



April 2021
Nisan-Iyyar 5781

A Virtual Night of Mirth and Mitzvot

An "M&M" Event honouring Maxine Fischbein and Markham Silver



Wednesday
May 12, 2021
7:00 PM

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday April 1st

Passover Day 5

Friday April 2nd

Office Closed

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat/Yom Tov Candle Lighting:

7:53pm

Passover Day 6

Shabbat April 3rd

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat/Passover Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends/Candle Lighting: 9:05pm

Passover Day 7

Sunday April 4th

9:00am Live Streaming Passover Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Passover Ends: 9:06pm

Monday April 5th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Wednesday April 7th

7:00pm BTZ Board Meeting

(Members Welcome)

Thursday April 8th

6:30pm Talmudic Top 10 via Zoom

Friday April 9th

5:30pm Family Shabbat and Hang
via Zoom

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:05pm

TORAH: Shemini

Shabbat April 10th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

6:00pm Bat Mitzvah

Sophie Ginzberg

Shabbat Ends: 9:17pm

Sunday April 11th

10:00am Shul School

Monday April 12th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday April 13th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday April 15th

6:30pm Talmudic Top 10 via Zoom

Friday April 16th

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

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 8:16pm

TORAH: Tazria + Metsora

Shabbat April 17th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 9:30pm

Sunday April 18th

10:00am Shul School

Monday April 19th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday April 20th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday April 22nd

1:00pm Hazak 55+ via Zoom

5:30pm Hebrew School but Better
via Zoom

6:30pm Talmudic Top 10 via Zoom

Friday April 23rd

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 8:28pm

TORAH: Aharei mot + Kedoshim

Shabbat April 24th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah

Jamie Balaban

1:30pm Bar Mitzvah (offsite)
Akiva Libin

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 9:44pm

Sunday April 25th

10:00am Shul School

Monday April 26th

6:30pm Keruv Class

Tuesday April 27th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Thursday April 29th

6:30pm Talmudic Top 10 via Zoom

Friday April 30th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:39pm

TORAH: Emor



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Cantor's Notes



In every country and among every people, music attests to national character and national ideals. The rhythms, harmonies, melodies and poetry of music relate to and help to define personal characteristics, social customs and rituals, national religion, as well as national and personal identity. Most of today's societies have had hundreds or thousands of years to develop a national music. The State of Israel has had only since 1948 to assert itself as a political, social and cultural entity in a fast-moving world. In many ways, the history of Israeli music reflects the broad struggles of the young country.

The early history of music in Israel was determined by two major forces: the Zionist movement, whose participants encouraged the creation and dissemination of Israeli "folk" music; and the political struggle against Fascism, which led many European-born musicians to flee to the Holy Land.

Jewish immigrants to Palestine brought with them music of their various host countries. The leaders of the Zionist movement sought to inspire and unite these new *olim* (immigrants) with a common cultural identity. To that end, Zionist musicians composed hundreds of short and simple folk songs for dissemination among the immigrant communities and among Jews abroad. The songs' lyrics spoke of the experience of living in the Holy Land, from stories about the agricultural cycle to lullabies to stories of love. Their musical qualities combined the sounds of European music with hallmarks of the "exotic" such as minor modes, the Yemenite trill and Arabic instruments. Many of these songs are still sung today throughout the Jewish community; among the most well-known is the love song "*Erev Shel Shoshanim*" ("Evening of Lillies").

The folk tradition dovetailed into a new form of national popular music, represented above all by Naomi Shemer. From the 1960s to the 1980s, Shemer sang of the uniqueness of the land of Israel. Her song "*Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*" ("Jerusalem of Gold"), composed just before the Six Day War of 1967, spoke of Jews' longing for Jerusalem. After Jerusalem's unification, Shemer famously modified the lyrics to reflect Israel's accomplishments in the war.

