



Calendar Highlights

Thursday, December 1

12:30pm Babies & Bumps
1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study
6:30pm Death & Dying Course
7:00pm Hebrew School But Better

Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 3

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service
4:30pm Live Streaming Service
Shabbat Ends: 5:29pm

Sunday, December 4

9:30am Shul School 2.0
Evening services are online-only

Monday, December 5

6:30pm Keruv Classes

Tuesday, December 6

3:30pm Homework Club
4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday, December 7

3:30pm Homework Club
7:00pm Board Meeting

Thursday, December 8

1:00pm Interfaith Bible Study
3:30pm Teen Hang with BBYO
7:00pm Israel Trip Info Session

Friday, December 9

6:00 Live Streaming Service
Candle Lighting: 4:11pm
TORAH: Vayishlach

Saturday, December 10

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service
9:00am Learners Minyan
4:30pm Live Streaming Service
7:30pm Jewish Singles Mingle
Shabbat Ends: 5:27pm
Evening services are online-only

Sunday, December 11

9:30am Shul School 2.0
1:00pm Hanukkah Boot Camp

Monday, December 12

6:30pm Keruv Classes

Tuesday, December 13

3:30pm Homework Club
4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday, December 14

3:30pm Homework Club

Thursday, December 15

12:30pm Babies & Bumps
6:30pm Death & Dying Course
7:00pm Hebrew School But Better

Friday, December 16

6:00 Live Streaming Service
Candle Lighting: 4:11pm
TORAH: Vayeishev

Saturday, December 17

9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service
4:30pm Live Streaming Service
Shabbat Ends: 5:28pm

Sunday, December 18

Hanukkah: 1 Candle
9:30am Shul School 2.0
12:00pm Hanukkah Pump-up Party

Monday, December 19

Hanukkah: 2 Candles
6:30pm Keruv Classes

Tuesday, December 20

Hanukkah: 3 Candles
3:30pm Homework Club
4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Classes

Wednesday, December 21

Hanukkah: 4 Candles
3:30pm Homework Club

Thursday, December 22

Hanukkah: 5 Candles
3:30pm Teen Hang with BBYO
7:00pm Hanukkah Pub Night

Friday, December 23

Hanukkah: 6 Candles
6:00 Live Streaming Service
Candle Lighting: 4:14pm
TORAH: Mikeitz

Saturday, December 24

Hanukkah: 7 Candles
9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service
4:30pm Live Streaming Service
Shabbat Ends: 5:32pm

Sunday, December 25

Hanukkah: 8 Candles
1:30pm Movie Marathon & Dinner

Monday, December 26

Boxing Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28

Office Closed

Friday, December 30

6:00 Live Streaming Service
Candle Lighting: 4:20pm
TORAH: Vayigash

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve
9:00am Live Streaming Shabbat Service
4:30pm Live Streaming Service
5:30pm Bar Mitzvah
Ryan Lister
Shabbat Ends: 5:37pm



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A Rich Musical Tradition

By Rabbi Cantor Russell G. Jayne

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In the midst of winter's cold and darkness, the festival of Hanukkah joyously arrives to envelop our families with warmth and to bring much needed light into our homes. It is a holiday that celebrates the triumph of our people over the forces of imposed assimilation, highlighted by candles, *latkes*, dreidels, and (of course) music. Now, even though the story of the Maccabees, their victory over insurmountable forces, and the miracle of the oil may be known to practically everyone who ever attended Hebrew school, the history of the songs we sing by the light of our menorahs may not be.

Our rich and varied musical heritage offers Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino and English songs for the holiday. Some of the "Hanukkah Top 40", so to speak, include "*Mi Yimalel, Oy Chanukah*" (an East European Yiddish folk song of the 19th century), "I Have a Little Dreidel" by the prolific synagogue composer S. E. Goldfarb, and "*Ocho Candalikas*" (for those who like a little Sephardic flavor). Particularly in North America, this repertoire has continued to grow and flourish in the last few decades, with a remarkable output by noted cantors, composers and Jewish performers. And even though Adam Sandler's "Eight Crazy Nights" may get more radio time, the old warhorses still hold their own with old and young alike. Chief among these is "*Maoz Tzur*", by far the most well-known and beloved of all Hanukkah songs. I would place it second only to "HaTikvah" as the most recognizable song of our people.

