



March 2021
Adar-Nisan 5781



Happy Passover

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Monday March 1st

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday March 2nd

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday March 3rd

7:00pm BTZ Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

Thursday March 4th

5:30pm Hebrew School but Better
via Zoom

6:30pm Talmudic Top Ten via Zoom

Friday March 5th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:06pm

TORAH: Ki Tissa

Shabbat March 6th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 7:16pm

Sunday March 7th

10:00am Shul School

Monday March 8th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday March 9th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday March 11th

6:30pm Talmudic Top Ten via Zoom

Friday March 12th

5:30pm Family Shabbat and Hang
via Zoom

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 6:18pm

TORAH: Vayakhel and Pekudei

Shabbat March 13th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 7:28pm

Sunday March 14th

10:00am Shul School

Monday March 15th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday March 16th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday March 18th

1:00pm Hazak 55+ via Zoom

5:30pm Hebrew School but Better
via Zoom

6:30pm Talmudic Top Ten via Zoom

Friday March 19th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat Learner's
Minyan (Grade 7 B'nai Mitzvah Class)

Candle Lighting: 7:30pm

TORAH: Vayikra

Shabbat March 20th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 8:40pm

Sunday March 21st

10:00am Shul School

Monday March 22nd

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday March 23rd

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday March 25th

9:00am Zoom Minyan

(Fast of the Firstborn)

6:30pm Talmudic Top Ten via Zoom

Friday March 26th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:42pm

TORAH: Tsav

Shabbat March 27th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends/Passover Candle Lighting:
8:52pm

Sunday March 28th

9:00am Live Streaming Passover Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

7:00pm Second Seder Live Stream

Candle Lighting: 8:54pm

1st Day of Passover

Monday March 29th

Office Closed

9:00am Live Streaming Passover Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Yom Tov Ends: 8:56pm

2nd Day of Passover

Tuesday March 30th

3rd Day of Passover

Wednesday March 31st

4th day of Passover



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Cantor's Notes



Let me offer a few thoughts on the part of the *Seder* that has continually enchanted. The *Haggadah* presents four “types” of children, labeling each and offering directives to the parents on how to respond to each type. This is based upon four verses in the Torah that instruct the Children of Israel to explain to their children the rituals of *Pesach*. The *Haggadah* assumes that if something is repeated four times there must be a reason, and so develops a *midrash* that there are different types of children, with each needing a different response.

The section opens with the words “*K’neged* (concerning/against) four children, the Torah speaks,” with the word *k’neged* implying, at least in part, some critique of each child.

The *hacham* (wise) child asks about differing categories and the different ways to structure and systematize all that is happening. The response is that the parents are guided to give a full, exhaustive analysis of all the relevant laws) and texts. I have always felt a certain tongue-in-cheek quality to this response. Almost as if to say, “You asked for it, well, here it is! All the facts at full length.” Yet, there seems to be no emotional or spiritual connection with all this voluminous material.

The *rasha* (wicked) child famously asks, “What is this service to you?” The question of the *hacham* is useless without the added experiential aspects brought by the so-called *rasha*. The rituals (with all the academic analysis) are *only* meaningful if they mean something to the people engaged in the ritual. This child may want to have his or her teeth set on edge, for that is, in fact, a sign of being emotionally and spiritually present. More than anything, at your *Seder* tell your children, your friends, your companions what all this does mean for you.

The *tam* (simple) child might be the deepest of all, for the same Hebrew root is applied to the Torah. In the Psalms it is written, “*Torat Adonai temimah*” (The Torah of God is perfect). The ability to ask the

shortest question, “What is this?” may be the most profound because it invites the widest response and offers us the chance to respond with what matters most.

Lastly, sometimes there is no way to put the inner question into words. We have all been in situations where we don't know enough to ask anything at all. The fourth child, who does not ask, need not be too young to talk, but may represent those who cannot find their own voice, who cannot frame their own questions. The challenge for Jewish ritual in our times is to open the conversation with all present, with enough depth for the sophisticated, enough soul for the spiritually curious, and enough understanding and welcome for those who don't know enough (or feel comfortable enough) to ask questions.

In truth, we all have a little of each of these children within us, and the Seder invites us all to explore not simply “our inner child,” but our “inner four children.” I hope your explorations are joyous, deep, and fulfilling.

A Koshern un Freilichen Pesach!

Chag Pesach kasher vesame'ach!

