



**January 2021**  
**Tevet-Shevat 5781**



***Happy Tu B'shevat!***

# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## Friday January 1st

Office Closed  
6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Candle Lighting: 4:22pm  
TORAH: Vayhi

## Shabbat January 2nd

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 5:40pm

## Tuesday January 5th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes via Zoom

## Wednesday January 6th

7:00pm BTZ Board Meeting  
(Members Welcome) via Zoom

## Thursday January 7th

5:30pm Hebrew School but Better via Zoom  
6:30pm An Ethical Life via Zoom

## Friday January 8th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 4:31pm  
TORAH: Shemot

## Shabbat January 9th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 5:47pm  
6:30pm Family Havdalah and Hang  
via Zoom

## Sunday January 10th

10:00am Shul School

## Monday January 11th

6:30pm Keruv Class

## Tuesday January 12th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

## Thursday January 14th

6:30pm An Ethical Life

## Friday January 15th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Candle Lighting: 4:41pm  
TORAH: Va'era

## Shabbat January 16th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Bar Mitzvah  
Ethan Lipton  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 5:57pm

## Sunday January 17th

10:00am Shul School

## Monday January 18th

6:30pm Keruv Class

## Tuesday January 19th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

## Thursday January 21st

1:00pm Hazak 55+  
5:30pm Hebrew School but Better  
via Zoom

6:30pm An Ethical Life

## Friday January 22nd

6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Candle Lighting: 4:52pm  
TORAH: Bo

## Shabbat January 23rd

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 6:07pm

## Monday January 25th

6:30pm Keruv Class

## Tuesday January 26th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

## Thursday January 28th

6:30pm An Ethical Life

## Friday January 29th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:04pm  
TORAH: Beshallah

## Shabbat January 30th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 6:18pm

## Sunday January 31st

10:00am Shul School



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# Beth Tzedec Congregation

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## Cantor's Notes



As a Cantor, I have always loved the liturgical music of the Jewish world, and my personal daily soundtrack is filled with a unique a combination of melodies from the various musical traditions of our people. Yet, in whatever synagogue I have ever been employed, the most consistent demand made of me is that I sing “traditional” songs. Of course, I do, but what do people really mean when they say that? Ironically, much of what they want, particularly in Ashkenazi synagogues, actually turns out to be music that was composed between the 1950s and the 1980s. These would include compositions by Goldfarb, Carlebach, Finkelstein, Friedman, Zim and others.

Now don't get me wrong, I love singing great songs from the past; I love singing Meir Finkelstein's *L'dor Vador*, Sol Zim's *Avinu Shebashamayim*, Nurit Hirsh's *Oseh Shalom* and melodies by 19th Century composers like Sulzer, Lewandowski and Naumbourg. I also love singing traditional Moroccan tunes that date back hundreds of years, like *El Nora Alila*, or songs from the Spanish and Portuguese tradition that date back three or four hundred years, like the “traditional” melody for *Shirat Hayam*, the Song of the Sea.

It is this last melody that we will hear on the last Shabbat of this month known as the Sabbath of Song, because the Torah portion on that day will include the Song of the Sea. Yet what is this ancient musical masterpiece, and what does it have to tell us about our approach to “tradition?”

After they successfully crossed the Sea of Reeds, escaping the powerful Egyptian army, Moses and the Israelites sang this triumphant and thankful poem to God. What greater expression of thanks could Moses and the people give than to sing and what greater expression of praise could they give than to sing a **new** song? They did not choose a melody that they had grown up with. They did not sing a traditional or ancestral song. They elected to sing something completely new.

A culture is a living culture when it welcomes new works of art. If it only celebrates its past, it is a museum or an archive. Judaism is both an ancient religion and civilization, as well as a progressive and modern religion and

civilization. It is a balance of the old and the new. The art of our people should, and generally does, reflect that. If our community were to look to our tradition, we would see that our tradition is not about staying put, but about cultural vibrancy. It is about creativity. It is about originality. New words in poetry or prose, new visual arts, new movements in dance and new musical compositions all convey new thoughts, new emotions. They announce to ourselves and to others that the subjects we are dealing with are very much alive in our hearts and our souls.

When Moses and the Israelites sang a new song, they were making prayer new, relevant and personal. When we look at our prayer books, our *siddurim*, we look at the same words day to day, week to week and year to year. Nothing changes. Yet, when we set these age-old texts to a new melody, we are making these words of reflection and praise new, relevant and personal. Old melodies connect us to the past and, so, we must hold on to them as much as we can. Holding on to them forges a deep connection to our heritage. New melodies, however, make prayer current and alive. New melodies imbue these ancient texts with new thoughts, new emotions and new approaches.

