

 **BETH TZEDEC**  
SHOFAR

**December 2021**  
**Kislev-Tevet 5782**



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

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Wednesday December 1st

Hanukkah Night 4  
4:00pm Teen Hang  
7:00pm BTZ Board Meeting (*Members Welcome*)

### Thursday December 2nd

Hanukkah Night 5  
3:30pm Homework Club  
7:00pm Sfinge and Spirits!

### Friday December 3rd

Hanukkah Night 6  
5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner  
6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Candle Lighting: 4:13pm  
TORAH: MIKKETS

### Shabbat December 4th

Hanukkah Night 7  
9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 5:28pm  
6:30pm Wicks and Flicks

### Sunday December 5th

Hanukkah Night 8  
10:00am Shul School

### Tuesday December 7th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

### Thursday December 9th

3:30pm Homework Club  
7:00pm Hazak and JHSSA Program

### Friday December 10th

Candle Lighting: 4:11pm  
6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
6:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner

TORAH: VAYIGGASH

### Shabbat December 11th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
4:30pm Bar Mitzvah

Matthew Yerema

Shabbat Ends: 5:27pm

### Sunday December 12th

10:00am Shul School  
10:30am Schmooze School

### Monday December 13th

6:30pm Keruv Class  
7:00pm Teen Learning Project

### Tuesday December 14th

4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

### Wednesday December 15th

4:00pm Teen Hang

### Thursday December 16th

3:30pm Homework Club  
5:00pm Multi-Gen Challah Braid

7:00pm Hebrew School but Better

### Friday December 17th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 4:12pm  
TORAH: VAYHI

### Shabbat December 18th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
9:00am Bar Mitzvah  
David Samchek

4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 5:33pm

### Friday December 24th

12:00pm Office Closed  
6:00pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 4:15pm  
TORAH: SHEMOT

### Shabbat December 25th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service  
4:30pm Live Streaming Service  
Shabbat Ends: 5:33pm

### Monday December 27th

Office Closed

### Tuesday December 28th

Office Closed

### Wednesday December 29th

Office Closed

### Friday December 13th

12:00pm Office Closed  
TORAH: VA'ERA  
Candle Lighting: 4:21pm



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# Beth Tzedec Congregation

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## Cantor's Notes



Spinning the *dreidel*, or *sevivon* in the Hebrew, is perhaps one of the most famous customs associated with Hanukkah even though it is never mentioned in any official account of the story. Indeed, so widespread and popular is this custom that various rabbis throughout the centuries have tried to find an integral connection between the *dreidel* and the events of Hanukkah, even if it was a stretch to do so, lest it would be thought that they condoned the evils of gambling.

One 19th Century rabbi maintained that Jews played with the *dreidel* in order to fool the Greeks if they were caught studying Torah, which had been outlawed. Others figured out elaborate plays on words and *gematriot* (numerological explanations based on the fact that every Hebrew letter has a numerical equivalent) for the letters *nun*, *gimmel*, *hey*, and *shin*. For example, the standard rabbinic explanation is that the letters *nun*, *gimmel*, *hey*, and *shin*, which appear on the *dreidel* in the Diaspora, stand for *nes gadol haya sham* - a great miracle happened there. Now if you don't like that explanation, *nun*, *gimmel*, *hey*, and *shin* in *gematria* equals 358, which is also the numerical equivalent of *mashiach* or Messiah; and finally, there is another rabbinic gloss in which the letters *nun*, *gimmel*, *hey*, and *shin* are supposed to represent the four kingdoms that tried to destroy us in ancient times: *nun* = Nebuchadnezzar = Babylon; *hey* = Haman = Persia; *gimmel* = Gog = Greece; and *shin* = Seir = Rome.

In reality though, all of these intricate explanations, no matter how elegant they may be, were invented after the fact. The *dreidel* game originally had nothing to do with Hanukkah; it has been played by various people, in various languages, for many centuries.

In England and Ireland there was a game played by spinning a top called *totum* or *teetotum* that became especially popular at Christmastime, the season during which Hanukkah sometimes falls. In English, this game is first mentioned as *totum* in holiday writings starting around 1500-1520 CE.

The name comes from the Latin word “*totum*” which means “all”, and the four letters that were painted on the top were said to represent four English words: T = Take; H = Half; P = Put; and N = Nothing.