A kosher and Joyous Passover to all!

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Erev 1st Day	Shabbat, March 27	6:00pm Mincha	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Saturday
1st Day	Sunday, March 28	9:00am	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Sunday
Erev 2nd Day	Sunday, March 28	6:00pm Mincha	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Sunday
2nd Day	Monday, March 29	9:00am and 6:00pm Mincha	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Monday
Erev 7th Day	Friday, April 2	6:00pm Mincha	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Friday
7th Day	Shabbat, April 3	9:00am	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Saturday
Erev 8th Day	Shabbat, April 3	6:00pm Mincha	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Saturday
8th Day/ Yizkor	Sunday, April 4	9:00am and 6:00pm Mincha	https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Sunday



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

It was just over a year ago when we began responding to a new virus spreading across our globe. Not fully understanding the impact COVID-19 would have on our lives and our Jewish institutions, the senior management team at Beth Tzedec began closely monitoring events and assessing next steps.

In March 2020, we officially formed a COVID-19 response team that includes Executive Director Max Lipsman, Cantor Russ, Teresa Sofocleous, Jennifer Girvitz, Bill Barkaie and me. Later in the year, we added Vice President and Chair of the Board, Lorne Pearl and Engagement Director Jonah Potasznik to the team. I have nothing but praise for our management team, COVID-19 response team and all our staff members, including Yolanda, Danica and Adi. All have dedicated themselves to keeping our doors open and serving the congregational family with excellence during a very challenging time. We cannot thank these individuals enough.

As you read our *Shalom Byte* and *Shofar* publications, please note the amazing programs we are offering now and in the months to come. While High Holidays are many months away, I'm already starting to get excited about what we can do as a Shul. Planning has begun toward virtual and in-person experiences in 5782.

Earlier this year we hired Elliott Steinberg to lead Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services on a monthly basis. Please join Elliott via live stream on the last Friday of every month. I'm looking forward to Elliott leading additional services as Cantor Jayne – who continues his studies toward rabbinical ordination – transitions into his role as congregational Rabbi.

Our Roadmap to our Future task force has been making progress. I would like to thank the congregants who read my comments last month and offered their ideas and feedback. We have had further discussions with Calgary Jewish Federation and CJA about the potential for joint relocation or redevelopment of the school and our Shul. At the same time, we have reached out to other Jewish organizations to encourage further partnership. Though it is still early in the process, Joshua Switzer will be offering a report at our next June AGM regarding Alternative A – relocating both our Shul and CJA to campus lands – and alternative B – joint redevelopment at our existing location.

Alternative C – potential relocation to the Beth Tzedec Memorial Park and/or adjacent land – is also under consideration and I plan to provide a report at the AGM detailing my progress in researching this option.

Gregory Davis, Elliott Steinberg and Lou Bracey are working on Alternative D – examining the feasibility of remaining at our current site and considering the potential redesign of our Shul. Their findings and recommendations will also be transferable to Alternatives A, B and C.

The Task Force will continue to exercise due diligence in the preparation of detailed business cases; rest assured that Beth Tzedec congregants will have the opportunity to provide input and, eventually, to vote on the recommendations provided by the Board.

Turning to finance, March is our fiscal year end. That means it is almost time for congregants to renew their annual financial support of Beth Tzedec. At our last Board meeting, VP Finance Josh Inhaber proposed another balanced budget which we passed unanimously. Since the days of Stuart Myron and Ed Dunn, we have fulfilled our fiscal responsibilities to congregants by balancing our books and building a legacy for future generations. While we grapple with the issue of financial sustainability, one of my priorities as your president has been to create an affordable affiliation cost for young families. I will have more to offer up on this topic in April.

While generous congregants continue to assist us from time to time on specific capital and operational projects, Beth Tzedec Congregation has not had a major fundraising event for a while. I have missed events like the Night in Vegas that honoured Stuart Myron and Ed Dunn and the Burnstein Dinner that supported both Beth Tzedec and worthwhile charities in the community at large. These kinds of events really bring our community together.

On that note, I am very happy to tell you that a committee led by Lorne Pearl is in the midst of planning a virtual honouree event that will recognize Markham Silver and Maxine Fischbein for their years of dedication to building and strengthening Beth Tzedec. Please join us for a fun, lighthearted evening that salutes these deserving volunteers while supporting the future of our Shul. The pandemic may be precluding a live tribute, but I promise that this will be an evening to remember. So please mark May 12th on your calendar and watch your inbox for further details.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued and generous support of the Synagogue. Wishing you safety, good health and happy weeks leading up to Pesach.

