



BETH TZEDEC

SHOFAR

July-August 2022
Tammuz-Av-Elul 5782



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Friday July 1st

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 9:36pm

TORAH: KORAH

Shabbat July 2nd

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

9:00am B'nai Mitzvah

Sarah and Jacob Lanyi

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 11:06pm

Friday July 8th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 9:32pm

TORAH: HUKKAT

Shabbat July 9th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

6:00pm B'not Mitzvah (*offsite*)

Shiloh and Soleil Blanchard

Shabbat Ends: 11:00pm

Sunday July 10th

10:00am Fresser Club

6:30pm Member Appreciation BBQ

Thursday July 14th

12:30pm Babies and Bumps

Friday July 15th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 9:26pm

TORAH: BALAK

Shabbat July 16th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

9:00am Bar Mitzvah

Kyler Bergman

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 10:51pm

Friday July 22nd

Candle Lighting: 9:18pm

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

TORAH: PINEHAS

Shabbat July 23rd

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 10:40pm

Sunday July 24th

10:00am Fresser Club

Thursday July 28th

12:30pm Babies and Bumps

Friday July 29th

Candle Lighting: 9:09pm

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

TORAH: MATTOT+MASEY

Shabbat July 30th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 10:27pm

Monday August 1st

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday August 5th

Candle Lighting: 8:57pm

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

TORAH: DEVARIM

Shabbat August 6th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 10:13pm

Tuesday August 9th

6:30pm NML Celebration Dinner

Thursday August 11th

12:30pm Babies and Bumps

Friday August 12th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 8:44pm

TORAH: VAETHANNAN

Shabbat August 13th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

9:00am Bat Mitzvah

Ella Olschewski

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 9:58pm

Friday August 19th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 8:31pm

TORAH: EKEV

Shabbat August 20th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 9:42pm

Thursday August 25th

12:30pm Babies and Bumps

Friday August 26th

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Candle Lighting: 8:16pm

TORAH: REEH

Shabbat August 27th

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service

6:00pm Live Streaming Service

Shabbat Ends: 9:25pm

Sunday August 28th

10:00am Drag Brunch

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Rabbi Cantor's Corner



Tisha b'Av is a fast day that commemorates the destruction of our ancient temple, first in 586 BCE, then again in 70 CE. I fast and pray on *Tisha b'Av*, but I don't want the Temple to be rebuilt. I have severe doubts about what would happen at a restored Temple site. Given the chaos that has accompanied Women of the Wall and the development of an egalitarian prayer space at the *Kotel*, the thoughts of what scenes might be associated with a Temple restored doesn't do a lot for me.

Yet, I do mourn on *Tisha b'Av*. I grieve for the lost lives, the violence, and the hopelessness that plagued our people when both Temples were destroyed. I imagine structure, ritual and meaning destroyed, and what it must have been like staring into the abyss of a world where it seemed that God no longer dwelled. I cannot even start to imagine how scary and empty and unknowably sad it must have been.

That is why for us today, centuries after the Temple, *Tisha b'Av* has become a container into which we can pour all our sorrow and fear. For generations, Jewish catastrophes have been attached to this date. The Crusades are said to have been launched on this day. Expulsions from both England and Spain are connected with *Tisha b'Av*, as is the mass deportation from the Warsaw ghetto to death camps during the *Shoah*. *Tisha b'Av* helps give shape to Jewish trauma. It is a day for communal mourning, for remembering what was, and for lamenting the loss of what might have been.

Now a mythic telling of the *Tisha b'Av* story would end there, but that really doesn't work for me and it might not work for you as 21st Century North American Jews. That is because, in the words of historian James Young, our traumatic memory is not only collective, it is also "collected." What this means is that our memory consists not only of the overarching story of our people, but also of personal narratives and experiences that we as individual Jews bring to the overall story.

