



Calendar Highlights

Saturday, July 1

Canada Day

Jackson Krebs' Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Ends: 11:07pm

Monday, July 3

Office Closed

Friday, July 7

Candle Lighting: 9:33pm

TORAH: Pinchas

Saturday, July 8

Shabbat Ends: 11:01pm

Monday, July 10

4:00pm Norman Ravvin on

Who Gets In: An Immigration Story

Friday, July 14

Candle Lighting: 9:28pm

TORAH: Mattot-Masei

Saturday, July 15

Shabbat Ends: 10:53pm

Friday, July 21

Candle Lighting: 9:20pm

TORAH: Devarim

Saturday, July 22

Shabbat Ends: 10:42pm

Thursday, July 27

Tisha B'Av

Friday, July 28

Candle Lighting: 9:10pm

TORAH: Va'ethannan

Saturday, July 29

Shabbat Ends: 10:30pm

Sunday, July 30

12:00pm Congregant Appreciation

BBQ

Wednesday, August 2

Tu B'Av

Friday, August 4

Candle Lighting: 8:59pm

TORAH: Eikev

Saturday, August 5

Shabbat Ends: 10:16pm

Monday, August 7

Heritage Day – Office Closed

Thursday, August 10

6:00pm NML Appreciation Dinner,
following Evening Services

Friday, August 11

Candle Lighting: 8:47pm

TORAH: Re'eh

Saturday, August 12

Shabbat Ends: 10:01pm

Friday, August 18

Candle Lighting: 8:33pm

TORAH: Shoftim

Saturday, August 19

Shabbat Ends: 9:45pm

Friday, August 25

Candle Lighting: 8:19pm

TORAH: Ki Tetzei

Saturday, August 26

Miller Eliovitz's Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Ends: 9:28pm

Sunday, August 27

7:00pm Citywide Pride Interfaith

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Services

9:00am Daily

Evening Services

6:00pm Daily

As of August 1, Saturday evening services will exclusively be available by request. If you would like to request a Saturday evening service, kindly contact the Beth Tzedec office at (403) 255-8688 at least one week in advance.

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Understanding Tisha B'Av

Tisha B'Av has become a container into which we can pour all our sorrow and fear.

By Rabbi Cantor Russell G. Jayne

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair | Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

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.



CONGREGANT APPRECIATION

BBQ

SUNDAY, JULY 30
12:00PM TO 2:00PM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

A Roadmap for the Future

As the world around us continues to change, our kehillah needed an updated strategy to set us up to thrive. This proactive approach ensures that the synagogue remains relevant and vibrant in meeting the evolving needs of its congregants.



By Lorne Pearl

Past President, Beth Tzedec Congregation

A number of years ago, recognizing the changing needs of our congregation and community, Beth Tzedec leadership initiated a strategic update. The aim was to create a roadmap that would guide decision-making, prioritize resources, and ensure accountability across all levels of our synagogue. It is my great pleasure to present this strategy to our congregation.

Why We Needed an Updated Strategy

The previous strategic plan, which focused on achieving financial stability, served its purpose and helped the synagogue navigate a challenging period. However, leadership recognized the need for a fresh approach to address the changing dynamics within the congregation and broader community. As the world around us continues to change, our kehillah needed an updated strategy to set us up to thrive. This proactive approach ensures that the synagogue remains relevant and vibrant in meeting the evolving needs of its congregants.

How We Created Our Roadmap

Creating the strategic roadmap was an inclusive and collaborative process. We solicited feedback from congregants, community members, clergy, and professional staff. It was gathered through surveys, interviews, and open forums. This valuable input was carefully considered during extensive discussions by the board and other relevant stakeholders. Additionally, research into best practices, consultation with ViTreo (a nonprofit leadership and development agency), and a thorough analysis of the current synagogue landscape provided valuable insights. This collective effort resulted in a comprehensive roadmap that set clear objectives and actionable steps.

The Three Pillars of Our New Strategy

Increasing Engagement: The first pillar of the strategy focuses on increasing engagement within the congregation. Recognizing that a thriving community is built on strong connections, the synagogue aims to create meaningful opportunities for congregants to actively participate and connect with one another. This includes expanding programming, engaging volunteers, fostering a culture of community, and leveraging

technology to facilitate communication and engagement.