David Inhaber
President

We Cater to you at Beth Tzedec!

There may be a pandemic on, but the children of Israel know a thing or two about how to navigate plagues! In that spirit, Beth Tzedec is pleased to provide congregants and members of the Jewish community at large the opportunity to order delicious, kosher Seder meals catered by The Metropolitan and prepared at Beth Tzedec.

Our kitchen has been kashered for Passover and stringent COVID-19 precautions are in effect.

We were slaves in Egypt, but you don't have to be one in the kitchen. Let us do the cooking so you can concentrate on celebrating in the safety of your home!

Pesach Menu:

Mixed green salad with vinaigrette dressing
Vegetable soup with parsley and matzah balls
Roasted Mediterranean chicken legs
Carved brisket
Potato kugel
Chopped liver with matzah crackers
Grilled fresh vegetables

Chicken fingers for kids (\$5 per little person)

Beth Tzedec Members: \$40 per person (includes a complimentary box of matzah!)

Community Members: \$60 per person

For more information, or to order your Passover meals, please contact the office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca

RSVP by Monday, March 22

Pick up on Friday, March 26 between 8:30am and 3:30pm

Enjoy!

Wishing everyone a Chag Pesach kasher v'sameach!



Please see page 15 for Second Seder live stream information.



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)	Lily and Bill Lister
Jenny Belzberg	Ellen Magidson
Marnie and Darren Bondar	Sahbra Markus
Val and Lou Bracey	Elaine and Stuart Myron
Maxine and Milt Fischbein	Beth and Rob Ordman
Sarah and Ben Ginzberg	Al Osten
Jaclyn Home-Grintuch and Benjamin Grintuch	Lorne Pearl
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Barb and Ron Krell	Deborah and Adam Silver
Eddy Lang	Ida and Sam Switzer
Harriet and Phil Libin	Mira and Joey Tappenden

Did you know?

The estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future has already exceeded \$1.3 million and continues to grow. To date, more than \$14 million has been raised in support of organizations throughout Jewish Calgary, and more than \$1 billion has been raised by participating agencies throughout North America. Regardless of your age, stage and income level, you can give a gift to the future, supporting your Shul, your community and your people.

Be remembered forever! If you have already designated Beth Tzedec as a beneficiary in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy or you would like to plan your legacy gift, please contact Beth Tzedec President David Inhaber at inhaberdavid@yahoo.ca or Executive Director Max Lipsman at mlipsman@bethtzedec.ca.



Dear Beth Tzedec Congregants,

I want to tell you all what a privilege it is for me to be your spiritual leader as I continue to work toward my *Semicha* – Rabbinical ordination. And I want you to know that the faith you have placed in me is returned to you each and every day as we continue to build our *kehilla kedosha* – our sacred community - together.

While COVID-19 has certainly put us to the test individually and collectively, I am proud to say that the Beth Tzedec family has continuously risen to the occasion. We have managed to strengthen our daily prayer minyanim via Zoom, and our virtual classes and programs for both youth and adults have been going strong. We've had to be creative in pivoting to online holiday celebrations, but those who have participated can attest that we are succeeding. Congregants have stepped up to help in every corner of Synagogue life and I know that we will emerge from this health crisis with strength and resiliency.

I am writing to you to ask for your help in ensuring that Beth Tzedec can remain strong for generations to come. Toward that end, I am urging you to join me in generous support of Beth Tzedec and the Calgary Jewish community through the LIFE & LEGACY program.

An initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, LIFE & LEGACY is organized locally by Calgary Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary. It is a tremendous community building endeavour through which 10 partner organizations here in Calgary have already raised commitments of more than \$14 million in support of our community. To date, congregants and friends of Beth Tzedec have designated after-lifetime gifts nearing \$1.5 million.

I recently signed a Letter of Intent designating Beth Tzedec as a beneficiary of my after-lifetime gift. I did so because I believe in Beth Tzedec and in the central role that it plays in Jewish life in Calgary both today and tomorrow.

The pandemic has reminded us that life can be uncertain. More, perhaps, than ever before I have a keen understanding that we must plan for the future and collectively ensure enough endowment funds to serve our community in perpetuity.