Sometimes, these individual experiences map easily onto the history of our people such as the firsthand accounts of Crusaders' rampages and the expulsion from Spain, or the oral histories that continue to chronicle the experiences of *Holocaust* survivors. Yet sometimes people bear sorrow that is not part of our collective Jewish myth, but are still a central part of their own Jewish story and identity. Death, illness and violence haunt many of us, and many come to this day of communal sorrow with their own private burdens of suffering, not associated with the destruction of the Temple.

When I fast on *Tisha b'Av*, I try think of these people and their pain. I layer this onto my mourning for millennia of Jewish loss. I grieve for our collective trauma as well as for our collected traumas, and I pray not for a rebuilt Temple but for a future where we will only tell stories of abundance and joy.

May you all have a restful and restorative Summer.

Rabbi Cantor Russell G. Jayne

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair

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Silver Polishing

In addition to taking account of our spiritual life as Yontif approaches, we at Beth Tzedec also have to take an account of our beautiful Torah silver. This "accounting" will take place on **Tuesday, September 13th** from 10:00am-12noon with our Annual Silver Polishing Party. Milt Fischbein will be on hand to instruct us in the proper polishing technique, and Beth Tzedec will provide lunch for the volunteers. If you are available, please call the office at 403-255-8688 to sign up. Just a couple hours of your time will help make our sanctuary sparkle for the New Year.



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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. 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.



LOOKING FORWARD

A Message from Lorne Pearl

Shalom,

In preparation for this article, I looked at my AGM address from last year. It contained the words “It’s been a tough year”. While this year still had us recovering from world health issues, I truly feel that we have done a lot of great things and the first chapter of a new book is being written. This June has been filled with some uplifting and exciting events. Over 120 people joined us for Shabbat Dinner including lots of young families. We celebrated Shavuot that same weekend, where we had an incredible evening of eating and learning with another 120 people. These events show that our members and prospective members are hungry for food, fun and most important – community! But these results only happens when you have an equation on the other side (sorry, I’m a math guy at heart). And our equation is the sum of superstars. Last year I was speaking about how Cantor Russ was training for his *smicha*. You all know that he is now Rabbi Cantor Russ, and he is the centre of the ritual life of our *kehilla*. We are completing the final touches on a multi-year contract and look forward to having an installation event to say thank you to Rabbi Russ and his husband in the near future.

In last year’s address, I also spoke of our search for a permanent CEO. We had a number of highly qualified candidates and positive interviews. The committee’s mandate was to search until the right applicant was found which was followed by the decision that our Interim CEO, David Inhaber, is the right fit. His experience at Beth Tzedec, his knowledge of finance, his vision for the future resonated with the committee and the Board. David has been a great co-captain with Rabbi Russ and we are excited to keep the momentum moving forward. David, thank you for all your hard work and dedication, and Yasher Koach on your well-deserved transition to CEO, dropping the interim tag. I would like the thank the members of the search committee: Lou Bracey, Thu Libin, Stuart Myron, David Silverstone, Josh Switzer and Rabbi Russ.

A major part of our growth has been the work of Jonah Potaszniuk with Heather Lister and the Youth Committee. Jonah’s energy and programs have made students and young adults excited to be at Beth Tzedec, and their parents have followed. Jonah and his wife Angy are expecting their first child and will be travelling to Spain over the summer. I wish them *B’sh’ah Tovah* and look forward to seeing the three of them back in Calgary after High Holidays.

The addition of Ari Cohen to our all-star team has been great. He is our new Director of Education and will head up our Shul School, B’nai Mitzvah programs and fill in for Jonah while he’s away. Welcome back to Beth Tzedec, Ari, we are excited that you’ve returned.

None of the services, programs, events, *simchas*, are possible without our office and operations staff. Thank you to Jennifer Girvitz, who is moving into a new role of Executive Assistant to the Rabbi, Teresa Sofocleous, Adi Charikar, Yolanda Cea, Bill Barkaie and welcome to our newest addition, Jennifer Preece. I would also like to thank Rabbi Ilana, Max Lipsman and Elliott Steinberg for their important contributions throughout the year.