Israel also has cultivated a rich tradition of classical European music. The Palestine Orchestra was founded in 1936 by Bronislaw Huberman, who anticipated the coming war against the Jewish people in Europe and took scores of other Jewish musicians from Europe with him to Palestine. The formation of the orchestra was a distinctly political move: Huberman stated that his goal was to produce a "materialization of the Zionist culture in the fatherland." After the creation of the State of Israel, the orchestra changed its name to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Classically trained Jewish artists from Israel and abroad, Koussevitsky, Bernstein,

Heifetz, Rubinstein, Arrau and many others, were naturally drawn to participate in the orchestra's activities from its inception. It is no coincidence that the Philharmonic's first recording project was of symphonies of Mahler, a Jewish composer. Together with music departments in Israel's various universities and institutions, such as the Jerusalem Music Center, the Israel Philharmonic continues to cultivate the country's interest in European classical music.

In addition, the Rimon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music, located in a suburb of Tel Aviv, serves as a hothouse for growing a new generation of musicians, creating a unique and contemporary Israeli sound. The school counts among its graduates the popular Achinoam Nini, an Israeli woman of Yemenite descent who spent her childhood in North America.

Today, the population of Israel is divided over its national identity. Some Israelis think that Israel should attempt to be a country like every other, with no distinct religious or cultural identity, while other Israelis think that there is something unique about Israel as the Jewish homeland and that it should not necessarily strive to be like other Western countries. Israeli popular music reflects this struggle. In 1998, the Israeli singer Dana International won the Eurovision Song Contest seeing herself as a representative of Israel to the rest of the world; her music is very much like contemporary European popular music. Singers like Arik Einstein have further developed the musical style of Naomi Shemer, uniting a distinctive Israeli message with a more modern folk-influenced popular idiom.

In addition, within the country, musical styles of *Mizrachi* (Middle Eastern) Jews have long competed with Western sounds. In recent years there has been a crossover in which *Mizrachi*, and even Ethiopian music, has become part of the popular Israeli music scene. Politics, are also, intertwined with the Israeli popular music scene, with lyrics expressing all sides of the debate regarding the conflict with the Palestinians and the stresses of everyday life in a war-torn land.

Music in Israel is an integral part of its national identity, and this view of music as nation-building continues even to this day among Israeli musicians. "We are in the midst of creating a culture", says Nahum Heyman, one of Israel's leading music composers and music historians. She couldn't be more spot-on in her assessment.

So this year, in honour of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israel Independence Day), turn your ears towards the rich, diverse and all-encompassing music of Israel. Be a part of the musical life of our homeland, and experience how, from the ancient prayer chants of the Levites created some 3000 years ago, right up to this very day, Israel is recreating the music of our people anew each passing morning. In doing so, we imitate the God of our people who, in the words of our *Siddur* (prayerbook), "delights in the chorus of song", thereby, "giving life to all worlds".

Am Yisrael Chai!!

Cantor Russell Jayne

Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair



Through the President's Lens

A Message from David Inhaber

Happy Passover!

While things are still altered due to COVID-19, I hope you are enjoying a festive holiday. Spring is in the air and many of us have either booked appointments or received our first doses of the COVID vaccine. I must admit I shed a tear of relief after receiving my first shot. I'm sure many of you have felt the same way.

As I think about Passover, it seems to me that while many of our observances have remained the same, some things have also changed. As a kid, I remember my family walking to Passover services at our nearby shul. We would never have considered getting into a vehicle to drive to shul, but when my aging grandparents were no longer able to make that walk, they gave in to a taxi ride and, eventually, the entire family began driving to Shul in our family car. While some of my friends could not understand the use of a vehicle during Jewish holidays, and gave us a hard time about it, eventually they were driving as well. The important thing was that we continued to come together in prayer and celebration.

This year my family observed our first Seder with friends and family via Zoom. Relatives from LA to Boston joined us for one of the largest Seders I have ever experienced. The following night, we enjoyed Beth Tzedec's live streamed second night Community Seder led by our Kol Bo, Cantor Russ Jayne.