Our version for Hanukkah is directly based on the German equivalent of the English/Irish *totum* game. In German, the game was called *torrel* or *trundl*, after the German word for “top”, and in Yiddish, this became *dreidel* after the Yiddish version of the same word. In German, the letters painted on the top were: N = *Nichts* = nothing; G = *Ganz* = all; H = *Halb* = half; and S = *Stell ein* = put in. In Yiddish the *nun*, *gimmel*, *hey*, and *shin* were used instead of the German letters, and they represented the same outcomes of the spin as in the German original.

Thus the *dreidel* game represents an irony of Jewish history. In order to celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah, which celebrates our victory over cultural assimilation, we play at spinning the *dreidel*, which is an excellent example of cultural assimilation! Of course, there is a world of difference between imitating non-Jewish games and worshipping idols, but the irony remains nonetheless.

A Hanukkah of light and peace to all, and when you play *dreidel* may you never have to “put in” more than you “take”.

*Chag Urim Sameach!!!*

*Cantor Russell Jayne*

*Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair*

## Life Cycle Events

### Memorial Notices

Shirley Ann Goldberg, mother of Rhonda Goldberg and Daniel (Elisa) Goldberg and sister of Estelle (Jerry) Bleet, Ron Hurov and Harvey (Rickie) Hurov. Shirley passed away on October 29, 2021. The funeral was held on Monday, November 1, 2021.

### B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel tov to: Parents Adam Maerov and Margie Sills-Maerov, brothers Joshua and Jordan Maerov and grandparents Shelly and Louise Maerov and Gordon and Jean Sills on the occasion of Jonah's Bar Mitzvah on November 13th.

*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](mailto:info@bethzedec.ca).*



# LOOKING FORWARD

*A Message from Lorne Pearl*

**Life and Legacy:** These words are central to the parsha we read during Beth Tzedec's LIFE & LEGACY Shabbat. Parshat Vayishlach focuses on the lives, struggles and triumphs of brothers Jacob and Esau.

It is in this parsha that Jacob encounters "a man" and they wrestle. Although the wrestling match lasts for hours, Jacob refuses to give up. The man, who turns out to be an angel, asks Jacob to stop fighting. Jacob says he will not stop until the angel blesses him.

The angel agrees and bestows on Jacob a new name: Israel. Jacob's determination earns him his place in history and allows him to leave an extraordinary legacy.

Make no mistake, Jacob sacrificed for it. The angel dislocated Jacob's hip while he still had a lot of walking to do (I'm sure there are some people in our kehillah who can relate to how painful a dislocated hip can be!).

Why did Jacob continue his struggle with the angel? We learn the answer to this later, when Hashem blesses Jacob, telling him to be fruitful and multiply and promising him the land that will become known as Israel. In this same parsha, we also learn the names of Jacob's children, who will continue his legacy.

Jacob's brother, Esau, also builds a legacy. The generations that follow him become chieftains and kings. Each has a vision and the drive to make it happen.

In 1986, Beth Tzedec was born because of a shared vision for our future as a kehillah. It is because of our collective drive that we remain strong as a Conservative shul, providing religious, educational, social and tikkun olam opportunities for our congregants and community.

We are approaching our fortieth anniversary. This is a very important number in the Torah. It represents a generation, the approximate time it takes for the people who created something to be in a position to hand it over to a new generation.

We are grateful to those who created Beth Tzedec and mindful of the "dislocated hips" they endured along the way.

Those who built Beth Tzedec, and those who support it today, continue to have a central role to play in ensuring a legacy for generations to come.

Parashat Vayishlach reminds us that our forefathers left us a rich legacy. We, in turn, can emulate their actions by planning our own after-lifetime legacy in support of Beth Tzedec and other community organizations that have been there for us and our loved ones.

Your gift will help to ensure that your name is forever linked with the causes that mean most to you. And participation in the LIFE & LEGACY program feels great in more ways than one. There are potential tax benefits to your charitable gift. Why not maximize your charitable giving instead of your taxes?

While some LIFE & LEGACY donors have chosen to support Beth Tzedec through bequests, there are other affordable options that may appeal to younger donors. I chose to invest in life insurance, naming Beth Tzedec and other organizations as beneficiaries.