And so we must, like Moses and the Israelites, find occasion to sing new songs and to make each Shabbat a *Shabbat Shira*, a Sabbath of Song. This way, we can contribute to making our culture a living culture and to making our prayer a living prayer.

*Cantor Russell Jayne*

*Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair*

## Life Cycle Events

### In Memoriam

William Kohn, husband of Lea, father of Rosalin (Gontran) and Jeff (Wendy).  
The funeral was held on December 14, 2020.

### B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to parents Christy and Charron Ungar, brother Luka and grandparents Avi and Rachel Amir and Len and Dona Theroux on the occasion of Gabriel's Bar Mitzvah on December 5th.

Mazel Tov to parents Howard and Deborah Blayways, sisters Sophie and Orly, brother Eli, and grandparents Norman and Ruth Blayways and Brian and Jeanne Pauls on the occasion of Jared's Bar Mitzvah on December 19th.

*If you are marking a lifecycle 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](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca).*



## Through the President's Lens

### *A Message from David Inhaber*

We have now welcomed 2021. All eight days of Chanukah are behind us and we are looking forward to Tu B'Shevat and then Purim. I guess we already have some masks ready for the Megillah reading! Hopefully we will have made some progress in the fight against COVID and this will be the last holiday we must celebrate virtually.

While 5781 has been a tough year, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. COVID immunizations have begun and it appears that we will all have the opportunity to get a real shot in the arm (or two) and look forward to a new and better normal.

The Beth Tzedec 2020 AGM – which had to be postponed this past June – was held on Wednesday, December 16th. During my President's Report, it was a pleasure to outline all the Synagogue activities, programs and initiatives that have been launched despite the pandemic and to give a bird's eye view of some important things our congregational family can look forward to in 2021.

I believe this past year was the hardest one we have had in our young 34-year history. With less than six months left in my term as President, I am reminding myself and others that we must also reflect on the successes we have shared. Then we must face forward to positively tackle the challenges we have in front of us.

We have had to make some tough decisions in the past couple of years, some of which were not popular in the moment. Change is never easy! Your Synagogue board makes decisions based on careful consideration and due diligence so as to best address current circumstances while positioning our congregation to serve both long-time members and the next generation.

Many of the decisions we have made were inevitable, though COVID certainly accelerated change. I imagine we are all seeing this play out on multiple fronts – at home, in our workplaces and in virtually every other corner of our lives.

One of our greatest success stories in 2020 was the rollout of live stream and Zoom prayer services. The combination of in-person services and electronic participation means we can provide a more sustainable approach to our twice daily Minyan through flexibility that enables broader participation. Thanks to the generous support of the Sam Ousher Switzer Foundation we are now supplying iPads to congregants who are shut-in or residing in nursing homes so that they can be a part of Beth Tzedec programs and prayer services.

On the other end of the age spectrum, in 2020 we expanded and enhanced the Beth Tzedec team dedicated to enriching the youth, teen, young adult, and young family

experience at BTZ. Under the capable leadership of Youth Engagement Director Jonah Potasznik, you can count on even more outreach in 2021.

Cantor Russ Jayne, who has been studying toward *Smicha*, is now less than a year from Rabbinical Ordination. He has been our spiritual leader for over a year now, performing double duty. All one has to do is to sign-in on our live stream sessions, attend a class or program, or simply have a conversation with our Cantor to know how truly special he is. The executive and the board have recommended that we appoint Cantor Russ as Beth Tzedec's Congregational Rabbi following his Ordination, approximately a year from now.

In order to ease that transition and free up the Cantor's time for increased pastoral responsibilities, we have hired long-time Beth Tzedec board and executive member Elliott Steinberg, as our part-time Hazzan Sheini (Cantorial Assistant). Most of you have had an opportunity to enjoy Elliott's wonderful voice during High Holiday services over the last few years. I am so pleased to welcome Elliott in a whole new capacity as he steps into the role of assisting Cantor Russ with Shabbat services. Don't miss the opportunity to tune in to Elliott's Kabbalat Shabbat services in the near future.