I'm not sure what my grandparents and parents would have thought of our virtual celebrations of Passover. Were they still with us, I would remind them of that previously-unimaginable taxi ride to Shul. The virtual observance of Passover 5781 is just one more example of how we continue to adapt to our ever-changing world. To observe the holiday and be part of something bigger than ourselves is one of the best gifts we can all give ourselves.

Beth Tzedec and Conservative Judaism value tradition. At the same time, we embrace change. We know we must make room for our next generations to celebrate Judaism in ways that make sense to them and that are consistent with the lives they lead. With this in mind, we continue to build new programs and activities that speak to youth and young families.

We are also aware that we must make participation in Synagogue life affordable for young people. If we are, God forbid, unable or unwilling to mitigate the high cost of living Jewishly, it will be at our peril. It is our goal to reduce costs and to

create new revenue streams so that we do not have to rely as heavily on the annual financial commitments of congregants.

Toward that end, your Synagogue leadership is continuing to assess various options regarding our Shul's physical plant. Our Task Force to our Future continues to build strategic partnerships with Calgary Jewish Federation and The Calgary Jewish Academy, and we are inviting other Jewish organizations to join the discussion about a future Jewish community campus – a synergy that could benefit us all. Perhaps there is a way to minimize duplication of services and infrastructure while building something new and, most importantly, sustainable. Together with other key community organizations, we can harness excitement and energy as our founders did when they built Beth Tzedec.

In our more immediate future, please put May 12th on your calendar and join us for a lighthearted and fun evening featuring comedian Avi Liberman as we pay tribute to Maxine Fischbein and Markham Silver, two individuals who have given so much to our congregation and community over the years. While we wish we could gather in person for our Night of Mirth and Mitzvot, this virtual event will be heartwarming and entertaining while raising funds in support of Beth Tzedec's Legacy and LIFE & LEGACY funds.

Buy your tickets today and, if you are able, please consider stepping up as a sponsor. We have donor levels to suit a wide variety of budgets and want to make sure that everyone can take part. This fundraising event will help to ensure the future sustainability of our congregation.

I look forward to celebrating with each of you on May 12th and, as always, I thank you for your generous support of, and participation in, Synagogue life. Wishing you safety, good health and a very happy Pesach.

David Inhaber
President

Life Cycle Events

In Memoriam

Mona Rosenbaum, mother of Eric Rosenbaum (Chandra Ingram). Mona passed away on March 6, 2021. The funeral was held on March 9, 2021.

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.



A recent article in my daily emails from the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA)* caught my attention. Titled *Jews in Mourning are Finding Unexpected Comfort in Virtual Minyans*, I thought I'd better check this out. What are they doing that is so different from us?

The article spoke of a woman who lost her partner last June and “has been logging in to the synagogue’s virtual services every morning without fail”. The required minyan is always there, and she is able to recite the Mourner’s Kaddish.

As the author states, “In person, worshippers recite the Kaddish in unison. Due to the variable speeds of internet connections, however, it’s nearly impossible to produce the same effect online. What arises instead is a cacophony, voices popping in and out seemingly at random. The unusual sound, however, is recognizable as a recitation of the age-old prayer, and many have found equal comfort in this discordant rendition.” At our Zoom minyans, we too have found the challenges of achieving unison, but this adds to the charm of the service. With some of those reciting on mute and others with very quiet microphones, sometimes only the Davener is heard.¹

The mourner said that she didn’t know if she would go to her shul every day, but with Zoom, there is hardly any excuse not to go. “Typically”, she said, “it would have been hard to make a minyan or quorum, but now as many as 80 people show up.”



While we have yet to reach that many people, we have had about 50 on occasion and can proudly say that we have not missed one service since we have gone online. Our Zoom channel, as some refer to it, is robust and many find it a comfort if they have suffered a loss. Others enjoy the companionship that is offered. And the convenience of avoiding the traffic and the chilly temperatures is greatly appreciated by many.