Another important part of the equation is our volunteers. I would like to highlight our National Minyan League. Thank you to all the daveners and team captains for not only ensuring we have twice daily Minyanim, but for also being there for each other, as a community, which is what I believe is the most important part of being a *kehilla*. Each year Beth Tzedec has the opportunity to name a Shem Tov, to recognize a volunteer who has gone above and beyond - this year our recipient is the NML Commissioner, Susan Inhaber. Susan's hard work and welcoming nature has helped grow the NML and we can't thank her enough for that, as well as the work she does on the Ritual Committee and volunteering whenever we ask. *Yasher Kochech* and *Todah Rabah* Susan!

Our Board of Directors volunteers hours of their time to look at the financial and overall health of the Shul. I would like to thank Josh Inhaber, Josh Switzer, Jeff Dworkin, Lorie Abernethy, Cheryl Shiell, Lou Bracey, Ian Cohen, Heather Lister, Eddy Lang, Klara Meyers, Gerald Pfeffer and Saul Prince for their guidance. This year, the Board undertook one of the most important processes in an organization – a review of our Strategic Plan. We started with the foundation of the Road to Financial Stability, which has served us well and which will continue to be an important part of how we make decisions at Beth Tzedec.

We brought in Vincent Duckworth and his team at Vitreo to guide us through the process. Vitreo has done Strategic Plans with various not-for-profits and have significant experience in the space.

I addressed the pillars and goals of our Strategic Plan in my AGM address, which can be found on the BTZ [website](#).

The message I'd like to leave everyone with is the following. Beth Tzedec is coming out of the COVID pandemic in a very strong position. I told you about the successful Shabbat Dinner and Shavuot program in June, and we have two or more b'nai mitzvahs each month. We have programs for all ages and different ways to connect. We are the Shul for Calgary's Conservative Jewish community not just for today, but for tomorrow as well. We are financially secure because of the generosity of our congregation. We are not a gym or a hockey team or a theatre company – we don't sell tickets or memberships. We are a gathering point around our combined Jewish experience, whether through prayer services, education, socializing or life cycle events. The funds given to Beth Tzedec are tzedakah, charity, and we do our best to steward them so that we can provide a synagogue for everyone who wants to be here. While we might show a sustainable amount printed on our renewals, it's only that number because of those who have been generous with the means to support those who need help. A special thank you to our LIFE & LEGACY donors, who see that planting seeds today can bring the fruit of tomorrow. I ask that you remember how important Beth Tzedec is not only to you and your family, but how important it is to Calgary's Jewish community. When you are planning your charitable giving, please think of Beth Tzedec as somewhere that will always be able to bring joy and comfort. And if you would like to be a part of that joy and comfort, our doors are open and volunteering is an important mitzvah. I am always excited to hear new ideas, or if you see a program you're interested in and want to help with, please reach out to me.

I wish you all a wonderful and healthy summer,

Thank you,

Lorne Pearl, *President*



A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK FORWARD

The July/August Shofar article always straddles two National Minyan League years. It gives us a chance to look back on the year that is just ending and look forward to the new season that will soon begin.

Although the current season of the NML is not quite done, two of the divisions seem to have run away winners. One division could see an upset for the prizes

that will be up for grabs. Of course, we always say that the real prize is knowing that members have helped their fellow congregants.

Like the season before, the seventh one was conducted entirely as a hybrid. Most people attended by Zoom but toward the end of the season a few more people ventured into the synagogue. Daily services moved back into the chapel recreating the cozy feel from before. We made a slight change to service times on traditional Torah reading days (Mondays and Thursdays) and really pushed for people to come in person and a few people have taken us up on this. We are often one person away from being able to do the full service. This model will be carried forward into the future, enabling people to join us from the comfort of their home or to join us from the chapel if they want to feel the vibes that our services used to have. The coffee is good and the kibbitz is infinitely better. I'm proud to say that, again, we have not missed one minyan session up through to the end of June. Of course, this is only because of our dedicated Minyannaires, both Platinum and members of the National Minyan League.