Financial Stability: The second pillar emphasizes the importance of financial stability to effectively support the synagogue's mission and operations. This involves developing a strategic fundraising plan, moving forward with a plan for our building, and increasing the number of Beth Tzedec congregants. By cultivating a culture of stewardship and responsible financial planning, the synagogue can secure its long-term sustainability.

Empowering Staff, Clergy, and Lay Leaders: The third pillar recognizes the critical role played by staff and lay leaders in the success of the synagogue. It focuses on providing professional development opportunities, fostering leadership skills, and creating a supportive environment that empowers individuals to contribute effectively.

By investing in the growth and well-being of our team members, Beth Tzedec can harness their potential and drive positive change within the community.

The decision to update the synagogue's strategic plan was driven by the desire to meet the changing needs of our congregation and set a course for future success. Since beginning the process of building this roadmap, we have had several early wins which have increased engagement and strengthened our community. I look forward to seeing even more successes to come as we continue to navigate our way into the future. You can find the full plan online, using the link below, and if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at email@lornepearl.com or call 403-461-6583.

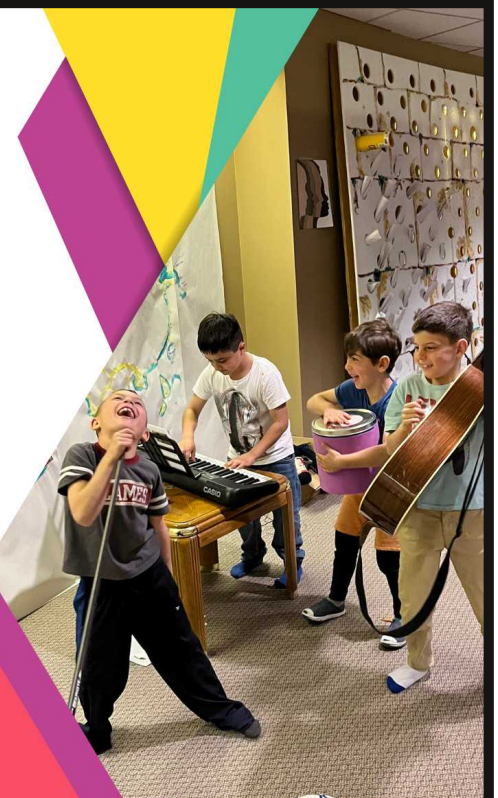
May we go from strength to strength.



A Vision for Tomorrow:

The Roadmap for the Future of Beth Tzedec

[Click here to read the complete roadmap.](#)



Farewell from a Friend

This is the truest definition of community that I know and one that is lived out every day in the halls of Beth Tzedec and the homes of its community members.

By Jonah Potasznik

Beth Tzedec's Outgoing Director of Engagement

As many of you already know, this summer my family and I will be moving on to our next big adventure in Madrid, Spain. At the same time that we are excited to head to Spain for an amazing career opportunity and to be close to family, we are deeply saddened to be leaving this community. Calgary is a special city that won us over quickly. We thought we would be here for a quick year-long stint before heading to Spain. Instead, we fell in love. This is the community where we blossomed as professionals in our respective fields, where we have felt closest as a married couple, and of course, where we grew as a family and had Lev. The saddest breakups are the ones where it's no one's fault, just the consequence of each partner's unique life circumstances. Us leaving Calgary is one of those sad breakups.

Beyond Calgary's incredible nature so close at hand and the fact that it is, in our experience, one of the few North American cities that still has a relatively sane work culture, the people of the Calgary Jewish community have become a part of us. And therefore, leaving means leaving a part of us behind. On the other hand, we will be taking all of you with us, in our hearts... the relationships we have built with friends, congregants, neighbours, and fellow community members will continue to guide our lives long after we are no longer

physically here.

I would like to think that there is a part of us that will stay behind as well. If my work here was met with some level of success, it was only because I was lucky enough to work with an incredible group of colleagues and lay leaders. While I can't thank all of them by name without taking up every single page of this Shofar, please know how much I appreciated being a partner in this holy work with all of you. It is, of course, the people that make Beth Tzedec so special.

As we prepare to leave the city, I am confident the synagogue will continue all the momentum we have built up over the past few years. We have a robust and highly capable staff, and a full programming calendar with learning, social, and volunteer opportunities for congregants of all ages. We have a growing volunteer base, the lifeblood of any successful shul community, and I am very excited that **Stacy Shaikin** will be coming in as the new Engagement Director in the fall. Many Beth Tzedec families know Stacy already as a leader in the community - and a schmoozer-par-excellence. I know he will build countless relationships between current members and extend that warm Beth Tzedec feeling to many potential congregants as well. Stacy, I am so excited to see how you will develop this position and make it your own.