Looking forward to 2021, here are some of the key issues and initiatives your Beth Tzedec board is working on:

### **Leadership 2021**

In accordance with our By-Laws, my term as president will conclude at our next AGM, scheduled to take place Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. I am very pleased to let you know that the board is recommending current Vice President Lorne Pearl for the position of president. If elected by the congregation, Lorne will be able to hit the ground running having previously served as congregational president for one term (2011-2013). The board is currently working on a proposed slate of leaders to work with Lorne; that having been said, elections will take place if nominations are received for any or all board and executive positions. More information on the nominations process will be coming your way when we formally announce the 2021 AGM.

We need to be strategic in recruiting candidates with skill sets that are integral to the smooth operation of the Synagogue. As the future past-president and chair of the nominations committee, I encourage you to reach out to me if you are interested in serving on the leadership team or know of someone else with the right stuff.

### **Task Force on the Future of BTZ**

Your Beth Tzedec board of directors has created a task force made up of members of the board and congregants who are looking at issues regarding our aging building. As you all know, we need a new roof. The current estimates range from \$1.2 to \$1.5 million dollars to complete this project. We are also currently considering the repurposing of our interior. We plan to report on the progress of the task force at the June 2021 AGM.

### **Fundraiser 2021**

We are planning a fundraiser for spring/summer 2021 under the leadership of Lorne Pearl. Our initial committee members have been selected. Please watch for exciting details in upcoming issues of *Shofar* and *Shalom Byte*.

**Budget 2021/2022**

VP Finance Josh Inhaber and VP Operations and Treasurer Joshua Switzer are hard at work on the Shul's budget for next year. A key component in that planning is the financial support of congregants. The membership committee, which is co-chaired by Lorne Pearl and me, is reviewing the model for congregants' annual financial commitments and will be making recommendations with a view toward making donation levels more attainable for young individuals and families.

These initiatives and more are being discussed by the Beth Tzedec senior management team (consisting of Executive Director Max Lipsman, Cantor Russ Jayne and me) and the board of directors. We are dedicated to ensuring that Beth Tzedec remains strong and vibrant as we serve you, your loved ones and the entire community for generations to come.

There have been unprecedented challenges in 2021, but we must count our blessings too. The strength and mutual support of our congregational family is high on my list. We have always been in this together! Thanks for your continued generosity and participation at Beth Tzedec.

Wishing you and your loved ones good health, contentment and a happy new normal as we enter 2021. See you on Zoom. I look forward to the time that we can come together face-to-face in increased numbers at Beth Tzedec!

David Inhaber  
*President*

**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.**



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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 \$14 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 [inhaberdavid@yahoo.ca](mailto:inhaberdavid@yahoo.ca) or Executive Director Max Lipsman at [mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca).



**LIFE & LEGACY Donor Profile:****Bob and Cheryl Shiell**

by Maxine Fischbein



*Bob and Cheryl Shiell's LIFE & LEGACY commitment will help to ensure a Jewish future for all their children and grandchildren, including Joey and Justin.*

For Cheryl and Bob Shiell, an after-lifetime gift is the perfect extension of lives devoted to community participation and Tzedakah.

Active volunteers and donors at Beth Tzedec and beyond, Cheryl and Bob had already included a bequest in their will in support of Beth Tzedec when they first heard that Calgary Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary had teamed up to bring the Massachusetts-based Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY program to Calgary.

One of 10 local LIFE & LEGACY partners, Beth Tzedec has held a special place in both Cheryl and Bob's hearts since the mid-1980s when they became part of the congregational family. Even

before he could officially become a congregant, Bob enjoyed attending services together with Cheryl and, eventually, studying toward his 1993 conversion to Judaism.

"I was never made to feel like an outsider," recalls Bob, who says he felt warmly embraced by the congregation.

Ever since, Bob has given back with generous financial support and as an avid volunteer. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, he was Beth Tzedec's official greeter, making sure congregants and guests got a warm welcome when they came to the Synagogue for Shabbat services.

"I miss my door duty on Saturday mornings," Bob says. In turn, he is missed by Synagogue regulars.

Cheryl has served on countless Synagogue committees and ascended to the presidency, serving a two year term between 2003 and 2005. Since then, she has continued to serve the congregation in multiple capacities. Currently the longest continuously-serving board member, Cheryl serves on the Beth Tzedec LIFE & LEGACY team.

"It is something I absolutely believe in," says Cheryl.

"We want to be part of things while we are living . . . and after we are gone."

Bob appreciates the ease of the LIFE & LEGACY program.

"It is a very simple way to ensure that the organizations we care about are looked after in the future," says Bob. "If you believe in something, you want to see it grow and continue."