I am not certain how many synagogues in the USA or even Canada can say that they offer daily Minyanim, but thankfully we are among those that do. So, after reading the article, I am assured that we are right up there with the best that is out there now. We might even have been the vanguard of this development. Yasher Koach to the Cantor, Max and all those who were able to pivot to this type of service and to all who make it happen by tuning into our Zoom channel.

Enjoy Passover, the Festival of Spring and the Season of our Freedom. May we soon experience freedom from our restricted lives and be able to enjoy the beauty, warmth, and joy from our surroundings and our family and friends.

Now for those looking for some trivia:

A giant matzah ball was unveiled at the 3rd annual Tucson Jewish Food Festival in 2010. It weighed 488 pounds and measured 106 inches in diameter. The ingredients included more than 1,000 eggs, 25 pounds of chicken fat and 125 pounds of matzo

meal. And for the chicken soup alone, chefs used 320 chickens, 80 pounds of carrots, 40 pounds of celery and 40 pounds of onions.² Can anyone beat that?

Abraham Lincoln was shot on the fourth night of Passover. “The next morning, Jews who wouldn’t normally have attended services on the holiday were so moved by Lincoln’s passing they made their way to synagogues, where the normally celebratory Passover services were instead marked by acts of mourning and the singing of Yom Kippur hymns. American Jews were so affected by the president’s death that Congregation Shearith Israel in New York recited the prayer for the dead — usually said only for Jews — on Lincoln’s behalf.”³

“The traditional charoset is a sweet Passover paste whose texture is meant as a reminder of the mortar the enslaved Jews used to build in ancient Egypt. The name itself is related to the Hebrew word for clay. In Ashkenazi tradition, it is traditionally made from crushed nuts, apples, and sweet red wine, while Sephardic Jews use figs or dates. But the tiny Jewish community of (Gibraltar) this small British territory at the tip of the Iberian Peninsula takes the brick symbolism to another level, using the dust of actual bricks in their recipe.”³ I have heard of dust in the wind, but this was also something new for me.

Sources:

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Susan Inhaber,
NML Commissioner

April Bonus Dates:

Sunday	April 11, 2021	29 Nissan	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	April 18, 2021	6 Iyyar	9:00am	6:00pm
Sunday	April 25, 2021	13 Iyyar	9:00am	6:00pm
Thursday	April 29, 2021	17 Iyyar	9:00am	6:00pm
Friday	April 30, 2021	18 Iyyar	9:00am	N/A

A Virtual Night of Mirth and Mitzvot

Beth Tzedec is delighted to honour **Maxine Fischbein** and **Markham Silver** for their many years of outstanding service for the benefit of our *kehilla*. Both of them have shared their expertise in many ways including Executive and Board of Directors leadership roles, leading services and always responding in the affirmative in our times of need.

Please join us in celebrating and recognizing their exceptional contribution to Beth Tzedec in a special live streamed event on May 12, 2021.

Please honour Maxine and Markham with your sponsorship. Your gift will build our permanent legacy for future innovation and growth.

For sponsorship opportunities or tickets please go to <https://bethzedec.ca/events/night-of-mirth>.

A Virtual Night of Mirth and Mitzvot
An "M&M" Event honouring Maxine Fischbein and Markham Silver

Entertainment by
Stand-Up Comedian
Avi Liberman

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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.



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
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Did you know?

The estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future is approaching \$1.5 million and continues to grow. To date, more than \$16 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.



PROGRAMS

Talmudic Top Ten via Zoom**Thursdays - 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@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

BTZ Family Shabbat and Hang with PJ Library via Zoom**Friday, April 9th – 5:30-6:15pm**

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@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 ext. 6. RSVP to <https://cutt.ly/shabbathang>.

Hebrew School but Better: Young Adult Wisdom Series via Zoom**Thursday, April 22nd - 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>.