The poem "*Maoz Tzur*" (Fortress Rock) was believed to have been written by a 13th century poet named Mordechai who signed

his name as an acrostic in the first five stanzas. Nothing else is known about him, although several theories

have been raised. The overall theme is that God unfailingly redeems us. Each stanza has four lines of two equal halves. The half-line rhyme scheme is AB, AB, BB, CB. The verbs used are in the imperfect tense, meaning that past actions and mind-states are not completed, but rather continue to happen in later as in earlier times.

The first stanza expresses our messianic hopes for restoring the Temple and its worship so we can sing songs of praise at the altar's dedication, both with and like the Maccabees. Stanzas 2-5 list four examples in chronological order where we suffered and God redeemed us. First is slavery in Egypt, followed by the Exodus and the drowning of the Egyptian army. Next is the Babylonian exile, followed by the Return to Zion. Third is the Purim story. Mordechai saves us from Haman's plot to kill us and hangs both him and his sons.

Fourth is the Hanukkah story. The Hasmoneans (i.e. Maccabees) defeat the "Greeks" (really, the Seleucids ruled by King Antiochus IV Epiphanies), and a small oil flask miraculously lasts eight days in the newly rededicated Temple. For anyone who has read the complete Hebrew original, one cannot help but be impressed with the poetic skill with which Mordechai renders his subject. However, if it weren't for the melody



that ultimately got attached to it, this skillful poetic take on God's continuous redemption might have been lost to the ages.

The most common melody for "*Maoz Tzur*" is of West European origin. Scholars suggest it dates from an old German folk song known to Jews as early as 1450. This melodic line appears in a well-documented church melody of that period, and was also used by Martin Luther for his first German choral. The earliest preserved Jewish source pairing the melody with the Hebrew text is a manuscript by Judah Elias of Hanover, dated 1744. However, it may have been paired with the text at least two centuries before Elias actually transcribed it, because of the continuous cross-pollination of Hebrew and Christian melodies in diaspora communities, a phenomenon just as common in the 15th as in the 21st century. As always, when it comes to true "Jewish" music, who influenced whom is not easily discernable. Without question, though, the pairing was fortuitous. The melody matches the lyrics and the spirit of the holiday perfectly, simultaneously hopeful and confident, majestic and daring, stirring and bright. You

can almost imagine the Maccabees marching off to battle as you sing.

Although the history of "*Maoz Tzur*" may not extend back to Maccabean times, its centuries-long evolution and journey is, in many ways, a musical miracle of resilience. It is exciting to think that a poem from the 13th century and a tune from the 15th century, both of which might have been lost on their own, found their way to each other, and then, into the daily and supplementary prayers that are recited both in the synagogue and in every Jewish home during the Hanukkah holiday.

How many times have you heard it said, "The Jewish people are lost." "*Maoz Tzur*" and its history are a testament to the fact that really, the opposite is true. The Jewish people are constantly taking the best of what is new and pairing it to what is "not so new" and in so doing we are creating something that will stand as a Fortress Rock for all ages.

Chag Urim Sameach! A Freilichen Hanukkah! Happy Hanukkah to all!



Join us for FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

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Celebrate tradition, change, family, and faith
with Broadway Across Canada.

\$60 for Congregants | \$70 for Guests
Seats are limited, so order now!

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and purchase tickets](#)

Spreading the Light of the Season

By Lorne Pearl

President, Beth Tzedec Congregation

In Calgary, the festival of lights fittingly comes in the winter months, when we have the shortest days and need sources of light the most. Although it's not a major religious holiday, the cultural significance is large and it represents a wonderful time for families and the community to come together and celebrate the many lessons we get from the Maccabees. Channukah is a reminder that we, as Jews, are not always in a position to outwardly express our Judaism safely. The act of putting our menorahs in the window is a precious gift, and I am grateful to live in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a place where I know I can do it without risk and with a sense of pride of being part of this amazing Jewish community.

The menorah starts with lighting the shamash, which is typically above the other candles, but the translation of the word is "helper". It might be the first candle you light, but it helps spread its light to the other candles. And each night that light gets brighter as more candles join the menorah. The same is true of volunteering. Everyone who gives their time volunteering, no matter what the cause, is a light that spreads.