Tzedakah is a pillar of the Shiells' family life.

“We involve our kids in the things we do,” says Cheryl, who takes pride in her daughter Sharon’s charitable work, most recently as chair of the Calgary Real Estate Board Realtor Charitable Foundation.

Cheryl and Bob have the future of their children Michael and Sharon, son-in-law Darren and their grandchildren Haley, Joey and Justin in mind when it comes to LIFE & LEGACY. That is because the Shiells’ after-lifetime gift – together with those of fellow congregants and community members – will continue to fund the community institutions that support their kids and grandkids throughout their Jewish journeys.

Top of Cheryl and Bob’s list is the gift of Jewish education m’dor l’dor – from generation to generation. So, in addition to naming Beth Tzedec as a future recipient of their LIFE & LEGACY gift, they have also designated The Calgary Jewish Academy – where Michael and Sharon are alumni and Joey and Justin currently go to school – as beneficiaries. The Shiells have also named Jewish Family Service Calgary and the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta as beneficiaries of the bequest they have provided for in their wills.

While charitable giving is part of the DNA of their family, Bob says that the COVID-19 emergency has added more urgency to the responsibility of supporting the Synagogue and other worthwhile charitable causes.

Endowment gifts via LIFE & LEGACY can help to ensure financial resiliency for the community’s most cherished organizations in the face of any future crises like the pandemic.

Cheryl and Bob want their Beth Tzedec family to know that they are happy to discuss their thoughts on LIFE & LEGACY with anyone who is considering their own gift to the future.

“We are all in this together,” Cheryl says.

*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 hopes and dreams for Beth Tzedec and Jewish Calgary. Regardless of your age, stage and income level, you can join Cheryl and Bob Shiell in ensuring a strong Jewish future for your loved ones. To find out more about LIFE & LEGACY, please contact Beth Tzedec President David Inhaber or LIFE & LEGACY team members Cantor Russell Jayne, Executive Director Max Lipsman, Maxine Fischbein, Josh Inhaber or Cheryl Shiell.





As we begin 2021, we can probably all use a giggle or two these days.

Maybe one of these jokes, related in some way to shul life, will do the trick.

### **The Resting Place**

It's the yahrzeit of Bernie Gold's death and Sadie, his widow, goes to the cemetery to clean his grave, read a prayer and then place a small stone on the marble, as is the tradition, to show that the deceased is remembered.

But because she hadn't visited his grave for some years, Sadie cannot find Bernie's resting place and has to ask an attendant for help. He escorts her to the cemetery office where all the records are kept. He makes her a cup of coffee and then spends time looking at maps and lists. After 30 minutes, he finally turns to Sadie and says, "I can find no record of a Bernie Gold buried at this cemetery. Are you sure he is here? All I can find is the grave of Sadie Gold"

"That's him!" Sadie shouts out. "Bernie always put everything in my name."

### **Hagbah!**

In their infinite wisdom, the Gabbaim gives Hagbah to Moshe, the puniest guy in the shul. With great effort, Moshe manages to complete the act but nearly faints in doing so. He then vows he will never be embarrassed like that again. He joins a local gym and commences a six-month heavy training course - push ups, sit ups, chin ups, weightlifting, 10Ks - the whole thing.

Six months later, he's back in shul and the Gabbaim call him up again. This time Moshe picks up the Sefer like it was made of feathers and flips it in the air. While the Torah is spinning, Moshe does a somersault and gets on his feet just in time to catch the falling Torah. He then turns to the Gabbaim and says, "What do you think of that, then?"

The Gabbai replies, "Very nice, but we gave you Shlishi."

### **The Convert**

Martin Lewis converts and becomes a priest.

He give his first Mass in front of a number of high-ranking priests who come for the occasion.

At the end of the new priest's sermon, a cardinal goes up to congratulate him. "Pastor Lewis," he says, "That was very well done, you were just perfect. But next time, please don't start your sermon with, "Fellow Goyim..."

(From: [www.chabadscv.com](http://www.chabadscv.com))

### **Declaring War**

The Supreme Leader of Iran gets a phone call.

"Shalom, Mr. Supreme Leader, this is Yankel from a little village in Israel. I'm calling to let you know that our morning minyan is officially declaring war on you."

"Well, Yankel, this is important news. Tell me, how big is your army?"

“Currently, there is myself, my cousin Moishe, our next-door neighbor Yossi, and the entire 6:00 am minyan — that makes 18!”