I am so moved by the many congregants and community members who have passed on words of appreciation to me over the past few weeks. I agree with all of you: something special and precious is indeed going on here, and we need to do everything we can to hold on to it.

Here is the key idea for me, what I always think in the back of my mind during these touching, heartfelt moments: **what's happening now is not unique to a particular time or a particular staffing arrangement. It is in fact extremely simple, and everybody - I mean everybody, not just staff or board members - has the power to help make it happen.** Together we can create heimish, soulful experiences for the whole family, invite people into those experiences, make them feel

comfortable, and ask people to, basically, be a part of all of it. Come, sit, eat, enjoy. Nothing feels better than being brought into something larger than yourself.

As we prepare to leave, with Beth Tzedec in our hearts, I see this becoming a larger and larger part of our synagogue culture. We all can play a part: we can all invite our friends, we can all volunteer, we can all plan a simple event or help a friend plan theirs. We can be brave enough to be supportive of each other, and brave enough to be supported by each other. This is the truest definition of community that I know and one that is lived out every day in the halls of Beth Tzedec and the homes of its community members. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of it. Now come visit us in Spain!



Looking Back and Looking Forward

Appreciation and celebration as another season of the National Minyan League comes to a close.



By Susan Inhaber

Commissioner, National Minyan League

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 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. I'm proud to say that we missed very few full minyanim, enabling those who needed to recite Kaddish the opportunity to do so; this is because of our dedicated minyanners, both Platinum and members of the National Minyan League.

Like the season before, the 8th one was conducted entirely as a hybrid one. Most people attended by Zoom with a few more people venturing into the synagogue. We are trying hard to encourage people to come back to in-person services, especially on their team's day. We want to regain the vibes that our services used to have. Hopefully, we can bring

back the kibbitz sessions again with some coffee on the side.

To this end, I will give an extra point to anyone who shows up in-person on their team's day; two if you venture out (or should I say in) for both services. This also applies to Bonus Days!

As usual, there are many people to thank. First, I'd like to thank **Rabbi Russ** who 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 services in a very competent way, even during his absences and days off. His davening is always beautiful.

I would also like to thank our daveners who give so willingly of their time to lead, each in their own unique, yet beautiful, way: **Lorie Abernethy, Judy Chetner, Ari Cohen,** and **Maxine Fischbein**. 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. Thank you also to **Jack Eisenberg** who davened on

JULY BONUS DATES

Sunday, July 9 | Sunday, July 16 | Sunday, July 23
Sunday, July 30 | Monday, July 31

Wednesdays for part of this season. We are eagerly awaiting **Lou Bracey's** return to this group. If you would like to join them, please let us know and we will schedule you in.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful captains of the NML: **Maxine Fischbein (x2), David Inhaber, Bev Silverstone, Linda Garshman, Leib Zeisler, Marni Besser, Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro, Sheila Katz, Linda Gutman, Yossi Suissa, Judy Chetner, Walter Moscovitz, Lorie Abernethy, Jason Gurevitch, and Deb Silver.** 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. **I may do some juggling within the divisions again so keep your eyes open for that.**

As usual, I have teams that could use captains, so if you would like to step up, please let me know. Many teams could also use players. Please don't wait to be asked—contact me or the office.

I am fortunate because I know I can depend on **Sheila Katz, Cheryl Shiell** and **Karen Phillips** to take attendance for me when I am away, have a meeting or am under the weather. With a great team like them, I know that I can take the time I need and be assured that points will be awarded as earned.

My gratitude also goes to **Jennifer Givritz** and **Jennifer Preece** in the office. They keep me on my toes which I often need, and they print out the schedule to post on the wall by the chapel. **Linda Dow** has joined the

team and has been a wonderful asset. She publishes NML news in the various publications, creates ads, and often suggests ideas for my columns and has offered her assistance more than once to help me with the various tasks that I do. Their behind-the-scenes assistance is invaluable. I am thankful that **Karen Phillips** has taken over the reminder emails. She has done an amazing job making her emails new and personal; I appreciate her work. Thanks to **Bill Barkai** and **Adi Charikar** for everything they do. We hope to keep the Operations team busy as in-person attendance increases. I must also thank **David Inhaber** for his behind-the-scenes assistance allowing the synagogue staff to assist in any way I need them. David also spends extra time at the shul to be a second person in the building for the Rabbi, to open the front doors, start the livestreams and Zoom, and to troubleshoot as needed. His constant support and love are very much appreciated and help keep me going.