Beth Tzedec's foundation is built on volunteerism. As members of a caring

community, we only succeed when we are there for each other, celebrating simchas, and supporting one another during times of loss. Those acts of reaching out are forms of volunteering – calling someone to check in, or bringing food to someone in need. We create friendships through volunteering, running programs together to build bonds, which also strengthens our community.

There are many opportunities to help Beth Tzedec; this spring we will be electing a new Board of Directors. This is a committee of 15-20 people who light the shamash and share their passions with our community. We are always looking for people who want to work as a team and offer their skills and dedication. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please reach out to me at president@bethtzedec.ca.

Chag Hanukkah Sameach!





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

MOVIE MARATHON & DINNER

1:30PM TO 10:00PM

DROP IN AT ANY TIME | [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

PRICE OF DINNER

\$15 for Adult Congregants | \$20 for Adult Guests

\$10 for Child Congregants | \$15 for Child Guests

No charge for children 4 and under

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

ADMIT ONE

TICKET NO. 2984

Information Session on Thursday, December 8 - Details on Page 10



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**Beth Tzedec Congregation
and JNF Calgary say:
THIS year in Jerusalem!**

Plans are in the works for a May 2-11, 2023 Israel tour that is open to adults and ideal for those who have previously traveled to Israel.

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- Explore the ancient past through recent archeological finds -
 - Enjoy diverse cultures and delicious cuisines -
 - Envelop yourself in a vibrant, world-class arts scene -
 - Immerse yourself in a spiritually uplifting Shabbat with Rabbi Cantor Russ -



To find out more about this cultural odyssey, contact:
Beth Tzedec CEO David Inhaber at 403-998-3283 or
JNF Calgary Executive Director, Elliott Steinberg
at 403-255-0297 or elliott.steinberg@jnf.ca.



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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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 \$17.7 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.



Fighting the Winter Chill

By Susan Inhaber

Commissioner, National Minyan League

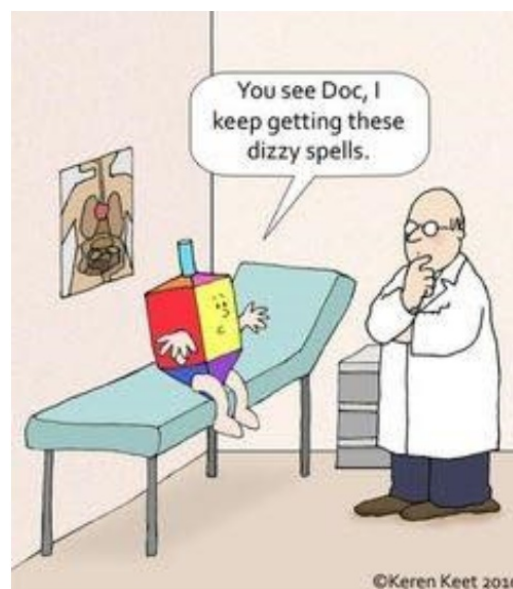
I know that I don't have to tell you that there is a real chill in the air. Some days, it is way more than a chill. And some of our lucky snowbirds and other heat-seekers are starting to fly to warmer climes for anywhere from one-week trips to months long stays. A few, like David and I, have taken more than a few of these vacations.

Some of our Minyanaires are among this group. Therefore, we are finding ourselves close to being short some days. If you can join us or check in to see if we have enough people, that would be so appreciated. We find the mornings to be a little bit more short-staffed. You might just be the person that we need in order to be able to recite the Kaddish.

Thank you to Linda Gutman who wrote a beautiful article for the November Shofar. I hope that you had a chance to read it. If not, please do. You can find the November Shofar [here](#).

If you would like to write an article for any of our future publications, let me know. I would be so pleased to share your work with others.

As the festival of light approaches, the NML members and I wish the congregation a happy and bright Hanukkah and to all of the NML and Platinum Minyanaires, I send my best greetings for a warm and cheerful Hanukkah.



DECEMBER BONUS DATES

Sunday, December 11 | Sunday, December 18 | Sunday, December 25
Thursday, December 29 | Friday, December 30

Programs and Events

Babies & Bumps

Thursdays, December 1 & 15—2:30pm

Calling all members of the Jewish Calgary baby boom! Join other young families for an informal schmooze and baby play time every other Thursday afternoon this fall. Feel free to drop in or RSVP at 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.