As usual, there are many people to thank. First off, I'd like to thank **Rabbi Cantor Russ** who transitioned from being the Cantor to becoming our Rabbi during this season. He keeps everything together and ensures that we are following the proper *halacha*. His mentorship and guidance have ensured that there is a very strong cadre of people who can lead the services in a very competent way, when he is otherwise occupied.

I'd also like to thank **Ben Zalmanowitz** who schedules and manages all the daveners ensuring that there is always someone available to lead the service. In addition to the schedule, he informs us of any changes in the way that the service is to be conducted. He is often my Part Two, as I like to say, when I lead, since I only daven the first part of the service. He was joined by the following group of people who give so willingly of their time to daven, each in their own unique, yet beautiful way: **Lorie Abernethy, Lou Bracey, Judy Chetner, Maxine Fischbein and Karry Taylor. Alex Shkolnik and Jack Eisenberg** also step in whenever we need them. This is a very flexible and accomplished group who chip in even at a moment's notice to cover if someone cannot do their shift or are experiencing technical difficulties. Most of these people can happily read Torah on Mondays and Thursdays too if asked. I must also mention our beloved friend, **Markham Silver²¹**, who sadly passed away this year and was also member of this group.

This is also a good time to thank the wonderful captains of the NML: **Markham Silver^z**, **Maxine Fischbein (x2)**, **David Inhaber**, **Bev Silverstone**, **Linda Garshman**, **Leib Zeisler**, **Harvey Silverstone**, **Marni Besser**, **Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro**, **Yossi Suissa/Judy Chetner**, **Walter Moscovitz**, **Lorie Abernethy**, **Jason Gurevitch**, and **Deb Silver**. **Brooklyn Ritchie** was also a captain until he moved away for work. Most of these people have been captains since the inception of the NML. All of them have tried their best to wrangle their teams and are faithful about showing up on their assigned days and in many cases, much more often. **Sheila Katz and Linda Gutman** have now joined this group by taking on the leadership of The Daveneers, and I thank them so much for this.

Harvey has advised that since the travel world has opened up again, he will be spending more time on the high seas and is therefore stepping back from being the captain of Thursday Thunder. I continue to credit him with having the vision in conceiving of and forming the NML and for always being such a strong supporter and mentor. The chocolate bars he paid me with were also greatly appreciated. I know that the NML will not be far from his mind and will join us on the odd occasion. **As usual, I do have teams that could use captains, so if you would like to step up, please let me know.**

The world is also calling out to David and me and we have started to travel again. I am so fortunate because I know that I can depend on **Sheila Katz**, **Cheryl Shiell** and now also **Karen Phillips** to take attendance for me. They also step in when I have a meeting or am under the weather. With a great team like them, I know that I can take the time I need or want.

Next, gratitude goes out to **Jennifer Girvitz and Teresa Sofocleous** in the office. From sending our reminders and publishing NML news in the various publications, their behind-the-scenes assistance is invaluable. They tend to keep me on my toes which I often need. Jennifer is moving into a new position at Beth Tzedec and she needed someone to take over the reminder emails. I am so grateful that **Karen Phillips** immediately said yes when I asked if she could take on this task as well. She has done an amazing job with just a short amount of training. I value her assistance. Thanks to **Bill Barkai** for everything that he does as the services start to ramp up in person. I must also thank **David Inhaber** for his behind-the-scenes-behind-the-scenes assistance in allowing these members of the staff to assist in any way that I need them. David also spends so much extra time at the Shul to be there as a second person in the building for the Rabbi and to open the doors, start the livestream and troubleshoot as needed. Of course, his constant support and love are very much appreciated and help keep me going.