Finally, and perhaps the largest thanks, goes to all of the members who have attended services this year. We have a group of people who have made the commitment to attend regularly; it is thanks to them that we are able to provide a minyan for people who are reciting Kaddish for a loved one. We are grateful to everyone who does this act of tzedakah on a regular basis. Thank you to the people who have attended on their team days. This has also been 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 a big impact on the everyday lives of the Beth Tzedec members. Don't forget - to receive a prize with your winning team, you must have attended during, at least, six different months on your team's day.

We gained a few new players this season, some just recently after they unfortunately lost loved ones. We welcome our new players and wish them and 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 pleased for you to join us. A once a month commitment is not onerous and we understand that there are times when attendance is not possible. If you can't commit to once a month, perhaps you could become one of our Platinum Minyannaires joining us whenever you have an

opportunity. Keep your eyes open for potential people who could join our teams; we have some 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 again be hosting our annual National Minyan League Celebration on **Thursday, August 10** - save the date! Last year's dinner was a huge success and I know this year's will be, too. The food is delicious, and people have a great time. Kudos to the teams who were able to pull off such an amazing event!

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 during the daily minyanim and during our various events. Be well and stay safe, strong, and healthy - now, and always.



The poster features a dark blue background with yellow and blue triangular bunting flags at the top and bottom. In the center is the NML logo, a shield with 'NML' and 'NATIONAL MINYAN LEAGUE' text. Below the logo, the text reads 'CELEBRATE ANOTHER SEASON' in white, followed by 'NATIONAL MINYAN LEAGUE' in large white block letters, and 'Appreciation Dinner' in a yellow cursive font. At the bottom, the date and time are listed: 'Thursday August 10' and 'Following 6:00pm Evening Services'.

CELEBRATE ANOTHER SEASON

NATIONAL MINYAN LEAGUE

Appreciation Dinner

Thursday August 10 | Following 6:00pm Evening Services

Celebrating Hazak as a Community

By Lila Mydlarski

Organizer of Hazak Lunch & Learn

On behalf of Beth Tzedec and the Hazak program, I want to express our thanks to all of our presenters, who during the past six months, have provided our Lunch & Learn guests with their most informative, interesting and stimulating talks.

Beginning with our first engaging speaker, **Doug Century** in January, we were fortunate to bring on board our esteemed **Rabbi Cantor Russ**, including our own community members, **Irena Karshenbaum**, **Joanne Monica Kanarek**, **Marni Besser**, and **Jack Grinhaus**. Thank you all for sharing your time, knowledge and expertise with our community.

Many thanks to all of the attendees and supporters who came out every month to meet, eat, greet and learn together. *Yasher Kochechem!*

Without you, we would not have had such a successful year.

Hazak is indebted to our wonderful office staff, especially **Jennifer Preece** and **Linda Dow**, who go above and beyond in organizing and advertising each up-and-coming program. And of course, special thanks to **Jennifer Girvitz**, **Adi Charikar** and **Akiba Charikar**, who ensure our guests are treated to a delicious gourmet lunch.

Beginning in the fall, I'm looking forward to once again providing our community with another successful season of Hazak Lunch & Learn.

Hazak, Hazak, V'Nitchazek!



Programs and Events

Norman Ravvin on his book *Who Gets In: An Immigration Story* Monday, July 10

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Join us online for a conversation with author Norman Ravvin on his book *Who Gets In*, a deeply personal family memoir telling the story of his grandfather's resolute struggle against xenophobic and anti-Semitic government policies. Ravvin also provides a shocking exposé of the true character of nation-building in Canada and directly challenges its reputation as a benevolent, tolerant, and multicultural country." [Click here](#) to register and learn more.

Congregant Appreciation BBQ

Sunday, July 30

12:00pm to 2:00pm

We're firing up the grills in the Beth Tzedec parking lot to celebrate the congregants who make our kehillah so special. Indulge in mouthwatering grilled delicacies, including sizzling beef and veggie hot dogs, pasta salad, coleslaw and an array of other delicious options. Raindrops won't dampen our spirits! We have a rain plan to ensure everyone stays dry and comfortable, even if the weather decides to act up.