In my case, the yearly payment is tax deductible.

There are many ways to be a part of LIFE & LEGACY. And when you do so, you help to ensure that participating organizations benefit in another important way. Thanks to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, LIFE & LEGACY partner organizations that meet their annual goals are rewarded with incentive grants. Beth Tzedec has been achieving these goals and adding our incentive grants to the Synagogue's LIFE & LEGACY endowment fund in order to ensure that those plus dollars support Beth Tzedec in perpetuity, just like your LIFE & LEGACY gift will one day do.

An important part of Beth Tzedec's vision is the engagement of youth, young families, and young professionals. Some of them may be your own kids and grandkids. Cantor Jayne and Jonah Potasznik have been running many wonderful events and learning opportunities for them, from Shul School, B'nai Mitzvah Classes and Homework Club to Shabbat dinners and holiday programming.

In order to attract young congregants, we need to keep participation in Beth Tzedec life affordable. LIFE & LEGACY endowment funds will play an increasingly important role in helping us to achieve this vital goal.

Your LIFE & LEGACY gift is placed in an endowment fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary. The funds are invested with the principal remaining untouched. Only the interest on the capital can be drawn in support of the Synagogue.

As our LIFE & LEGACY fund grows, we will be increasingly able to offset the high cost of Synagogue participation for young families and others in need. As our sages tell us, the tree we plant today will provide fruit and shade in the future. If we all play a part, we can build an orchard!

Todah rabah to those who have already made their LIFE & LEGACY commitment. Please see page 14 for the names of those who have generously committed to after-lifetime gifts that will support our Synagogue in perpetuity

During Hanukkah, we rededicate ourselves to our Judaism. What better way to do that than by signing a LIFE & LEGACY letter of intent? If you have any questions or would like to discuss your legacy, please reach out to David Inhaber or me.

Todah rabah and Hag Hanukkah Sameach!

Lorne Pearl,  
*President*

### **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 Interim CEO David Inhaber at 403-255-8688, Ext. 1 or [ceo@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:ceo@bethtzedec.ca).

## From David's Desk



Hi Everyone,

We have just had another busy month at Beth Tzedec. I hope you enjoyed the 21<sup>st</sup> annual (and second virtual) Beth Tzedec Congregation Jewish Film Festival.

New this year were the screenings of two series, *Labyrinth of Peace* and *The New Jew*, both of which kept me mesmerized. In particular *The New Jew* offered us some perspective on the multiple ways Judaism is observed in our modern-day society. This subject matter provides great food for thought,

especially for synagogue leaders!

Yasher koach to Harvey Cyngiser and the entire film festival committee for another great season! While there are benefits to watching the films in the comfort of our own homes, I sure hope we will be able to gather at Beth Tzedec next year for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Film Festival. I miss the great conversation and snacks between screenings!

As Beth Tzedec's interim CEO I receive many telephone calls and emails, and I want to address some of the more frequently asked questions.

Some congregants who have not been attending Shabbat services during the pandemic have been telling me that they miss the information they used to get in *Lecha Dodi*, our weekly Shabbat bulletin. The good news is that we still publish *Lecha Dodi* weekly, and it is available online. You can access current and past copies by going to the Shul website at [www.bethtzedec.ca](http://www.bethtzedec.ca) and clicking on the publication tab on the top right corner of our main screen.

I'm sure one of the things that you will notice in *Lecha Dodi* week after week is the impressive programming that is going on. Under the leadership of Cantor Russell Jayne, Jonah Potasznik, our director of engagement, is busy offering programs like Homework Club, Teen Hang and monthly Shabbat dinners. The Cantor and Jonah are just getting started! There is much more programming coming for congregants of all ages, so please watch *Lecha Dodi*, *Shalom Byte* and *Shofar* for all the details.

We just celebrated our second annual LIFE & LEGACY Shabbat where more than 30 participants enjoyed a special service and a Kiddush Lunch comparable to our pre-pandemic festivities. With the help of generous sponsors, I am hoping we can resume our time-honoured custom of weekly Kiddush Lunches. If you wish to honour a lifecycle event, a loved one's birthday or a special anniversary by hosting a Congregational Kiddush, please let us know. It is a mitzvah to share our joy with our Synagogue family!