Interfaith Bible Study

Thursdays, December 1 & 8—1:00pm

Take a fresh look at our most sacred text with our weekly Interfaith Bible Study, led by religious leaders of varying backgrounds and perspectives.

Death & Dying: A Jewish Perspective

Thursdays, December 1 & 15—6:30pm

Explore with Rabbi Cantor Russ Jewish concepts of death and dying, with a particular focus on Biblical texts, Mishnah Torah and the Shulchan Aruch. The various sessions will help deepen your understanding of vidui, keriya, funeral services and eulogies, kaddish, aveilut, yahrzeit and more. The course will also embrace difficult issues of end of life as well as suicide and additionally, will touch on the theological ideas of afterlife and resurrection. **Click here to register.**

Hebrew School But Better

Thursdays, December 1 & 8—7:00pm

Open to 22-35 year olds, both congregants and guests. 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. Join Jonah Potasznik in uncovering the insights available to us through ancient and classical Jewish sources. We'll provide the beer and spirits, you provide the curious spirit. **Click here to register and learn more.**

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 2—5:30pm

Start your Shabbat off right with Family Shabbat dinner at Beth Tzedec, filled with ruach (spirit) and kehilah (community). Join at 5:30pm for an interactive Shabbat-inspired program with singing, games, and stories. Then, enjoy a shul-cooked dinner together with all your friends at 6:00pm. Registration for the December Dinner has closed, but **click here to register for future Family Dinners.**

Teen Hang with BBYO

Thursdays, December 8 & 22—3:30pm

Grade 8 to 12 students are invited to hang out, enjoy some refreshments, and work on homework or other projects alongside peers and adult mentors. For more information contact Jonah Potasznik at jpotasznik@bethtzedec.ca or BBYO director Barry Pechet at bpechet@cjcc.ca.

Israel Trip Info Session

Thursday, December 8—7:00pm

We're going to Israel! Learn more about our trip at a special info session, co-hosted by JNF Calgary and Beth Tzedec Congregation and available both in-person and online. **Click here to register.**

Jewish Singles Mingle

Sunday, December 10—7:30pm

It might be cold outside, but things are heating up at Beth Tzedec as we prepare for our inaugural Jewish Singles Mingle! Here's your chance to get to know other single Jews in a comfortable, relaxed environment. Enjoy a drink, appetizers, great music and even better company as we mix and mingle and watch the sparks fly. **Click here to register and learn more.**

Hanukkah Fun

Hanukkah Boot Camp

Sunday, December 11—1:00pm

Excited for Hanukkah but not quite sure how to celebrate? Join the Beth Tzedec team as we learn the story of Hanukkah, how to light the candles, say the blessings, play dreidel, sing holiday songs, and enjoy some delicious latkes! Open to the whole community—singles, families, littles and not-so-littles, all are welcome. **Click here to register.**

Hanukkah Pump Up Party

Sunday, December 18—12:00pm

Beth Tzedec families with kids of all ages are invited to get pumped up for Hanukkah as we celebrate the first night of the *chag* with a party! We're kicking off the Festival of Lights with games, inflatables, great food and friends. Don't miss a moment of the fun—**click here to register.**

Hanukkah Pub Night

Thursday, December 22—7:00pm

Young professionals are invited to join your friends in the Calgary Jewish community as we celebrate the holiday together at Limericks Traditional Pub House. We'll light the menorah, enjoy a pint, and share in the holiday cheer. The first round is on us!

Click here to register.