This event is exclusive to current Beth Tzedec congregants, so mark your calendar and be sure to renew your membership if you haven't done so yet! Registration closes on Thursday, July 20. [Click here](#) to register.

National Minyan League Appreciation Dinner Thursday, August 10 following 6:00pm Evening Services

We're marking the end of another thrilling season of the National Minyan League! Current and prospective members of the NML, their immediate families, and of course, our Platinum Minyanaires are all welcome to join a celebratory dinner following our 6:00pm evening services. There's no charge to participate, but registration is required. [Click here](#) to register.

SAVE THE DATE!

THE CALGARY JEWISH
FILM
Festival

Our favourite annual festival
is back for **IN-PERSON**
screenings, hosted at
Beth Tzedec Congregation.

BEGINNING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
AND CONTINUING ALL MONTH LONG

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS
COMING THIS FALL

Get Involved with Your Beth Tzedec Community

Nothing happens at Beth Tzedec without the care and commitment of our congregant volunteers. If you're interested in making a difference in our community, here are a few ways you can get involved.

Win Big at the Beth Tzedec Casino Monday, August 7 & Tuesday, August 8

Help make the upcoming Beth Tzedec Casino extra special! We're looking for bankers, cashiers, chip runners and countroom volunteers to take afternoon (11:00am to 7:30pm) and evening (6:45pm to 3:00am) shifts. Contact David Inhaber at (403) 998-3283 or ceo@bethtzedec.ca to learn more and volunteer.

Join the Beth Tzedec Tzedakas to Help Fight Human Trafficking Saturday, August 12 to Sunday, August 20

Our community is coming together in the fight against human trafficking! Join the Beth Tzedec Tzedakas in the Joy in Action Run, Walk & Bike challenge this August as they raise funds for human trafficking intervention and prevention. Contact Marni Besser at 403-875-0466 or mbesser1@telus.net to learn more and join the team.

Bring Some Sparkle to the Season Tuesday, August 29 10:00am to 12:00pm

Share your love of the history, ideals and traditions of Beth Tzedec as we prepare for the High Holidays by coming together to polish our community's beautiful Torah ornaments and other silver. Join us in making sure our precious relics are sparkling! Contact us at (403) 255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca to learn more and volunteer.



**get excited! the
high holidays
are nearly here!**

If you want to be part of making the season special for the Beth Tzedec community, please consider volunteering to help our with our holiday celebrations.

**We're looking for:
greeters,
ushers,
room monitors, &
hallway monitors.**

**TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE
CONTACT CEO DAVID INHABER
AT (403) 998-3283 OR
CEO@BETHTZEDEC.CA**

Online Programs from Maven

Beth Tzedec congregants are invited to access exciting online programs and courses from American Jewish University. Simply create an account to access their entire library of learning opportunities.



The In-Betweens: Jewish Identity and Race in America

Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00pm | **No charge**

Explore the challenges of Jewish identity, race and, culture in America through this powerful memoir of a boy's biracial Jewish journey.

Click here to register.



Virtual Tour of Auschwitz Exhibition at the Reagan Library

Thursday, July 20 at 1:00pm | **No charge**

Join exhibit curator Michael Berenbaum on an exclusive virtual tour of the 'Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away' exhibition at the Reagan Library. **Click here** to register.



Israel's Debate: The Judiciary, Law of Return, and Democracy

Available on Demand | **No charge**

Gain insight into the debates about proposed reforms to Israel's judiciary, the Law of Return, and other reforms which some see as a major test of its democracy.

Click here to register.

Online Learning On Your Schedule

For more online learning from Maven, **click here** for their full list of on-demand programs.

Tour Jewish Museums: The Sassoon Saga Exhibition

Thursday, July 6 at 1:00pm | *No charge*

You've read the book, now experience the Sassoon family history through artifacts, architecture, paintings and more! **Click here** to register.

Tour Global Jewish Life: Argentina

Thursday, July 20 at 1:00pm | *\$21*

Join tour guide Claudia Hercman on an exciting virtual tour of Jewish Argentina, home to the 6th largest Jewish community in the world. **Click here** to register.

From Soviet Prisoner to Israeli Politician: Natan Sharansky's Story

Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00pm | *No charge*

Join Natan Sharansky and Gil Troy for a riveting discussion on their new book that delves into Sharansky's fight for freedom and unity. **Click here** to register.