Returning to my inbox, some congregant questions pertain to a subject many of us do not really address until times of loss and grief. Many of our congregants take part in the Beth Tzedec Memorial Park plot plan, but recent discussions with congregants have revealed that some aspects of the plot plan are misunderstood.

Prior to the 1990s, every Beth Tzedec congregant was enrolled in the plot plan. While the plan is no longer available, those who previously took part in it are grandfathered. The easiest way to determine if you are paying into the plot plan is to look at your 2021/22 statement and see if you are being invoiced \$25.00 annually for each plot.

Participation in the plot plan does not mean that a congregant has purchased a specific plot; it does, however, provide for a free burial plot at the time he or she is laid to rest. Those on the plot plan should note that any interruption in annual financial support of the congregation voids the plot plan.

Membership has its privileges. While congregants who are not on the plot plan currently pay \$3,000 per plot and \$2,200 for perpetual care, the cost for non-congregants is \$6,000 for the plot and \$3,000 for perpetual care. Perpetual care is not covered under the plot plan and is invoiced at the time of burial.

It should be noted that congregant rates are valid as long as annual financial support of the Synagogue was maintained for five consecutive years; otherwise the individual is assessed at the non-congregant rate.

While plot plan rules and pricing are not negotiable, I am very happy to speak with you if you have questions regarding Beth Tzedec Memorial Park and the plot plan. May we more often meet to discuss simchas!

In other Beth Tzedec news, I am excited to remind everyone that we will soon have something wonderful to celebrate! Cantor Russell Jayne will receive his *smicha*—rabbinical ordination—on December 19! Mazel Tov to our future Congregational Rabbi! I see a party in our future. . .

I want to once again thank the growing list of LIFE & LEGACY donors who have blessed Beth Tzedec and the community with promises of after-lifetime gifts. We are grateful for your support which will help us to ensure the strength of Beth Tzedec and Jewish Calgary in perpetuity. If you have not already signed a Letter of Intent, I thank you for considering what your Legacy will be.

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

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

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

David Inhaber, FCPA, FCGA  
Interim CEO



Hanukkah is upon us and here are some jokes to add to the joy of the holiday.

Miriam goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Hanukkah cards one year. She says to the cashier, "Please may I have 50 Hanukkah stamps?"

The cashier asks, "What denomination?"

Miriam says, "Oy vey, has it come to this? Okay, give me 6 Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform."

Last December, a grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife. "You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T." She continued, "There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out, I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell." "Grandma, that sounds easy," replied the grandson, "but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow"? To which she answered, "You're coming empty handed?"

### Hanukkah Songs that Never Quite Caught On

- Oy to the World
- Schlepping through a Winter Wonderland
- Hava Negilah – The Megamix
- Bubbie Yetta Got Run Over by a Reindeer
- Enough with those facackennah Jingle Bells Already... Sheez!
- Matzo Man (by the Lower East Side Village People)
- I Have a Little Dreidel (the Barking Dog Version)
- Come on Baby, Light My Menorah
- Deck the Halls with Balls of Matzos
- Silent Night? I Should Be So Lucky

### Which hand is best to light the menorah with?

Neither....it's best to light it with a candle.

### How much Hanukkah gelt did the skunk get?

One cent.

### What's the best Hanukkah gift for the person who has everything?

A burglar alarm.

### What do you call a speck that falls into the latke pan?

An unidentified frying object.

### Why don't we eat clowns at Hanukkah?

Because they taste funny.

**What's the difference between Hanukkah and a dragon?**

One lasts for eight nights, the other sometimes ate knights.

**What's the best thing to put into the sufganiyot?**

Your teeth.

It was Hanukkah and the tiny village was in fear of not having any latkes because they had run out of flour.

Rudi, the rabbi, was called upon to help solve the problem. He said, "Don't worry, you can substitute matzo meal for the flour and the latkes will be just as delicious!"

Sheila looked to her husband and said, "Morty...you think it'll work?"

Morty said, "Of course! Everybody knows...Rudolph, the Rav, knows grain dear!"

Wishing you all a very Happy Hanukkah. May the lights of the menorah burn brightly bringing you joy and festive times with your family and friends.