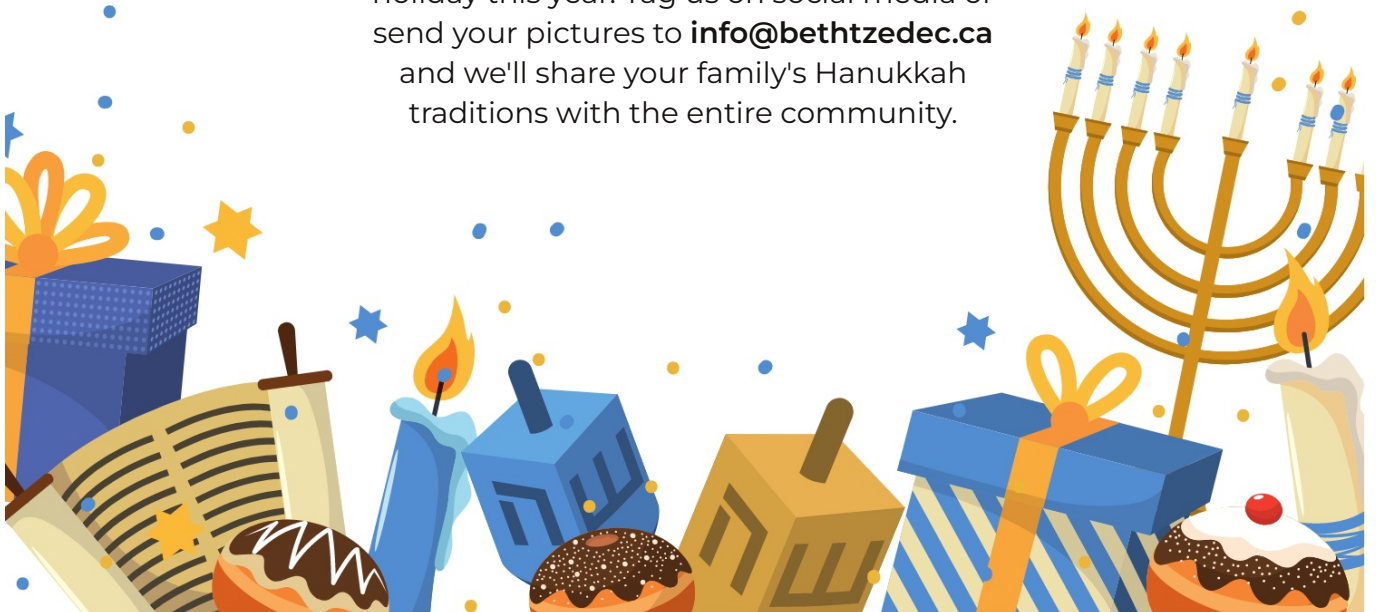
Movie Marathon & Dinner

Sunday, December 25—1:30pm

We're transforming the Beth Tzedec social hall into Calgary's coziest movie theatre! We'll be playing movies throughout the day, with your favourite cinema snacks and a delicious dinner for those who want to share a meal. Drop in or leave as you'd like. Kids of all ages are invited to come in their pajamas and bring comfy pillows. **Click here to register.**

Share your Hanukkah memories!

We want to know how you're celebrating the holiday this year. Tag us on social media or send your pictures to info@bethtzedec.ca and we'll share your family's Hanukkah traditions with the entire community.



Tributes and Donations

CONGREGATION FUND/TZEDAKAH FUND

MAZEL TOV

Erica Karabus, on the birth of her great-grandson

By Reesa Girvitz

Rodney and Sharon Friedland, on the birth of their grandson

By Reesa Girvitz

Shirley Rabinovitch, on the occasion of her birthday

By Sheila Rosenberg

Adam Silver, on receiving his Doctoral Degree in Education

By Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Nat and Harriette Alexander, on the occasion of their birthdays

By Bob and Cheryl Shiell

Irwin Freedman, on the occasion of his 80th birthday

By Sandy and Irv Adler and Josh, Corey and Breanne

Fran Viner, on the occasion of Dan and Jordana's wedding

By Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips

Arlene Viner-Holmes, on the occasion of her birthday

By Fran Viner

Cheryl and Bob Shiell, on the occasion of their anniversary

By Nat and Harriette Alexander

Shirley Rabinovitch, on the occasion of her birthday

By Harriet and Phil Libin

Maxine Fischbein, on winning the CEMA Excellence in Journalism Award

By Rick and Bonney Pollick

SYMPATHY

Wynne Thal and Family, on the passing of her mother Maralin Calman

By Reesa Girvitz

Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips

Kathie and Stephen Wainer, on the loss her mother, Ethel Bernstein

By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

Diane and Leo Zalmanowitz

The Jablonka Family, on the loss of Sam Jablonka

By Milt and Maxine Fischbein

Al Jablonka and Family, on the loss his brother, Sam Jablonka

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Terry Groner and Family, on the loss of her husband, Charlie Groner

