corner! Masks required. Questions? Please reach out to Jonah Potasznik at jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext. 6. RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

Cemetery Entry Code

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

Hazak 55+ Presents:**Jews, Jazz and Jewish Jazz with Cantor Russell Jayne via Zoom****Thursday, December 17th - 1:00pm**

Not only did Jews help establish jazz as an American art form, but they also used it to shape the contours of American Jewish identity. Elements of jazz infiltrated some of America's earliest secular Jewish music, formed the foundation of numerous sacred works, and continue to influence the soundtrack of American Jewish life today. Join Cantor Russell Jayne in his exploration of jazz sacred services and enjoy a brief musical journey into Israeli jazz music too! Please RSVP to the office at info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 and the Zoom link will be provided to you. For more information, please contact Maxine Fischbein at maxinef18@shaw.ca or 403-616-0320. Everyone welcome!

An Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice**Thursdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm****January: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February: 4th****Members: \$18 Guests: \$36**

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern. Now more than ever, we require a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Judaism has a long history of wrestling with moral questions, responding to them in a way that considers all sides of an issue. Please join Cantor Russ, either in person or via Zoom, as he helps us navigate the complex world of Jewish ethics. RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

**PILOT PROGRAM: 'Beth Tzedec Boutique'
Interest Form**

In the modern world it's hard enough to create connection with Jewish wisdom and tradition, even in normal circumstances. And now with a pandemic, the task is even more challenging. But don't worry: the Beth Tzedec Boutique comes to the rescue!

The Boutique is meant to create connection not just between your family members and Judaism, but among participating families. By signing up, your family will receive customized 'educator-on-family' learning sessions led by one of the fabulous Beth Tzedec youth educators.

Participating families will be able to choose from a range of subjects based on your family's unique interests. Sessions are designed to be 45 minutes to 1 hour and occur bi-weekly, in your home or at Beth Tzedec.

Please click the link below to fill in the form so we can gauge interest in this pilot program. It is NOT a registration form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iS8UXTiCD65tUGDgjrDx8D2FPrsnM4r-t9C1RIYljSM/edit?ts=5f91a1e5>



Gabriel Josef Ungar
December 5, 2020
19 Kislev 5781

Gabriel Josef Ungar was born on April 19, 2007 at the Rockyview Hospital in Calgary, Alberta.

Gabriel is named after his great grandfather Josef Ungar who immigrated with his family to join the fledgling Jewish community in what would a few years later become the Jewish state of Israel, after surviving the Holocaust in the forests of Slovakia and western Poland.

It has been a blessing for Gabriel to be part of such an amazing class at CJA that has seen the vast majority of the original group of students stay together through Nursery all the way into Junior High School. It seems like only yesterday they were little toddlers listening to story time in the classroom. Now they are having their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Gabriel has made many great friends and has maintained friendships with many of the students that have now moved away, while building a strong and rich foundation for his Jewish faith and understanding of the Torah and our Jewish traditions. It is his curiosity that has driven his commitment to embrace the teachings of the Torah today and we are so proud of his achievement.

Our family wishes to thank Cantor Russ, Moshe Oren and the staff and congregation at Beth Tzedec for the role they have played in helping Gabriel reach this milestone in his life.

Mazel Tov Gabriel.



Jared Shai Blayways
December 19, 2020
4 Tevet 5781

Jared is the son of Deborah and Howard Blayways. He is brother to Sophie, Eli and Orly.

Jared loves nature and the outdoors. He enjoys swimming, waterskiing, fishing, hiking, and all kinds of sports. He is an avid baseball fan and spends a lot of his free time reading about and researching the history of baseball.

Jared is currently in Grade 8 in the Late French Immersion Program at Elboya School. He is happy to be attending school in person. Throughout the past nine months, Jared has demonstrated flexibility and resiliency as his life has changed dramatically.

Jared is an empathetic young man who has volunteered at the dinner program with the Calgary Mustard Seed and grown out and donated his hair. He is an animal lover and has a kind soul.

We are very proud of Jared for his commitment to his Bar Mitzvah and for his ever-growing thirst for knowledge.