Hazak 55+ Presents

Pandemic Cooking with ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen's Caitlyn Pattison
Thursday, April 22nd - 1:00pm via Zoom

Shots are going into arms, but COVID-19 health measures are still in place. Need some tips on planning, shopping for, and cooking healthy meals for one or two? Then this program with BFK Home Economist Caitlyn Pattison is for you! RSVP to info@bethzedec.ca or 403-255-8688 by April 20th for the Zoom link and password. For more information contact maxinef18@shaw.ca.

Please plan to join us for this upcoming Hazak 55+ program:

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.

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.

Bikkur Cholim: You are a Life-Line!

When our members are ill at home or in the hospital, a caring visit or phone call can lift their spirits and help them heal physically and spiritually.

Please call or email Cantor Russ (403-255-8688 or

CantorRuss@bethzedec.ca) with the names of congregants who are hospitalized or are ill at home. We will arrange a call or a caring note.

Please know that we would rather receive 20 calls about the same person than none at all.



Sophie Ginzberg
April 10, 2021
28 Nisan 5781

Sophie Ava Ginzberg will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Sophie's proud parents are Sarah and Ben Ginzberg, and she is the big sister to her equally proud younger brother Henry.

Sophie is a kind, compassionate, warm individual, and her loyalty to her friends and family knows no bounds. She is passionate about animals, loves spending time with her cousins and can spend hours with her brother wrestling, playing Minecraft or making everyone laugh.

Sophie attended The Calgary Jewish Academy from Nursery through Grade 6 and has been attending Calgary Academy since September of 2020. Her time at The CJA enabled her to form lifelong bonds with her peers and mentors, and she has continued that tradition at her new school.

Although she is unable to celebrate in-person with the majority of her friends and family, Sophie is looking forward to sharing her special day via Beth Tzedec's live stream. She also looks forward to hopefully celebrating her Bat Mitzvah this summer in Israel.

We are so proud of Sophie and all the time and effort she has put into preparing for her special day. We thank the Clergy and Staff at Beth Tzedec for their help and guidance and Sophie's grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins for all their unwavering love and support.

Akiva Libin
April 24, 2021
12 Iyyar 5781



Akiva will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 24, 2021. Mazel Tov to Akiva and his family: Micah and Raphaele, Thu and Adar. Proud grandparents are Carolyn and Bruce Libin and Hung Huynh and Dung Pham.

Akiva is in Grade 7 at The Calgary Jewish Academy. He loves writing stories in Language Arts and problem-solving in Math. At The CJA, Akiva has shone on the stage and explored deep scientific questions in Science Fair. This year, Akiva combined his passion for Judaism and video games when he built a replica of the Second Temple in Minecraft for Jewish Social Studies. Akiva has been blessed with devoted teachers and an especially tight-knit group of friends, some of whom have been classmates for ten years and others who have stayed close despite moving to other schools and other cities.

Akiva and his brother, Adar, ski the moguls like pros doing daffies and getting major air. In calmer moments, Akiva plays piano beautifully and can sing Hamilton by heart. Akiva always has something new and interesting to tell you.

Akiva has been working on his D'Var Torah with Jonah Potasznik and his parsha with Cantor Russ. He thanks everyone for their support.

For his Mitzvah Project, Akiva is supporting Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society (AARCS) to help more furry friends find their new homes like his dogs, Izzy and Yoshi. Mazel Tov, Akiva! Woof!

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Anita Herman and Family, on the loss of her husband, Dennis Herman
 By Saul Price

Judy Dvorkin, on the loss of her sister, Sharon Libin
 By Reva Faber

Karry Taylor, on the loss of her grandmother
 By Arlein and Judy Chetner

Murray and Donna Caplan, on the loss of his sister
 By Al Olsten

Anita Cohen, on the loss of her daughter, Debbie
 By Edith Pomerance

Harriet and Phil Libin
 Sheila Steinfeld and Family

Aaron Berman and Family, on the loss of their wife and mother, Sherry Berman
 By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Elliot and Linda Katz
 Joyce Forman