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Michael and Giezelle Pash

Reesa Girvitz

Chana Nachal McKereghan

Walter Moscovitz

Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips

Tillie Sklar

Bev Sklar and Lorne Tucker

Sheila Rosenberg and Sam and Grant

Jean Groner and the Davis and Stone

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Sharon Hapton, on the loss of her father, Charlie Groner

By Chana Nachal McKereghan

Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips

Teresa and Lionel Tucker, on the loss of her brother, Charlie Groner

By Michael and Giezelle Pash

Reesa Girvitz

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Jorda Promislow and Dianne Lipton

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Tillie Sklar

Bev Sklar and Lorne Tucker

Sheila Rosenberg

Arlene Viner-Homes, David, Michael and Erin Holmes

Jackie Halpern and Glenn Solomon

Lili and Mark Scharf and Family, on the loss of her father, Charlie Groner

By Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips

Diane and Leo Zalmanowitz

Cheryl and Rob Milner and Family, on the loss of her uncle, Charlie

By Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips

Bev Sklar and Lorne Tucker

Arlene Viner-Homes, David, Michael and Erin Holmes

Lori and Claudio Guincher, on the loss of her uncle, Charlie

By Arlene Viner-Homes, David, Michael and Erin Holmes

Jenny Belzberg, on the loss of her sister, Frances

By Reva Faber

Jean Groner, on the loss of Charlie Groner

By Harriet and Phil Libin

IN HONOUR OF

Professor Dr. Marilyn Engle

By Chana Nachal McKereghan

GET WELL

Sally Breslauer

By Harriet and Phil Libin

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

SYMPATHY

Teresa and Lionel Tucker, on the loss her brother, Charlie Groner

By Mindy and Danny Joffe

Renee and Bruce Fogel

Delsie Dworkin and Jeffrey Dworkin

Terry Groner and Family, on the loss of her husband, Charlie

By Delsie Dworkin and Jeffrey Dworkin

Miriam Diamond

CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND

MAZEL TOV

Adam Silver, on receiving his Doctoral Degree in Education

By Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

SYMPATHY

Terry Groner and Family, on the loss of her husband, Charlie Groner

By Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

Harvey Cyngiser

Al Jablonka and Family, on the loss his brother, Sam Jablonka

By Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

Harvey Cyngiser

Teresa and Lionel Tucker, on the loss her brother, Charlie Groner

By Sid and Bronia Cyngiser

Harvey Cyngiser

GET WELL

Helen Zenith

By Wylma and Irwin Freedman

THANK YOU

Harvey Cyngiser

By Reva Faber

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

MAZEL TOV

Linda and Paul Rosen, on the birth of their grandson, Aaron Isaac

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

SYMPATHY

Terry Groner and Family, on the loss of their husband, father and grandfather, Charlie Groner

By Wylma and Irwin Freedman

Rhoda (Shapiro) Brickell and Carol Shapiro

Teresa and Lionel Tucker and family, on the loss of their brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Charlie Groner

By Wylma and Irwin Freedman

Asher Pertman, on the loss of his wife, Sharon Edelson

By Rhoda (Shapiro) Brickell and Carol Shapiro

GET WELL

Brad Spier

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Susan Dvorkin

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

THINKING OF YOU

Fran Goldberg

By Janice Middleman

LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTTEL RABBINIC CHAIR FUND

MAZEL TOV

Evelyn Sheftel Shapiro, on the birth of her great grandson

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Harriet and Phil Libin

Paul and Linda Rosen, on the birth of their grandson

By Harriet and Phil Libin

Irwin Freedman, on the occasion of his birthday

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

SYMPATHY

Terry Groner and Family, on the loss of her husband, Charlie Groner

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Teresa and Lionel Tucker and Family, on the loss of her brother, Charlie Groner