“I must tell you, Yankel, that I have one million men in my army ready to move on my command.”

“Oy, I’ll call you back.”

Next day:

“All right, Mr. Supreme Leader, the war is still on! We acquired some equipment: two combine harvesters, a bulldozer and Moishe’s tractor from the farm.”

“Yankel, I have 16 thousand tanks and 14 thousand armored carriers.”

“Really? I’ll call you back.”

Next day:

“Hello Mr. Supreme Leader, the war is still on. Now we’re airborne too! We modified Shimmie’s ultra-light with a couple of rifles in the cockpit and the 8:00 am Minyan joined us as well.”

“Yankel, I have a thousand bombers, ten thousand MiG 19 fighter planes, and my bases are surrounded by laser-guided, surface-to-air missiles. And since we first spoke, my army has doubled in size to two million men.”

“Really? I’ll call you back.”

Next day:

“Mr. Supreme Leader, I’m sorry to tell you the war is off.”

“I’m deeply sorry to hear that, Yankel. Why the change of heart?”

“We all had a chat, and there’s no way we can feed two million prisoners.”

(From the Accidental Talmudist)

Man, we miss Bert and Bill and the great spread that they put out for us in the morning. And of course, we also miss that little in-person kibbitz before and after service. Hopefully, we will soon be able to enjoy that all again. Until then, join us on Zoom. We have a great group of people there and perhaps you’d enjoy the camaraderie of our Zoom community.

Susan Inhaber,  
NML Commissioner

### January Bonus Dates:

Sunday	January 10, 2021	26 Tevet	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	January 17, 2021	4 Sh'vat	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	January 24, 2021	11 Sh'vat	9:00am	6:00pm
Friday	January 29, 2021	16 Sh'vat	9:00am	N/A
Sunday	January 31, 2021	18 Sh'vat	9:00am	6:00pm

**PROGRAMS****Hebrew School but Better: Young Adult Wisdom Series via Zoom****January 7th and 21st - 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](mailto:jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca) or 514-561-7232 with questions. Please register in advance at <https://forms.gle/m4U54DKhuGsF29yLA>.

**An Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice via Zoom****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 and responding to them in a way that considers all sides of an issue. Please join Cantor Russ as he helps us navigate the complex world of Jewish ethics. RSVP to the office at 403-255-8688 or [info@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca).

**Family Havdalah and Hang via Zoom****Saturday, January 9th – 6:30-7:30pm****Member: Free 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. Questions? Please reach out to Jonah Potasznik at [jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688 ext. 6. RSVP to [info@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca) or 403-255-8688.

**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/1iS8UXTiCD65tUGDgjrDx8D2FPsnM4r-t9C1RIYljSM/edit?ts=5f91a1e5>

**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 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](mailto:debsilver75@gmail.com).

**Data Base Update**

Please be advised that we will be reaching out to you to update our membership database. Please take the time to assist our staff when we contact you.



Ethan Lipton  
January 16, 2021  
3 Shevat 5781

Ethan Lipton, son of Joel Lipton (Kelsey Kockerbeck) and Michelle Lipton, brother of Sekoya and Joseph, will be called to the Torah Saturday, January 16, 2021 on his father's 40th birthday.

Ethan has been a student at The Calgary Jewish Academy since he was three years old, and is currently in Grade Eight. He enjoys math and science, and participates in almost every school sport and school team - Go Hawks!

Ethan is active in Scouts Canada with his father and brother. He enjoys camping, fishing, chopping wood and gaming. Ethan makes wonderful friends wherever he goes. We are blessed by his kindness,

intelligence, and infectious smile. Family and friends are very important to Ethan.

Thank you to all of Ethan's family, teachers and friends for making a difference in shaping who Ethan is today.

Mazel Tov, Ethan!

### 37th Street Cemetery:

#### Updated Driving Directions/Instructions: VIA ANDERSON ROAD

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/ Tsutina 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.

## 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](mailto: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, 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 be 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](mailto: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

Password: 894894

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.