Finally and perhaps the largest thanks go to all of the members who have attended services this year. We have a group of people who have made the commitment to attend very regularly. It is especially thanks to these people that we are able to provide a minyan for people who are coming to recite Kaddish for a loved one. We are so grateful to these people for doing this act of tzedakah on such a regular basis. Thank you to the people who have attended on their team days. This has also been very helpful in enabling us to achieve the necessary

quorum. A few of these people, like their captains, have also made an effort to join us whenever possible to help boost our numbers. **You are all making such a big impact on the everyday life of the members of the Beth Tzedec Congregation.**

This season we gained a few new players but sadly we lost some of our treasured members in addition to other Beth Tzedec congregants. We miss these people greatly. They have left huge holes in our hearts, and we wish their families much comfort.

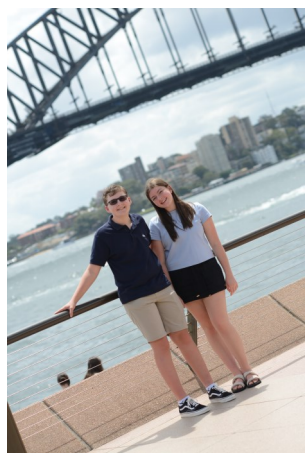
If you are someone who comes to say Kaddish for a loved one and are not on a team yet, we would be so pleased if you would join us. The commitment of once a month is not onerous and we understand that there are times when attendance is not possible. If you can't commit to that, perhaps you could become one of our Platinum Minyannaires joining us whenever you have an opportunity to do so.

Again, this year, we have maintained our national status by having members join us from BC, Ottawa and even Okotoks. But we are also an International Minyan League because two members from Florida have joined us as well. I guess I will have to rebrand all of the goodies. I am also happy to say that some recent graduates from our Keruv class will be joining teams next season. Keep your eyes open for potential people who could join our teams. We really do have teams that could use the support.

As a way of showing our appreciation to our local National Minyan League players as well as our Platinum Minyannaires, we will once again be hosting our annual National Minyan League Celebration meal. We will let you know as soon as we have more details. Last year's BBQ was another success despite the restrictions. The food was delicious, and people seemed to have a really great time. Kudos to the team who were able to pull off such an amazing event!! I know that the attendees had a great time and relished the opportunity to visit with friends that they had not seen in a long time. This year, we are 'cooking up' something new for you.

Continuing to send virtual hugs to the whole congregation and an extra one to the NML members and our Platinum Minyannaires. It is always fun to visit on Zoom during the daily minyanim. Be well and stay safe, strong, and healthy, now, and always.

Susan Inhaber



**Sarah Ann Lanyi
Jacob Noah Lanyi
July 2, 2022
3 Tammuz 5782**

Sarah and Jacob will be called to the Torah as Bat and Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, July 2, 2022. They are the children of Peter and Andrea Lanyi.

Beth Tzedec has been the home congregation for Sarah and Jacob since their start in the inaugural session of Beth Tzedec's Shul School. They enjoyed many lessons and events at Beth Tzedec until they moved to Sydney, Australia in 2019. At that time, Sarah had already begun Bat Mitzvah preparations and was determined to return for her Bat Mitzvah. Now three years later we are thrilled to be able to celebrate the B'nai Mitzvah of Sarah and Jacob.

Sarah and Jacob currently attend St Ives High School in Sydney, Australia.

Sarah is a studious and determined young lady who enjoys learning and being a student leader at her school. She is quick to volunteer and is very caring toward her family and friends. All her free time is enjoyed attending dance classes and participating in competitions. Sarah was part of a Bat Mitzvah program at North Shore Synagogue in Sydney.

Jacob is an avid athlete and enjoys participating in baseball, basketball and golf. He is enjoying his first year of high school and all of the new learning opportunities that brings. Jacob is a diligent student and enjoys his Science, Phys Ed and Food Tech classes at school. Jacob, too, participated in a Bar Mitzvah program at North Shore Temple in Sydney.