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

GET WELL

Harriet Libin

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

MEMORIAL PARK FUND

SYMPATHY

Marty Sigal and Family, on the loss of his father

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Yahrzeit Fund

Katie Silver, beloved grandmother

By Randi Aaron and Alan Silver

Matilda Vladut, beloved mother-in-law

By Ritta Vladut

Morris Gopman, beloved uncle

By Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch

Maxwell Zaitlin, beloved father

By Brian Zaitlin

Jack (Jay) Diamond, beloved great uncle

By Cheryl Cohen

Sarah Bleviss, beloved mother

By Joey Bleviss

Anna Nahametz, beloved sister

By Sara Profis

Anna Nahametz, beloved sister

By Helen Libenson

Joseph Fischbein, beloved father

By Milt and Maxine Fischbein and Family

Harry Brody, beloved father and grandfather

By Mitch, Carrie, Harry and Zoë Brody

Jack Sharp, beloved father and grandfather

By Mitch, Carrie, Harry and Zoë Brody

Meyer Blitt, beloved father

By David Blitt

Moses Charikar, beloved father

By Akiba and Yerusha Charikar

Hannah Malekar, beloved mother

By Yerusha and Akiba Charikar

Rudy Lowenstein, beloved father

By Howard and Francie Lowenstein

Paula Lowenstein, beloved mother

By Howard and Francie Lowenstein

Ronald Claman, beloved brother
By Harvey and Wynne Thal

Icek Hersh Singer, beloved father
By Ricki and Michael Gelfand

Michael Butovsky, beloved father
By Sheila Steinfeld

Leo Pearlmutter, beloved uncle
By Myrna Pearlmutter

Hettie Marks, beloved aunt
By Myrna Pearlmutter

Stanley Libin, beloved father
By Kevin Libin

John Krygier, beloved father
By Lea Kohn

Lori Feldman, beloved husband
By Carol Feldman

Isadore Gurevitch, beloved father
By Ralph and Sheila Gurevitch

Samuel Morton Mozeson, beloved father
By Zena Dabrinsky

Solly Goldman, beloved grandfather
By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

Benjamin Sheftel, beloved father
By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Solly Goldman, beloved grandfather
By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Baby Zuidema, beloved niece
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
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Ryan Ash Lister

December 31, 2022 | Tevet 7, 5783

Ryan Ash Lister, son of Heather and Craig, and younger brother to Jack, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 31, 2022. Ryan was born in Calgary and is currently in Grade 7 at The Calgary Jewish Academy.

Ryan has a great sense of humour and his pursuit of Judaic knowledge comes from his Papa Julius Lister, who is 94 and a dedicated lifelong congregant at Beth Tzedec.

Ryan has a passion for collecting hockey cards and toy cars. He enjoys athletics, including hockey, volleyball and basketball and is very content to stay at home with his two dogs and play on the Xbox.

Ryan's Mitzvah project is supporting CommUNITY and the donation of toys to the CHW Annual Toy Drive.



MAZEL TOVS

MAZEL TOV TO: Parents Daniel and Teresa Goldstein, brothers Reuben and Sullivan and grandparents Barry and Anna Carte, Ken and Shelley Goldstein and Melanie Fogell and Hugh Groberman on the occasion of Seth's Bar Mitzvah.

MAZEL TOV TO: Mother Erin Averbukh, grandfather Joseph Averbukh and sister Victoria on the occasion of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah. The family acknowledges the blessed memory of Jacob's father, Eugene Averbukh^{z"l}.

MAZEL TOV TO: Maxine Fischbein, for winning the Canadian Ethnic Media Association (CEMA) Award in the category of Community Engagement for her coverage of the *Here to Tell: Faces of Holocaust Survivors* exhibit.

do you have news worth

CELEBRATING?

Let us know! Share your milestones, accomplishments and awards with the Beth Tzedec community.

Send your good news to Linda at ldow@bethtzedec.ca to have it included in an upcoming edition of the *Monthly Shofar*.

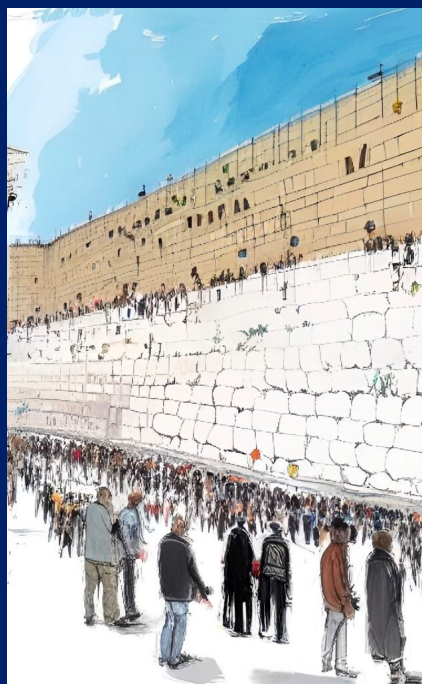
Introducing Our Newest Tribute Cards

After collecting everyone's submissions – we received 22 in total, they were collected and all identifying names, etc. were removed. The Beth Tzedec staff gathered to review and rank them. Following the evaluations, these were selected for our new donation cards. The artwork is off to the printer and hopefully will be in circulation within a few months. I hope you enjoy the new tribute artwork and recognize the talent in the Beth Tzedec family. A huge thank you to everyone who participated. -Jennifer Preece