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

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 Benjamin Levi Utley  
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 By Rhonda Goldberg

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 By Shirley Goldberg and Family

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**The Monson Family**, on the passing of Stuart Monson  
 By Shirley Goldberg and Family

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 By Sheila Steinfeld

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 Hilda and Lenny Smith  
 Bert Glow

Wylma and Irwin Freedman  
 Sam and Esther Plucer and Family  
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By Aaron and Sherry Berman and Family  
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**Harvey Cyngiser and the Film Festival Committee**

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 Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

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Leo Gurevitch

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By Darryl, Alli, Joseph and  
Leo Gurevitch

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**Mara Shkolnik**, beloved wife

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By Marilyn Sheftel, Tracey, Danielle and Carrie

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By Ron Krell

**Sophie Ross**, beloved mother

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By Frances Pearlman

**Louis Rosenbaum**, beloved father

By Frances Pearlman

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By Shirley Katz

**Sidney Guttman**, beloved father

By Stan Guttman

**Cecilia Guttman**, beloved mother

By Stan Guttman

**Cemetery Entry Code**

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

**Joseph Arthur Guttman**, beloved grandfather  
By Stan Guttman  
**Leontine Guttman**, beloved grandmother  
By Stan Guttman  
**Jack Goodman**, beloved father  
By George Goodman  
**Rose Goodman**, beloved mother  
By George Goodman  
**Mary Waldman**, beloved mother  
By Blair Waldman  
**Eddie Stochinsky**, beloved brother  
By Evelyn Viner  
**Israel Solomon**, beloved father  
By Joyce Forman  
**Glenna Silver**, beloved sister  
By Randi Aaron and Alan Silver  
**Phil Silver**, beloved grandfather  
By Randi Aaron and Alan Silver  
**Margret Bleviss**, beloved sister-in-law  
By Joey Bleviss  
**Max Kwavnick**, beloved father  
By Nat and Harriette Alexander  
**Alice Robinstone Rimer**, beloved mother  
By Faith Dubisky  
**Abraham Simon**, beloved grandfather  
By Faith Dubisky  
**Simon Malekar**, beloved brother  
By Akiba and Yerusha Charikar  
**David Viner**, beloved father  
By Shirley Katz and Family  
**David Viner**, beloved husband  
By Evelyn Viner  
**David Viner**, beloved brother-in-law  
By Fran Viner  
**Leon Zimmerman**, beloved brother-in-law  
By Fran Viner

**Harvey Viner**, beloved husband  
By Fran Viner  
**Jack Pepper**, beloved friend  
By Faith Dubisky  
**Leah Mittleman**, beloved grandmother  
By Lila Mydlarski  
**Alice Adler**, beloved mother  
By Irvin Adler  
**Mordehai Levant**, beloved husband  
By Amalya Levant  
**Fanny Sheftel**, beloved mother  
By Rose Zivot  
**Yale Joffe**, beloved husband  
By Lily Joffe  
**Ben Maerov**, beloved father and grandfather  
By Cynthia Prasow and Family  
**Leo Sheftel**, beloved father  
By Harriet and Phil Libin  
**Bessie Gurevitch**, beloved grandmother  
By Harriet and Phil Libin  
**Elkanah Sheftel and Family**, beloved uncle and family  
By Harriet and Phil Libin  
**Ida Switzer**, beloved grandmother  
By Darlene Switzer-Foster  
**Zalman Shkolnik**, beloved brother  
By Alex Shkolnik  
**Yuray Kohn**, beloved brother  
By William Kohn<sup>z"l</sup>  
**Leon Krygier**, beloved brother  
By Lea Kohn  
**Dorothy Feldman**, beloved mother  
By Nate Feldman  
**Doris Miller**, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother  
By Lily Mydlarski



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facebook.

**SPECIAL YAHRZEIT FUND****Vivan Veta**, beloved mother

By Harvey Monson

**Morton Monson**, beloved father

By Harvey Monson

**Stuart Monson**, beloved brother

By Harvey Monson

**Jacob Lyuber**, beloved husband and father

By Liza Lyuber, Eugene and Mark

**Dr. Waxwell Lipkind**, beloved uncle

By Joan and Naomi Robins

**Simon Mayzus**, beloved husband and father

By Ella Mayzus and Paul Mayzus

**Dave Chyfetz**, beloved father

By Sylvia Itzcovitch

**Kathleen Fleishman**, beloved wife and mother

By Jerol Fleishman, Ryan Fleishman, Kyle Fleishman

**Mordehai Levant**, beloved brother

By Rachel Amir

**Renee George**, beloved mother

By Kathy Morgan

**Wynne's Pantry (Miriam's Well)****Every drop in the bucket helps!**

The need is great. Please do what you can by bringing any canned goods, cereal, paper products or toiletries (*the Miriam's well box will be located outside the doors from 8:00am to 3:00pm*). 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.

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