We wish to sincerely thank Rabbi Russ and the staff at Beth Tzedec for the extra assistance in helping prepare Sarah and Jacob from such a great distance and significant time zone difference. It is very special to us that we are able to celebrate this *simcha* at Beth Tzedec.

We are so proud of Sarah and Jacob and the resilience they have shown during their B'nai Mitzvah preparations. Mazel tov!

**Soleil Blanchard****July 9, 2022****10 Tammuz 5782**

Soleil is the daughter of proud parents Rachel and Jerrad Blanchard and sister of Shiloh Blanchard, and will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on July 9, 2022 (10 Tamuz 5782)

Soleil was born and raised in Calgary and continues to attend The Calgary Jewish Academy in Grade 7 where she has been a student since Nursery.

In addition to her rich academic life, Soleil enjoys sports, music, spending time with friends and family and travelling all over the world from Palm Springs to Brisbane and a few stops at Disneyland in between.

Soleil has always had a song in her heart and loves all types of music, whether it be singing and dancing along to her favourite songs or her dedication to piano where she especially appreciates the opportunity to play duets with her Bubbie.

Soleil has been running since her first steps and is active in a variety of sports from surfing to tennis, but with an affinity for soccer where she and her sister have played together with Southwest United for the past six years.

Despite her busy schedule, Soleil always finds time to appreciate and share life's simple pleasures like walking her dog Roky through the park or curling up in bed with a new book or Archie comic. All of her friends and family constantly marvel at her zest for life and are so proud of the woman she is becoming.

We thank the clergy, staff and congregation of Beth Tzedec for helping prepare Soleil for this milestone and sharing it with us.

We are all very proud of you Soleil. Mazel Tov!

Shiloh Blanchard
July 9, 2022
10 Tammuz 5782



Shiloh Blanchard will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on July 9, 2022 (10 Tamuz 5782). Mazel Tov to her sister Soleil, and proud parents Rachel and Jerrad Blanchard.

Shiloh was born and raised in Calgary and is in Grade 7 at The Calgary Jewish Academy where she has been a student since Nursery.

Along with her hard work at school, Shiloh spends her time with sports, music and being with friends and family. Shiloh loves to travel and see the world and especially relished her recent trip to Australia and Hawaii.

Shiloh loves music and finds a way to dance to every style. Along with writing her own songs, Shiloh practices her piano diligently. She loves performing duets with her Bubbie and appreciates the opportunity to share her music with friends and family.

Sports have always been a part of Shiloh's life from playing catch with Zaida to skating and skiing. Soccer has always been her favourite, where she and her sister have played together with Southwest United over the past six years.

Shiloh finds peace in spending quiet moments with her sister, parents, cousins and grandparents, where she always strives to bring family together.

Her friends and family are lucky to know her and are so proud of her and the strong woman she is becoming.

We thank the clergy, staff and congregation of Beth Tzedec for helping prepare Shiloh for this milestone and sharing it with us.

We are all very proud of you Shiloh. Mazel Tov!



Kyler Nathan Bergman
July 16, 2022
17 Tammuz 5782

Kyler Bergman, son of Kim and Chris Bergman and older brother to Krewyn Bergman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on July 16th.

Kyler just completed Grade 7 at Calgary Jewish Academy where he has studied since Junior Kindergarten. He has made meaningful friendships and is a very kind and thoughtful young man.

Kyler's love of sports include hockey, baseball, volleyball, basketball, badminton and track and field. Kyler decided to transition this year from being a goalie to a player and was excited to be able to accomplish making Tier 1 for the Airdrie Lightning in his first year solely as a player. He was also on the CJA volleyball team that took home the banner as league champions. In track and field he qualified to advance to the city finals for long jump. His baseball team finished first in their division and are currently competing for the championship in the final playoff round.

His other interests include hanging out with his friends, wake surfing, skiing, snowboarding, roller blading, biking and spending time with his dog Lucy. He also loves volunteering to help coach the kids sports programs at our family business.