Source: <https://www.aish.com/j/fs/Worlds-Greatest-Chanukah-Jokes.html>

Warmest wishes,  
Susan Inhaber,  
*NML Commissioner*

**December NML Bonus Dates**

|                   |          |        |        |
|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| December 12, 2021 | 8 Tevet  | 9:00am | 6:00pm |
| December 19, 2021 | 15 Tevet | 9:00am | 6:00pm |
| December 26, 2021 | 22 Tevet | 9:00am | 6:00pm |
| December 29, 2021 | 25 Tevet | 9:00am | 6:00pm |
| December 30, 2021 | 26 Tevet | 9:00am | 6:00pm |
| December 31, 2021 | 27 Tevet | 9:00am | 6:00pm |

**Bikkur Cholim: You are a Lifeline!**

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](mailto: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.



## **Matthew Yerema**

**December 11, 2021**  
**7 Tevet 5782**

Matthew Yerema will be called to the Torah on December 11th, marking a major milestone for him and his family. Matthew is an incredible son, brother and friend to all of the people who are fortunate enough to have him in their lives. His passion for the outdoors, first fostered by his Saba, Moty Levant, has taken him on many adventures including Camp Hatikvah - this coming summer he will be spending an entire month doing all of the things he loves. Matthew is also a big animal lover, not only nurturing the animals in his life - Tovah, Rufus, Theo and Benson - but also leading him to give back by donating to the Animal Rescue Foundation.

Anyone who knows Matthew will tell you he is caring, loyal, wickedly smart, and very unique. The strange and beautiful things in this world are embraced and celebrated with him. He loves Greek mythology, reading, writing code, playing video games and tinkering with his 3D printer to produce his next crazy creation. However, the thing that stands out most is his sense of humour. Matthew has an uncanny way to disarm any situation and add his one-of-a-kind spin that leaves you laughing and wondering where on earth he came from.

Matthew also loves to travel. He has visited Israel twice, as well as many other notable places - including England, California, Hawaii and Saskatchewan. We have no doubt these are just the beginning of what promises to be a life of adventure.

As Matthew put it once, "Torah is life." And so far, his life has been a pretty incredible one. We can't wait to see what comes next.

Mazel tov Matthew!



**David Samchek**  
**December 18, 2021**  
**14 Tevet 5782**

David Samchek, son of Alan Samchek<sup>z"l</sup> and Mónica Castaño Samchek, brother of Moriah, grandson of Lena Sawchuk and Balbina Martínez de Castaño, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 18, 2021.

David has always been drawn to learning about Jewish traditions and values from his loving family, the nurturing environment of the Calgary Jewish Academy, the empowering relationships of the vibrant Jewish community, and the religious guidance in the B'nai Mitzvah program at Beth Tzedec. He believes in the importance of being an active member of the Jewish community by participating regularly in services, youth activities with BBYO, and volunteering for holiday celebrations with the Synagogue family.

Academically, David is an honours student at the CJA with interests in Judaic studies, science and mathematics. He received a silver medal at his first Calgary Youth Science Fair. He enjoys debating, the investigative and problem solving process.

David is also an exceptional athlete who loves to play hockey, soccer, volleyball and basketball. Highlights of his accomplishments include winning the 2021-2022 Junior High Volleyball League Championship Tournament with his team, participating in El Real Madrid campus experience in Spain, playing in the Tier 1 Premier Soccer team and qualifying for the 2022 Needham soccer Tournament in Boston.

David has always shown great concern for the wellbeing of others. At this special time in his life, he continues to practice the Jewish value of tzedakah through supporting the Dorshei Tzedec teen philanthropy program and the UJA campaign.



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:**

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| Anonymous (7)                     | Ellen Magidson                          |
| Judith and Christopher Baron-Bown | Sahbra Markus                           |
| Jenny Belzberg                    | Elaine and Stuart Myron                 |
| Melissa and Daniel Blitt          | Beth and Rob Ordman                     |
| Marnie and Darren Bondar          | Al Osten                                |
| Val and Lou Bracey                | Lorne Pearl                             |
| Maxine and Milt Fischbein         | Earl Raber                              |
| Sarah and Ben Ginzberg            | Kimberly Rothenberg and Leonard Seidman |
| Benjamin Grintuch                 | Brenda and Garry Sapoznikow             |
| Cheryl and Jason Gurevitch        | Betty Ann Sherwood                      |
| Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch        | Cheryl and Bob Shiell                   |
| Susan and David Inhaber           | Deborah Shnay                           |
| Josh Inhaber                      | Sandy Shuler                            |
| Russell George Jayne              | Deborah and Adam Silver                 |
| Diana Kalef and Elliott Steinberg | Becky and Brad Spier                    |
| Barb and Ron Krell                | Helen and Mark Swartz                   |
| Eddy Lang                         | Darlene Switzer-Foster                  |
| Harriet and Phil Libin            | Ida and Sam Switzer                     |
| Lily and Bill Lister              | Mira and Joey Tappenden                 |