Alain and Pam Vermette
 Irwin and Hope Rajesky

Bert Glow

Shirley, Rhonda and Danny Goldberg
 and Family

Gavriel and Hana Harel

David and Sonia Bickman

Phil and Harriet Libin

Reva Faber

Judy Adler

Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Janice Middleman

Phil and Harriet Libin and Family, on their recent losses

By Janice Middleman

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

By Janice Middleman

Eric Rosenbaum and Family, on the loss of his mother, Mona Rosenbaum

By Hope and Irwin Rajesky

Bert Glow

Ron and Barb Krell

Lila Mydlarski

Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Louise Glin

Judy and Arlein Chetner

Gayle Sherman and Brian Shustack

Therese Nagler

Steven and Jill Shapiro, on the loss his aunt, Mona Rosenbaum

By Lila Mydlarski

Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Mona Rosenbaum

By Lila Mydlarski

Judy and Arlein Chetner

Reva Faber

GET WELL

Joan Robins

By Elaine and Stuart Myron

Debbie Krygier

By Shirley Goldberg and Family

Harriet Libin

By Ruth Shapiro

Elaine and Stuart Myron

Nat and Harriette Alexander

Louise Maerov

By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

Shelly Maerov

By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

THANK YOU

Maureen Popiolek and Laurie Freedman

By Claire and Ben Berman

Allan and Michelle Donsky

By Akiba and Yerusha Charikar

Milt and Maxine Fischbein

By Akiba and Yerusha Charikar

THINKING OF YOU

Maxine Fischbein

By Arlein and Judy Chetner

PASSOVER GREETINGS

Nat and Harriette Alexander and Family

By Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Bernie and Sandy Corenblum and Family

By Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Milt and Maxine Fischbein and Family

By Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Lenny and Harriet Waghelstein and Family

By Bob and Cheryl Shiell

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

THANK YOU

Arlein and Judy Chetner

By Deb, Adam, Hannah, Lilah and Benji Silver

CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND

MAZEL TOV

Sid and Bronia Cyngiser, on the occasion of their anniversary

By Wayne and Asher Pertman

Lea Kohn, on the occasion of her 90th birthday

By Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

Lea Kohn, on the occasion of her 90th birthday

By Harvey and Alexandra Cyngiser

SYMPATHY

Anita Herman and Family, on the loss of her husband Dennis

By Hilda and Lenny Smith

LEV SHALEM SABBATH & FESTIVAL BOOK FUND SYMPATHY

Aaron, Jed and Leonard Berman, on the loss of their wife and mother, Sherry Berman

By Sheila and Don Katz

Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Mona Rosenbaum

By Judy and Arlein Chetner

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND SYMPATHY

Aaron Berman and Family, on the loss of their wife and mother, Sherry Berman

By Hilda and Lenny Smith

LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTEL RABBINIC CHAIR FUND MAZEL TOV

Sid and Bronia Cyngiser, on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Lea Kohn, on the occasion of her 90th birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Rose Zivot, on the occasion of her special day

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

SYMPATHY

Darryl and Ellen Fridhandler and Family

on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Ruth

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Aaron Berman and Family, on the loss of their wife and mother, Sherry

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

Danna, Harvey, Howard and Michael Harmatz and Families, on the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Judy