In Pirkei Avot our sages ask “If not now, when?”

I believe that now is the time to build for the future by leaving a gift to the community. Your gift costs nothing today. All that is required is your commitment to remember Beth Tzedec – and other charitable organizations that are dear to your heart – in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

Click [here](#) for the fillable LIFE & LEGACY Letter of Intent form. Please join me by saying *hineini* – here I am – and returning your signed LOI to the Synagogue, either in person or at info@bethtzedec.ca, or to Diana Kalef at Calgary Jewish Federation at dkalef@jewishcalgary.org.

If you have previously named Beth Tzedec as a beneficiary, it does not preclude your participation in LIFE & LEGACY. It just means that you have already formalized your intention. By signing the LOI, you can ensure that the funds you have earmarked for the Synagogue and other charitable organizations of your choice will be protected in an endowment that will support Beth Tzedec in perpetuity.

Finally, please note that Beth Tzedec needs to collect just eight more LOIs by March 31st in order to receive a benefit incentive from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation of up to \$10,000.

I remind you of the words of the great Maimonides, “If a person does even one Mitzvah, no matter how small, they may tip the scales and bring about salvation.”

Let us take these words to heart. If each of us undertakes to make this commitment we could tip the scales and make a real difference not just for Beth Tzedec, but also for our larger Jewish community and maybe even the world.

I therefore ask that you join me and the 33 other individuals and families at Beth Tzedec who have already invested in the future of our synagogue and Jewish Calgary.

If you have questions about the LIFE & LEGACY program, feel free to contact me, Congregational President David Inhaber, Executive Director Max Lipsman, or any member of the Beth Tzedec LIFE & LEGACY team: Maxine Fischbein, Josh Inhaber, Lorne Pearl and Cheryl Shiell.

I look forward to seeing you online for our rapidly approaching Purim and Pesach celebrations. Thank you for helping to ensure that similar festive moments will continue to inspire the generations to come!

Sincerely,
Cantor Russell G. Jayne



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 Cantor Russell Jayne 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 Maxine Fischbein, Josh Inhaber or Cheryl Shiell.



Passover soon approaches, and as I write this, we have no idea how we will be able to celebrate the holiday this year. I suspect that we will be doing much the same as last year with a virtual Seder, only seeing our friends and loved ones from afar. As we continue our socially distanced lives, we look for ways to break through the boredom and alleviate the stress that we sometimes feel.

Humour is a good way to do that. A good joke is always welcome. I wondered if there were jokes for Passover and

I did indeed find some on the internet. These were taken from the AISH site. As Mark Miller, in his April 19th article put it, "After all, once you've been liberated by God from slavery in ancient Egypt, you're no doubt ready to relieve some of the pent-up tension with a laugh or two. And while the consumption, keeping, and owning of *chametz* is forbidden during Passover, humor is both allowed and appreciated."

So here we go with some groaners, chuckle inducers and maybe a rib tickler or two.

Hear about the internet search engine for Passover? It's called eliYAHOO

How do you drive your mother completely insane on Passover? It's really a piece of cake.

What's your favorite Passover film? Shawshankbone Redemption

Why did the matzah quit his job? Because he didn't get a raise

What army base is off limits on Passover? Fort Leavenworth

A British Jew is waiting in line to be knighted by the Queen. He is to kneel in front of her and recite a sentence in Latin when she taps him on the shoulders with her sword. However, when his turn comes, he panics in the excitement of the moment and forgets the Latin. Then, thinking fast, he recites the only other sentence he knows in a foreign language, which he remembers from the Passover Seder:

"Ma nishtana ha layla ha zeh mi kol ha laylot."

Puzzled, Her Majesty turns to her advisor and whispers, "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

A little boy once returned home from Hebrew school and his father asked, "What did you learn today?"

He answered, "The Rabbi told us how Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt."

"How?"

The boy said "Moses was a big strong man and he beat Pharaoh up. Then while he was down, he got all the people together and ran towards the sea. When he got there, he has the Corps of Engineers build a huge pontoon bridge. Once they got on the other side, they blew up the bridge while the Egyptians were trying to cross."

The father was shocked. "Is that what the Rabbi taught you?"

The boy replied, "No. But you'd never believe the story he DID tell us!"

It seems a group of leading medical people have published data that indicates that Seder participants should NOT partake of both chopped liver and charoses. It is indicated that this combination can lead to Charoses of the Liver.