**Did you know?**

The estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future has topped \$1.5 million and continues to grow. To date, close to \$15 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 Lorne Pearl at [president@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:president@bethtzedec.ca) or Interim CEO David Inhaber at [ceo@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:ceo@bethtzedec.ca).



## BTZ Hazak and JHSSA Present

*More Stories from Reinach Avenue:*

# *Calgary's Forgotten Jewish Street*



**Baron Jacques de Reinach, 1893**  
*Les Annales politiques et littéraires*,  
11e année, n° 497, 1er janvier 1893.



"Mrs. C. G. Kinnisten's residence,  
Calgary, Alberta", ca. 1900  
Courtesy of Libraries and Cultural  
Resources Digital Collections,  
University of Calgary

Back by popular demand!  
Join **Harry Sanders** for two presentations  
expanding on his well-received Historic  
Calgary Week 2021 talk. He will continue  
exploring the history of 4th Avenue South,  
known as Reinach Avenue from 1884–1904,  
likely the only road in Calgary's history with a  
Jewish namesake.



"Bird's eye view of International Hotel and  
Summit Hotel, Calgary, Alberta", 1975  
by Duffoto. Courtesy of Libraries and  
Cultural Resources Digital Collections,  
University of Calgary

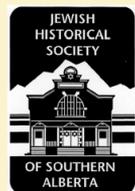


**Etta Sosinsky &  
Ruth Sherwood, 1941**  
On 4th Avenue, looking  
east toward the Cecil Hotel.

December 9<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm via Zoom

RSVP to [info@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:info@bethtzedec.ca)





# 8 Days of Hanukkah at BTZ

For more details and to register, visit our website at <https://bethtzedec.ca/education-and-programs/youth/>.



**Sunday  
November 28  
1:00-3:00pm**

Latke Drive-Thru,  
Pop-In Crafts  
and Loot Bags



**Monday  
November 29  
7:00pm**

Judaism's Next Top  
Carpenter: A Hanukkah  
Workshop for Teens in  
Grades 9-12



**Tuesday  
November 30  
7:00pm**

Hanukkah Party for  
teens in Grades 6-8  
(via Zoom)



**Wednesday  
December 1  
6:00pm**

Zoom Sing-Along and  
Cookie Bake with PJ Library®  
and Kesher



**Thursday  
December 2  
7:00pm**

Sfinge and  
Spirits!  
For Young  
Professionals



## Happy Hanukkah!



**Friday  
December 3  
5:30pm**

Family Shabbat Dinner  
Hanukkah Edition!



**Saturday  
December 4  
6:30pm**

Wicks and Flicks!  
Havdallah and the Movie *Soul*



**Sunday  
December 5**

Enjoy the 8th Night of  
Hanukkah with your family.



### Night 1 - Latke Drive-Thru, Pop-In Crafts and Loot Bags Sunday, November 28th - 1:00pm-3:00pm

Drive through the BTZ parking lot with your family to receive a hot plate of latkes with all the fixings. Families with young ones (or young ones at heart!) are invited to pop in the shul for a quick Hanukkah-themed craft project and loot bag.

Please register [here](#).

**Night 2 - Judaism's Next Top Carpenter:  
A Hanukkah Workshop for Teens in Grades 9-12  
Monday, November 29th - 7:00-9:00pm**

Come light the Hanukkah lights and learn some basic carpentry skills to build your own hanukkiah. We'll be led by everyone's favorite Jewish carpenter, Mr. Evan Gelman. In partnership with Kehilat Shalom.

Please register [here](#).

**Night 3 - Hanukkah Game Night via Zoom  
For Teens and Pre-teens in Grades 6-8  
Tuesday, November 30th - 7:00-8:30pm**

Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to hop on Zoom for a night of hanging out, playing games and candle lighting. Prizes are to be had...who will win the ugly Hanukkah sweater this year?? A zoom link will be provided with registration.