Hamsa

"This is my take on the Hamsa or Hand of Miriam. I decided to add a lot of meaningful imagery into this piece, see if you can find all the hidden symbols/imagery"
-Haley Bercuson



The Wall

"I wanted this to be about connection, using an interpretation of the Western Wall to convey that."
-Robert Preece

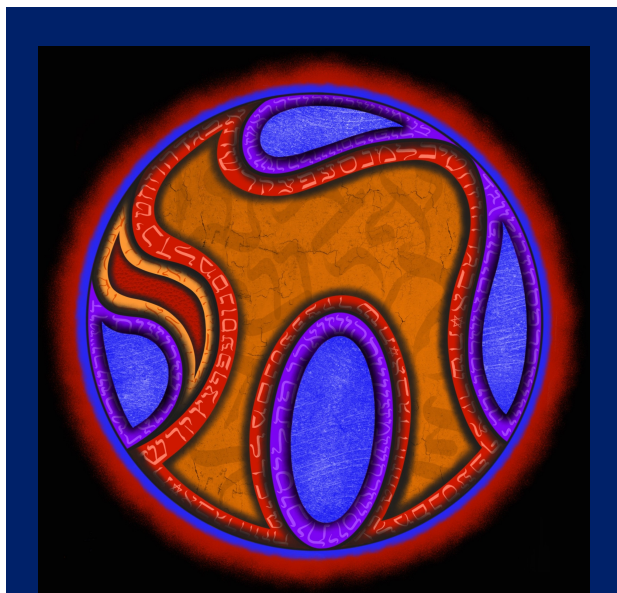


Eekar

"Eekar/Essence is everything in life! Torah, Kabbalah and the Cosmos are one teaching us in every moment!"
-Hilda C. Smith

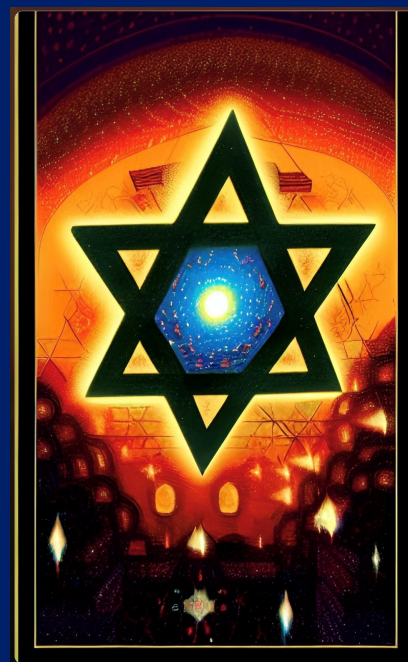
Star of David

"My version of something you would come across on an old hand painted tile, or a piece of mosaic. Simple and imperfect." -Robert Preece

**Chai**

"This digital art piece contains prayers, holy days, and tribes that Judaism is based on. What do you see?"

-Zack Portman

**ORDERING TRIBUTE CARDS**

Send condolences, congratulations and holiday good wishes with Beth Tzedec Tribute cards.

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Thank you to everyone who shared their artwork with us. We look forward to finding more opportunities to show off our talented community!

Help make the holidays a little more playful!

CHW Calgary Centre's 21st annual Toy Drive benefits needy families, providing holiday gifts for both the Jewish and greater Calgary community.

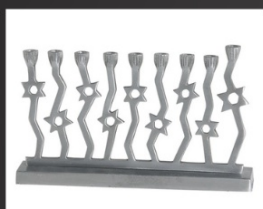
Drop off your donations at the synagogue entrance by Wednesday, December 14.



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DECEMBER 11 & 18
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