Kyler is always looking for ways to help others and is very selfless for his young age. For his Mitzvah project he will be supporting the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Ella Olschewski
August 13, 2022
16 Av 5782



Ella Olschewski will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 13th. Proud parents, Laura and Sam Olschewski along with younger brothers Madden and Milo, are very excited to celebrate this simcha with Ella, family and friends.

Ella attended The Calgary Jewish Academy from Nursery until Grade 4, where she made many amazing friendships. She is currently a student at Strathcona Tweedsmuir School.

Ella's positive attitude and kindness are evident in everything she does. She always thinks of others before herself and is a wonderful friend to all.

Ella is very passionate about equal rights and equality for all. This was the main focus for her mitzvah project of helping girls across the world to have access to an education through the Malala Fund. Having spent time in hospital herself, she is also dedicating part of her mitzvah project to help raise funds for the Alberta Children's Hospital.

She is very talented and dedicated dancer as well as a member of the competitive dance team with Prestige Dance. Her love of music is evident not only in her dancing but also in her beautiful singing voice. When not dancing or singing you can find Ella playing with her beloved Labradoodle Tua.

We are beyond proud of Ella and all her efforts in preparing for this special day. Mazel Tov, Ella!

Sunday Youth Program

2022-2023

Starting September 11th
9:30am-12:00pm

Ages: 5 - 11 (Kindergarten – Grade 5)



Learn 2 Play & Play 2 Learn Program



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- Meet and make friends doing their favourite activities
- A smooth progression into the B'nai Mitzvah Program
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Cohort 1: K & Grade 1

Cohort 2: Grade 2 & 3

Cohort 3: Grade 4 & 5

Sha'ary Art

Music, visual, storytelling, and performance arts

Cohort 1: K – Grade 2

Cohort 2: Grade 3 - 5

Maximum number of registrants per cohort is 12.

For questions and to save your spot contact info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

If you are interested in becoming a program teacher please contact Ari at acohen@bethtzedec.ca.

B'nai Mitzvah Program

2022-2023

Starting September 6th
Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm

Grades: 6 & 7

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A combination of group classes and one-on-one instruction
to build proficiency in:



Jewish Theology

- Spirituality
- Questions about G-d
- Questions of existence
- Jewish values and ethics

Torah Analysis

- Become familiarized with literary structure of Judaica
- Follow rabbinical interpretation
- Create own meaning

Jewish Practice

- Lifecycle
- History
- Rituals
- Holidays



Yearly calendar of classes and family events forthcoming!!

For questions and to save your spot contact info@bethtzedec.ca
or 403-255-8688.

PROGRAMS

Fresser Club

Sundays: July 10th and 24th - 10:00am

Sunday mornings are for the fressers! Join your Beth Tzedec friends for coffee and brunch on select Sunday mornings, following morning minyan. RSVP at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.



Save the Date

National Minyan League Year-end Celebration

**Date: Tuesday, August 9th at 6 pm
(rain or shine)**



This event is open to all
**current members of the NML & their
immediate families,**
Platinum Minyannaires & their immediate families
as well as
**prospective members who would like to join &
their families.**

RSVP required by Friday August 5th to
info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688



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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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Did you know?

The estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future has topped \$1.52 million and continues to grow. To date, close to \$17.4 million has been raised in support of organizations throughout Jewish Calgary, and more than \$1.26 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 or CEO David Inhaber at ceo@bethtzedec.ca.