Please register [here](#).

**Night 4 - Sing-Along and Cookie Baking with PJ Library and Kesher  
Wednesday, December 1st - 6:00-7:00pm**

Light the fourth candle, sing your favourite Hanukkah songs and bake Hanukkah cookies with families from all over Jewish Calgary. A zoom link will be provided with registration. Register by emailing Kathie Wainer at [kwainer@jewishcalgary.org](mailto:kwainer@jewishcalgary.org)

**Night 5 - Sfinge and Spirits!  
Hanukkah Cooking Workshop with Calgary Jewish Young Professionals  
Thursday, December 2nd - 7:00-9:00pm**

Come join young professionals across the Calgary Jewish community to learn how to make sfinge, a traditional Moroccan Hanukkah dessert. Stay for a l'chaim or two. In partnership with JAC, Kehilat Shalom and Temple B'nai Tikvah.

Please register [here](#).

**Night 6 - First Friday Family Shabbat Dinner Special Hanukkah Edition  
Friday, December 3rd - 5:30-8:00pm**

December's Family Shabbat will feature the programming and prayer your family loves, with a special menu with Hanukkah treats. Join families across Calgary in a ruach-filled Shabbat evening.

Please register [here](#).

**Night 7 - Wicks and Flicks Hanukkah + Havdalah Slumber Party Movie Night  
Saturday, December 4th  
6:30pm Havdalah and Candle Lighting  
7:00pm Movie**

Together as a community we'll celebrate Havdalah, light the hanukkiah, and enjoy a movie night in our spacious Abraham and Hinda Belzberg Social Hall. You bring the PJs, blankets and sleeping bags; we'll bring the snacks. We'll be watching the recent Pixar hit, Soul.

Please register here.

**Night 8 - Enjoy with your Family  
Sunday, December 5th - Night 8**

## PROGRAMS

### Teen Hang with BBYO Every other Wednesday evening December 1st and 15th

Grade 8 to 12 students are invited to come hang out, enjoy some refreshments, and work on homework or other projects alongside peers and adult mentors. Jonah will also be offering an optional Torah Lab for interested teens.

For more information contact Jonah Potasznik at [jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca](mailto:jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca).

### Homework Club at BTZ Thursday, December 2nd, 9th and 16th - 3:30-5:00pm

Homework Club offers students in grades 3-5 a chance to work on schoolwork in a relaxed, supportive space with the help of older students and mentors. Snacks will be provided, as well as fun activities to participate in with friends, once homework is done! The program is led by Engagement Director Jonah Potasznik. It is free for member families. Register at <https://cutt.ly/youthprograms>.

### Teen Learning Project Monday, December 13th - 7:00-8:30pm In partnership with Kehilat Shalom

Torah. Psychology. Philosophy. Pop culture. We'll use it all to better understand the world and our place in it. Join TLP for deep discussion, intense debate, and powerful insights on the biggest issues affecting our lives today.

Register at [www.cutt.ly/teenlearning](http://www.cutt.ly/teenlearning).

### Multi-Gen Challah Braids Thursday, December 16th - 5:00-7:00pm

Bring your family into the ancient and meaningful Jewish ritual of challah baking! This program is open to everyone, from challah mavens to novices. Prep your Shabbat challah in a fun environment with other BTZ families and the help of an expert facilitator. Leave with a loaf (or two!) ready to be popped in the oven for a delicious Shabbat experience at home.

This program is free to congregants and comes with a small fee for guests (\$18 per adult). Register at <https://cutt.ly/youthprograms>.

While we work to feed ourselves, we'll also make sure those in need have enough as well. Please bring two items of non-perishable food with you, to be donated to the JFSC Wynne Thal Pantry following the event.

**Hebrew School but Better****Thursday, December 16th - 7:00-8:30pm****Open to all Jewish young professionals**

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 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 that are available to us through ancient and classical Jewish sources. We'll provide the beer and spirits; you provide the curious spirit. And don't expect a lecture - we'll discuss, converse, and if all goes well, even argue a little bit. Register at [www.cutt.ly/hsbb](http://www.cutt.ly/hsbb).