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In-person Prayer Service Guidelines

Beth Tzedec Congregation is pleased to be able to offer in-person services in accordance with the most up-to-date COVID-19 guidelines provided by Alberta Health Services.

Congregants are encouraged to use the online Alberta Health self-screening tool at <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx> before every visit to Beth Tzedec, and are strongly discouraged from attending in-person services when feeling unwell.

Beth Tzedec will continue to offer all of our weekday Minyanim via Zoom and Shabbat Services via live streaming to ensure that all congregants are able to participate in prayer services, whether or not they are able to join us in person.

Please note the following guidelines and rules for in-person prayer services:

- Worshippers must register no later than one business day in advance at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca (during office hours) and check in with the staff member posted at the front door. You will be asked some COVID-19 screening questions. Please note that worshippers will be admitted for prayer services only if they are symptom-free and in good health.
- Staff will be available to answer any questions when you enter the building.
- People who are high risk (i.e. over 65, chronic medical conditions, younger individuals with medical conditions that put them at risk) are encouraged to stay home. Please refrain from joining us if you are ill.
- Please use hand sanitizer on your way into the building and on your way out and at every opportunity available.
- You are required to wear a mask at all times. We are encouraging congregants to bring their own masks. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.
- All congregants and staff are required to maintain social distancing (keep at least 2 metres distance from people outside your household or cohort family) at all times.
- Refrain from kissing, hugging or shaking hands.
- Bring your own Tallitot, kippot and women's head coverings as they will not be provided.
- There will no kissing of mezuzot or Torah scrolls.
- When entering the sanctuary you will be directed to take a prayer book from a designated area and required to return your siddur to another drop area.
- Family members who are living and isolating in the same home may sit together but please ensure that there are three (3) empty seats on either side of your family grouping.

- Listen to all instructions provided to you by our Cantor, staff and on-duty ushers.
- We have enhanced and increased our COVID-19 sanitization protocols. Extensive cleaning and disinfecting will take place on a regular schedule including just prior to and following prayer services.

To register for prayer services, or for more information, please contact us at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

Looking forward to your participation in prayer services onsite or via Zoom and live streaming!

Virtual Prayer Services

Daily Minyan via Zoom

Daily Morning Minyan at 9:00am

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007899732?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007899732?pwd=R2NReGVjanNmZVBBSmdFK1UrSUxmUT09)

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Meeting ID: 880 0789 9732

Password: 894894

Daily Evening Minyan at 6:00pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86501264198?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86501264198?pwd=VDhZVERNNHhzRHNvTFE1U1J2Wk9HZz09)

[pwd=VDhZVERNNHhzRHNvTFE1U1J2Wk9HZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86501264198?pwd=VDhZVERNNHhzRHNvTFE1U1J2Wk9HZz09)

Meeting ID: 865 0126 4198

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You will also need the weekday Shacharit service from Sim Shalom. Please use the following link to download the weekday Shacharit from the RA website.

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/form-download-e-siddur-0>

Shabbat Services via Live Streaming

Kabbalat Shabbat Services on Friday at 6:00pm

Shabbat Morning Services on Saturday at 9:00am

Shabbat Mincha Services on Saturday at 4:30pm

Friday - <https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Friday>

Saturday - <https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Saturday>

Please use the following link to download the Shabbat and Yom Tov services from the RA website.

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When you arrive at 146 Avenue and 37 Street you will see a sign "ROAD CLOSED....LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY". Friends you are the Local Traffic!

Continue South- Bound on 37th STREET and you will arrive at the 37th Street Cemetery/ the Chevra Kadisha!



In view of the construction of the Calgary South West Ring Road and the upcoming **Road Closure** of 37th Street SW at Highway 22X (September 21/2020), the Chevra Kadisha wishes to inform the Community of the following updated Road Way Access:

Driving West on Anderson Road:

- *follow 201 South/ Tsuutina Trail...follow to
- *Fishcreek Blvd./ 146 Avenue Access...then
- *Turn "Right" at 146 Avenue / EXIT 13...follow to
- *37th Street turn-off... turn "LEFT" onto 37th Street and follow to the 37th Street Cemetery/ Chevra Kadisha.

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