At our Seder, we had whole wheat and bran matzo, fortified with Metamucil. The brand name, of course, is "Let My People Go."

If a doctor carries a black bag and a plumber carries a toolbox, what does a mohel carry? A Bris-kit!

Why do we have a Haggadah at Passover? So we can Seder right words.

What do you call someone who derives pleasure from the bread of affliction?

A matzochist.

A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating. Since Jews do not eat leavened bread during the eight-day holiday, he was eating Matzo, flat crunchy unleavened bread that has dozens of perforations. A little later, a blind man came by and sat down next to him. Feeling neighbourly, the Jewish man passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man. The blind man handled the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this nonsense?"

Did you hear about the gefilte fish that went deaf? He had to buy a herring-aid.

How does Moses make beer? Hebrews it!

When it comes to Karpas, who is the king of Passover? Elvis Parsley

An Egyptian task master fell down a wishing well, The Jewish slave was amazed, "I never knew they worked."

How does NASA organize their Passover Seders in space? They planet.

What did one Seder plate say to the other? "Dinner is on me!"

What kind of shoes did the Egyptians wear during the plague of Frogs? Open toad!

Who is behind Pharaoh's Evil Empire? Darth Seder

What was the name of the Secret Spy for the Jews in Egypt? Bondage, James Bondage

What did the Teddy Bear say when he was offered the afikomen? No thanks, I'm stuffed.

How many Pharaohs does it take to screw in a light bulb? One, but he won't let it go.

I hope that you enjoyed at least some of these jokes. But most importantly, I wish you and your family a joyous Passover. May you be blessed with good health, happiness, and peace now and throughout the year. While the main festival services will be live streamed, join us on Zoom during the chol hamoed.

Susan Inhaber,
NML Commissioner

March Bonus Dates:

Sunday	March 14, 2021	1 Nissan	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	March 21, 2021	8 Nissan	9:00am	6:00pm
Tuesday	March 30, 2021	17 Nissan	9:00am	6:00pm
Wednesday	March 31, 2021	18 Nissan	9:00am	6:00pm

PROGRAMS

Hebrew School but Better: Young Adult Wisdom Series via Zoom**Thursday, March 4th and 18th - 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@bethzedec.ca or 514-561-7232 with questions. Please register in advance at <https://forms.gle/m4U54DKhuGsF29yLA>.

Talmudic Top Ten via Zoom**Thursdays - March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13****6:30-8:30pm**

Join Cantor Russ for a journey through some of the Talmud's most interesting Sugiyot, and learn how to better appreciate the role the Talmud can play in 21st century Jewish life, as we investigate how Talmudic literature uniquely functions simultaneously in the realms of law, interpretation, education, philosophy, and theology. No previous knowledge of Talmud is required, and all texts will be translated into English. RSVP to info@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

**BTZ Family Shabbat and Hang - Passover Version! via Zoom with PJ Library
Friday, March 12th – 5:30-6:15pm**

Now that the sun is going down later, we are moving our monthly "Havdalah and Hang" to Friday evening - it's now a "Shabbat and Hang!" Shabbat and Hang is a great way to start Shabbat off right, with lots of *ruach* (spirit) and *kehilah* (community). We have two different Zooms for you and your kids to join, with lots of singing, blessing, and playing in both. Pre-K through 2nd graders and their families join Morah Lara and Cantor Russ. 3-5th graders and their families join Jonah. Questions? Please reach out to Jonah Potasznik at jpotasznik@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext. 6. RSVP to <https://cutt.ly/shabbathang> to reserve your Passover Packs (includes crafts and plagues!).

Hazak 55+ Presents**The Roots of our Hagaddah: An Amazing Journey****With Cantor Russell Jayne****Thursday, March 18th - 1:00pm via Zoom**

After the Bible, the Hagaddah is possibly the most wildly read text among the Jewish people. Every year, as part of the Seder, we delve into, explore and reinterpret this seminal post-Temple work. Yet, have you ever stopped to think, "Where did the Hagaddah come from?" and "Why is it so central to our Passover observance?." Please join us as Cantor Russ takes us through the fascinating journey of why the Hagaddah was developed, and why it continues to be one of the most important books on any Jewish bookshelf. RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 by March 16th for the Zoom link and password. For more information contact maxinef18@shaw.ca.