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**Cheryl and Bob Shiell**, on the occasion of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

By Nat and Harriette Alexander

**Yvette Bradley**, on the occasion of her birthday

By Janice Middleman

**Peggy Mandelbaum**, on the occasion of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**Milt Fischbein**, on the occasion of his birthday

By Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips

**Fran Rice**, on the occasion of her birthday

By Janice Middleman

**Fran and Wayne Rice and Family**, on the occasion of their anniversary

By Janice Middleman

**SYMPATHY**

**Rhonda Goldberg and Family**, on the loss of her mother, Shirley Ann Goldberg

By Paulina and Lazar Ersh

Ben and Claire Berman

Albert, Debbie, Cory and

Nicki Krygier

Nat and Harriette Alexander, Tammy

and Jennifer

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**Harvey and Rickie Hurov**, on the loss of their sister and sister-in-law,

Shirley Ann Goldberg

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Harriet and Phil Libin

**Darryl and Alli Gurevitch**, on the loss of their cousin, Shirley Ann Goldberg

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**Estelle and Jerry Bleet and Family**, on the loss of their sister and sister-in-law, Shirley Ann Goldberg

By Albert and Debbie Krygier

Rosalie Shaw

Bonnie and Steven Buchalter

**Stan and Trish Mayer and Family**, on the loss of their mother

By Renee and Bruce Fogel and daughters

**GET WELL**

**Wayne Bobroff and Pearl Silverstein**

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**Albert Krygier**

Reva Faber

**HANUKKAH GREETINGS**

**Fran and Wayne Rice and Family**

By Janice Middleman

**THINKING OF YOU**

**Barry Goldberg and Family**

By Janice Middleman

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By Janice Middleman

**Albert Krygier**

By Reva Faber

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Nathaniel Cantor**, beloved friend

By Steven, Nicole, Josh and

Dan Rosendorff

**CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND****MAZEL TOV**

**Adam Silver**, on the occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Milt and Maxine Fischbein and Family

**SYMPATHY**

**Rhonda Goldberg and Family**, on the loss of Shirley Ann Goldberg

By Hilda, Lenny and Family

**THANK YOU**

**Harvey Cyngiser**

Reva Faber

**WEEKDAY SIDDUR SIM SHALOM BOOK FUND****MAZEL TOV**

**Walter Moscovitz**, on the occasion of his birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Shirley Ann Goldberg**

By Reesa Girvitz and Family

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

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**IN MEMORY OF**

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By Sandra and Haskel Eisner

**Rhonda Goldberg and Family**, in memory of Shirley Ann Goldberg

By Sandra and Haskel Eisner

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SYMPATHY**

**Mitch and Valerie Grossman**, on the loss of their cousin, Shirley Ann Goldberg

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**GET WELL**

**Mel Levitt**

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**Mimi Spier**, beloved sister

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**Mayer Miller**, beloved father

By Lila Mydlarski

**Motel Mittleman**, beloved grandfather

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By Marilyn Sheftel and Hartley Yuffe

**Fanny Sheftel**, beloved mother

By Rose Zivot

**Louis Judah Zivot**, beloved father-in-law

By Rose Zivot

**Eddie Stochinsky**, beloved brother

By Evelyn Viner

**Eddie Stochinsky**, beloved uncle

By Shirley Katz

**Isadore Goldenberg**, beloved father

By Jeanette Berger

**Edith Berger**, beloved sister

By Rudy Berger

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By Marilyn Sheftel and Family

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By Lea Kohn

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By Blair Waldman

**Jennie Brown**, beloved grandmother

By Alan Meyers

**Rose Jacobson**, beloved mother

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**Hella Lipsman**, beloved mother

By Max and Rochelle Lipsman

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### 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).



### Wynne Thal Pantry (Food Bank) 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.

## COVID Update

Beth Tzedec requires all congregants and visitors 12 years and older to be double vaccinated to enter the facility. Upon entry, proof of one of the following must be shown:

- Government-issued proof of COVID-19 double vaccination. To obtain proof of vaccination, please visit Alberta Vaccine Record Service;
- Proof of a privately paid negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of the service (tests from AHS or Alberta Precision Laboratories are not allowed); or
- Documentation of a medical exemption.

In addition, all programs including adult and youth programming will require indoor masking at all times unless consuming food.

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