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Saul Prince, on the occasion of his birthday

By Janice Middleman

Ben Berman, on the occasion of his birthday

By Walter Moscovitz

Sam Switzer, on the occasion of his birthday

By Zelda Hanson

Mindy and Danny Joffe, on the occasion of their 35th anniversary

By Tillie Sklar

Arlene and David Holmes, on the occasion of their son's wedding, Michael to Erin

By Bev Sklar and Lorne Tucker

Joan Robins, on the occasion of her birthday

By Janice Middleman

SYMPATHY

Sara Profis and Family, on the loss of her husband, their father and grandfather, David Profis

By Ben, Sarah, Sophie and Henry Ginzberg
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Marina and Danny Shvarts and Family, on the loss of their father and grandfather, David Profis

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Teresa and Lionel Tucker, on the loss of their niece Mimi

By Arlene, David, Michael and Erin Holmes

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By Arlene, David, Michael and Erin Holmes

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 By Arlene, David, Michael and Erin Holmes

Howard and Debbie Blayways and Family, on the loss of his father, Norman Blayways

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By Charlie and Terry Groner

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By Charlie and Terry Groner

Saul Krygier and Family, on the loss of their wife, mother and grandmother, Rosalee

By Sylvia Itzcovitch

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Joan Taras and Family, on the loss of her husband and their father and grandfather, David Taras

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GET WELL

Carey Smith

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Maureen Krupp

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BOOK FUND****MAZEL TOV****Ralph and Sheila Gurevitch**, on the
occasion of their 60th anniversary

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husband and their father and grandfather,
David Taras

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his wife, Rosalee Krygier

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husband and their father and grandfather,
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their anniversary

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Francine and Marty Sigal, Aaron,

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Emma and Corinne

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husband, their father and grandfather,

David Profis

By Harriet and Phil Libin

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By Les Cosman

Herbert Cosman, beloved brother

By Les Cosman

Meyer Cosman, beloved brother

By Les Cosman

Rachel Smithens, beloved mother

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By Cheryl Zack

Louis Zuidema, beloved grandfather

By Cheryl Zack

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By Khanna Barmazel

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By Ken Goldstein

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By Ken Goldstein

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John Smolkin, beloved grandfather

By Debby and Barry Smolkin

Henya Smolkin, beloved grandmother

By Debby and Barry Smolkin

Benjamin Katchen, beloved grandfather

By Debby and Barry Smolkin

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By Debby and Barry Smolkin

Benny Fishman, beloved brother

By Sam Fishman

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By Arnold D. Well

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Vera Himelfarb, beloved mother

By Leonard Himelfarb

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By Phil Ullman

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By Nate Feldman

beloved grandfather

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By Cheryl Cohen

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mother-in-law

By Lea Kohn

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By Jeff Eichler and Ritch Eichler
Batsheva Ashtamkar, beloved aunt
By Akiba and Yerusha Charikar
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By Igor and Anna Braginsky
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By Fira Oussatinski
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By Fira Oussatinski
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By Laura and Mark Soroka
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By Max Blitt
Celia Blitt, beloved mother
By Max Blitt
Alan Thomas Samchek, beloved
brother
By Greg and Michelle Samchek
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By Walter Moscovitz
Jack Moscovitz, beloved father
By Walter Moscovitz
Edith Moscovitz, beloved sister-in-law
By Walter Moscovitz
Ruby Swartz, beloved mother
By Helen and Mark Swartz and Family
Edith Rodin, beloved mother and
grandmother
By Greg, Andria, Isaac and Lara Rodin

Life Cycle Events Memorial Notice

Dr. David Taras, husband of Joan Taras, father of Joel Taras, Matthew Taras (Victoria Casey), Asher Macdonald (Brianne Reid), David Macdonald (Carlyn Stilling) and Matthew Macdonald (Devra Moore). David passed away on June 9, 2022.
The funeral was held on Monday, June 13, 2022.

Rosalee Krygier, wife of Saul Krygier, mother of Tony (Andrea) Krygier and Brad (Jennifer) Krygier, daughter of Helen Signer and sister of Teri Signer. Rosalee passed away on June 15, 2022. The funeral was held on Friday, June 17, 2022.

Louise Rose Kirshner passed away on June 18, 2022.
The funeral took place on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

If you are marking a lifecycle event and would like it included in SHOFAR, please let us know by contacting the Shul office at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

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