Please plan to join us for these upcoming Hazak 55+ programs:

Nutrition during the Pandemic: What you need to Know with the ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen on Thursday, April 22nd

Breast and Ovarian Cancer, the BRCA Gene and Implications for Ashkenazi Jews with Sharsheret on Thursday, May 20th

Watch upcoming issues of *Shofar* and *Shalom Byte* for details.

To share ideas for upcoming Hazak +55 programs, please contact Maxine Fischbein at 403-616-0320 or maxinef18@shaw.ca.

Live Streamed Community Seder**Sunday, March 28th—7:00pm**

Please join Cantor Russ as he hosts a live streamed Community Seder for the Second night of Passover. Cantor Russ will guide you through the rituals of the evening, and provide teachings and insight into the Hagaddah that we are sure will add an additional level of fun and enjoyment to your evening.

<https://stream.bethtzedec.ca/Sunday>

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, 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.

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 6:00pm

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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MAZEL TOV

Saul and Babs Pytka, on the birth of their first grandchild

By Walter Moscovitz

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Josh and Yanna Inhaber, on their wedding

By Jason and Cheryl Gurevitch and Family

Ben Zalmanowitz

Joey and Mira Tappenden

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The Inhaber Family, on the wedding of Josh and Yanna

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Helen Sankoff, on the occasion of her birthday

By Harriet and Lenny Waghelstein

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Leonard and Danna Numerow, on the loss of his mother, Evelyn Numerow

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Ian Finkle, on the loss his mother Gail (Gettie)

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Danny Goldberg and Family

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Debbie Baylin and Family, on the loss of their husband and father, Steve

By Bev Sklar and Lorne Tucker

and Family

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Ann Rose Gorber

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and Family

Phil and Harriet Libin and Family, on the loss of their sister-in-law, Jean Libin

By Hilda and Lenny Smith and Family

GET WELL**Halley Girvitz**

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Harriet Libin

By Hilda and Lenny Smith and Family

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Maxine Fischbein, in memory of her father, Morley Wolfman

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Bronia and Sid Cyngiser, on the occasion of their anniversary

By Jeff Eichler

SYMPATHY

Lily Fixler and Family, on the loss of their husband and father, George Fixler

By Alexandra and Harvey Cyngiser

BEST WISHES**Esta Berlind**

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Devorah Efraimovic-Markus

By Sahbra Markus

THANK YOU**Cantor Russ**

By Gordie and Eva Hoffman

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RABBINIC CHAIR FUND**

MAZEL TOV

Helen Sankoff, on the occasion of her birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

SYMPATHY

Harriett and Phil Libin, on the loss of their niece, Sharon and cousin, Lorne

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

GET WELL**Morris Dancyger**

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SYMPATHY

Bobbie Friedman and Family, on the loss of his wife Boody Friedman

By Beulah Martin

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By Beulah Martin

**BTZ LEGACY FUND
SYMPATHY**

Lila Mydlarski, on the loss of her husband, Jacques Mydlarski

By Lorne Tucker and Bev Sklar

Life Cycle Events**Mazel Tov**

Mazel tov to Yanna Klimenko and Josh Inhaber, parents Alla and Gennady Klimenko and Susan and David Inhaber and brother Jon Inhaber on the occasion of Yanna and Josh's marriage, The wedding took place on February 14th, 2021.

In Memoriam

Dennis Herman, husband of Anita Herman, father of Ricki (Rick) McArthur, Cyndee Herman, Lesley Fortuna and Allan (Janine) Herman. Dennis passed away on February 6, 2021. The funeral was held on February 9, 2021 at Beth Tzedec Memorial Park.

Sherry Berman, wife of Aaron Berman, mother of Jed Berman and Leonard Berman. Sherry passed away on February 20, 2021. The funeral was held on February 22, 2021 at Beth Tzedec Memorial Park.

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@bethzedec.ca.