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Mona

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

GET WELL

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Joan Robins

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

Harriet Libin

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

THANK YOU

Jennifer Moscovitz and Ian Zipursky and Family

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

***NORMAN & BEULAH MARTIN
CANTORIAL CHAIR FUND***

SYMPATHY

Harriet and Phil Libin, on the loss of their niece Sharon

By Beulah Martin

THINKING OF YOU

Harriet Libin

By Beulah Martin

Morris Dancyger

By Beulah Martin

***BTZ LEGACY FUND
SYMPATHY***

Laura Shuler, on the loss of Mona Rosenbaum

By Laurie Abernethy

YAHARZEIT FUND

Joseph Shapiro, beloved father

By Ruth Shapiro

Minnie Dubisky, beloved mother

By Jerry Dubisky

Jack Robinstone, beloved father

By Faith Dubisky

Leo Dressler, beloved grandfather

By Maxine and Milt Fischbein

Morley Wolfman, beloved father

By Maxine and Milt Fischbein

Esther Zuidema, beloved aunt

By Cheryl Zack

Meyer Posen, beloved grandfather

By Cheryl Zack

Mary Berman, beloved mother and grandmother

By Aaron, Jed and Leonard Berman

Daphne Lazarus, beloved mother

By Eva Falla

Joe Goldstein, beloved father

By Ken Goldstein

Oscar Kirshner, beloved husband

By Louise Kirshner

Nicolae Halmos, beloved father

By Ritta Vladut

Bernard Laven, beloved father,

grandfather and great grandfather

By Lori Gray, Shel Laven, Craig Laven and Families

Kalman Jablonka, beloved father

By The Jablonka Family

Hyman Levitt, beloved father

By Mel Levitt

Pinchas Glinkewicz, beloved father-in-law

By Louise Glin

Stanley Verner, beloved father

By Hope Rajesky

Sarah Gurevitch, beloved mother,

grandmother and great grandmother

By Ralph and Sheila Gurevitch

Sam Feshbein, beloved uncle

By Ralph and Sheila Gurevitch

Tiba Belkin, beloved grandmother

By Myrna Pearlmuter-Hudes and Family

Lily Fishman, beloved mother

By Sam Fishman

Lily Fishman, beloved aunt

By Walter Moscovitz

Louis Silver, beloved father

By Markham and Lisa Silver

Beckie Levitt Cohen, beloved mother

By Mel Levitt

Jack Goodman, beloved father

By George Goodman

Leon Hapton, beloved husband

Rebecca Hapton

Samuel Goldstein, beloved father

By Miriam Reder

Marcus Diamond, beloved uncle

By Marni Besser

Max Bobroff, beloved father

By Wayne Bobroff and Family

Sadie Fishman, beloved mother

By Arthur P. Fishman

Harry Sheftel, beloved father-in-law and grandfather

By Marilyn Sheftel and Family

Max Switzer, beloved grandfather

By Darlene Switzer-Foster

Sara Isman, beloved mother

By Bonnie Vogel

Anne M. Gordon, beloved mother and grandmother

By Carey and Stan Smith and Family

Esther Safran, beloved grandmother
By Jaclyn and Laura Safran

Harry Polsky, beloved grandfather
By Marilyn Sheftel and Hartley Yuffe

Harry Sheftel, beloved father
By Rose Zivot

Charles (Karcsi) Feher, beloved father
and grandfather

By Susan, David, Josh and Jon Inhaber

Saul Ullman, beloved grandfather
By Phil Ullman

Elka Ullman, beloved grandmother
By Phil Ullman

Adele Rajesky, beloved wife and
mother

By Irwin, Allan and Leah

Ruth Levitt, beloved mother
By Sandy and Bernie Corenblum and
Family

Mort Levitt, beloved father
By Sandy and Bernie Corenblum and
Family

Henry Plucer, beloved father
By Ron Plucer

Dr. Uldarico Castano Cardenos,
beloved father

By Monica Samchek and Family

SPECIAL YAHRZEIT FUND

Bella Oykman, beloved mother
By Alexander Oykman

Evelyn Busheikin, beloved mother
By David Busheikin

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.

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.

In-person Prayer Services

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 see our website at <https://bethtzedec.ca/worship/holidays/service-times/> for Prayer Service Guidelines and Service Times.

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!

PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

	<p>Beth Tzedec is on facebook! Click HERE for the link or search for Beth Tzedec Congregation on facebook.</p>
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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 Southbound on 37th STREET and you will arrive at the 37th Street Cemetery/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, 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.

Cemetery Entry Code

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

BTZ Gift Shop

Come and see what is in store for you!



The BTZ Gift Shop is open by appointment only.
Please call the office at 403-255-8688 to book your appointment.