YAHARZEIT FUND

Helen Feher, beloved mother
By Susan and David Inhaber and Family

Shep Kaplan, beloved father
By Max and Rochelle Lipsman and Family

Zygmunt Lipsman, beloved father
By Max and Rochelle Lipsman and Family

Hella Lipsman, beloved mother
By Max and Rochelle Lipsman and Family

Marguerite Bleviss-Rodgers, beloved aunt
By Joey Bleviss

Fanny Nagler, beloved mother-in-law
By Therese Nagler

Jack Ross, beloved father
By Therese Nagler

Joseph Lipkind, beloved grandfather
By Joan Robins

Bennie Bercov, beloved uncle
By Joab Robins

Doreen Lipkind Henstell, beloved aunt and great aunt
By Joan and Naomi Robins

Allan Hilford, beloved father
By Leslie Hilford

Daniel Dorfman, beloved father
By Elaine Roberts

Jack Gold, beloved cousin
By Samuel Wayne Bobroff

Rev. Watson J. Lazarus, beloved father
By Eva Falla

Ruth Sherwood, beloved mother
By Betty Sherwood

Ben Sherwood, beloved father
By Betty Sherwood

John Kurtos, beloved brother-in-law
By Lea Kohn

Roza Profis, beloved mother-in-law and grandmother
By Alex Shkolnik and Milla Epelmon

Leo Dressler, beloved grandfather
By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

Isaac Malekar, beloved father
By Akiba and Yerusha Charikar and Family

Markus Eichler, beloved grandfather
By Jeff and Richard Eichler

Jacob Dubisky, beloved grandfather
By Jerry Dubisky

Lazar Profis, beloved brother
By Sara and David Profis

Roza Profis, beloved mother
By Sara and David Profis

Inda Ginzberg-Profis, beloved sister
By Sara and David Profis

Mariam Nahametz, beloved mother
By Sara and David Profis

Bertha Viner, beloved mother-in-law
By Fran Viner

Marguerite Belviss-Rodgers, beloved sister-in-law
By Fran Viner

Stella Goldenberg, beloved mother
By Jeanette Berger

Salek and Regina Bleiweiss, beloved grandparents
By Ilana Krygier Lapides

Risha Steinman, beloved daughter
By Lily Joffe

Marjorie Silver, beloved mother
By Randi Aaron and Alan Silver

Freda Polsky, beloved grandmother
By Hartley Yuffe and Marilyn Sheftel

David Blau, beloved father
By Linda Hoffman

Mary Jean Blau, beloved mother
By Linda Hoffman

Bertha Viner, beloved grandmother
By Shirley Katz and Family

Bertha Viner, beloved mother-in-law
By Evelyn Viner

Leo Friedman, beloved uncle
By Bev Sklar

Margy Silver, beloved mother
By Randi Aaron and Alan Silver

Eva Vinet, beloved sister
By Beulah Martin

Rose Zenith, beloved mother
By Leonard Zenith

Anne Smith, beloved aunt
By Stan and Carey Smith and Family

Morris Maerov, beloved uncle
By Cynthia Prasow and Family

Lawrence Ross, beloved brother
By Therese Nagler

Sam Rajesky, beloved father
By Irwin Rajesky

SPECIAL YAHRZEIT FUND**Richard Barron**, beloved husband

By Jean Barron

William Roth, beloved husband

By Elisabeth Roth

Clara Roth, beloved mother-in-law

By Elisabeth Roth

Nathan Roth, beloved father-in-law

By Elisabeth Roth

Benny Fishman, beloved husband, father and grandfather

By Rosa Fishman and all his children and grandchildren

Mercia Safran, beloved mother

By Laura Safran and Dr. Jaclyn Safran

David Naimark, beloved father

By Myrna Ghitler

Esther Moscovitz, beloved mother

By Walter Moscovitz

Rebecca Mendelman, beloved mother-in-law

By Walter Moscovitz

Harry Diamond, beloved father

By Arla Diamond

Leo Friedman, beloved husband

By Arla Diamond

Dr. Martha Cohen, beloved mother

By Cheryl Cohen

Frank Dachis, beloved father

By David Dachis

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By Laura Safran and Dr. Jaclyn Safran

Cemetery Entry Code

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

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.

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Inclusion at Beth Tzedec Congregation

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

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/ 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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SALE OF HAMETZ

to Reverend Christine Conkin

PLEASE RETURN TO BETH TZEDEC NO LATER THAN
10:00am on March 26, 2021.



I, _____, hereby authorize Cantor Russell Jayne to act as my agent to sell any *hametz* in my possession, wherever it may be (home and work), in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law to Reverend Christine Conkin, rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Calgary.

Signature: _____

Home address: _____

Work address(es): _____

I enclose \$ _____ as a voluntary act of tzedakah for
Wynne's Pantry (Miriam's Well) at Jewish Family Service Calgary
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"Wynne's Pantry" in the memo line)*