The Watchmakers: A Story of Brotherhood, Survival, and Hope

Wednesday, July 26 at 1:00pm | *No charge*

An extraordinary memoir of endurance, faith, and a unique skill that kept three brothers together—and alive—during the darkest times of World War II. **Click here** to register.

Peggy Guggenheim: Bringing American Art to Tel Aviv

Monday, July 31 at 1:00pm | *\$21*

Learn about Peggy Guggenheim's special relationship with the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, epic art donations, and how she influenced the Israeli art scene for decades. **Click here** to register.

AJU Presents: A Jewish Hollywood Memoir with Julian Schlossberg

Wednesday, August 2 at 1:00pm | *No charge*

From schmoozing with Barbra Streisand to negotiating deals with Al Pacino, Julian Schlossberg gives us a behind-the-scenes look of Jewish Hollywood. **Click here** to register.

Israel 201: Your Next-Level Guide to Life in the Holy Land

Tuesday, August 8 at 1:00pm | *No charge*

Explore this next-level guide to the magic, mystery, and chaos of life in the Holy Land and discover the phenomena that make the country truly unique. **Click here** to register.

Torah Teachings for Jewish Grandparents of Interfaith Families

Wednesday, August 23 at 1:00pm | *No charge*

Learn with Rabbi Ari Saks and discover how Torah encourages us to embrace, support, and bless our grandchildren from interfaith families. **Click here** to register.

Star Crossed: A True Romeo and Juliet Story in Hitler's Paris

Thursday, August 24 at 1:00pm | *No charge*

A true love story of a Holocaust victim and Catholic Resistance fighter in France, drawn from never-before-published family letters and archives. **Click here** to register.

Book Launch: The Netanyahus with Joshua Cohen

Available on Demand | *No charge*

In this Pulitzer Prize winning novel, a job interview goes awry for the exiled patriarch of Israel's First Family in this riotous novel. **Click here** to register.

Miller Chanan Elovitz

August 26, 2023 | 9 Elul 5783 | 9:00am

Miller Chanan Elovitz, son of Ron Elovitz and Megan Zybutz, and younger brother to Zoe Elovitz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 26, 2023.

Miller has been a student at the Calgary Jewish Academy since Nursery and will be starting Grade 8 in the fall.

Miller is very involved with his school and this past year was on Student Council as Co-Treasurer. He has really enjoyed helping out in the younger grades as part of Student Council.

Miller has a passion for most sports, particularly basketball and biking. He loves spending time with his friends playing basketball, bike riding and just hanging out.

Miller is both kind and empathetic and exhibits a maturity beyond his years. He is also fun-loving and has a great sense of humour.

His bar mitzvah project is Camp B.B. where he has spent many wonderful weeks over the last few years learning new activities, making friends and getting a break from his parents.

Thank you to the clergy and staff at the Beth Tzedec for helping prepare Miller for his bar mitzvah.

Mazel Tov Miller! We are so proud of you.





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MAZEL TOV

Bev Silverstone, on the occasion of her birthday

By Arlene & David Holmes

Harriette & Nat Alexander, on the occasion of their anniversary

By Bert Glow

Brian & Beryl Zaitlin, on the engagement of their daughter Hannah

By Milt & Maxine Fischbein

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SYMPATHY

Liz & Ross Kaplan, on the passing of her mother Sheila Sunderland

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Lola Pauer and family, on the passing of her husband, Norman Pauer

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Craig, Heather, Jack, and Ryan Lister, on the passing of Craig's father Julius Lister

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Walter Moscovitz

Cheryl & Jason Gurevitch

Gail Lister, on the passing of her husband Julius Lister

By Walter Moscovitz

Gayle Sherman & Brian Shustack

Brian & Beryl Zaitlin, on the passing of their nephew

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By Linda Garshman

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

MAZEL TOV

Larry Martin, on the occasion of his 70th birthday

By Renee & Bruce Fogel

SYMPATHY

Craig, Heather, Jack, and Ryan Lister, on the passing of Craig's father Julius Lister

By Cynthia & David Prasow

Jessica, Josh, Zoey, and Max Switzer

Jack and Ryan Lister, on the passing of their grandfather Julius Lister

By Moriah & David Samchek

MERVYN BRETTSCHEIDER MEMORIAL FUND

MAZEL TOV

Delsie Dworkin, on the occasion of her 90th birthday
By Shirley & Al Chafetz

SYMPATHY

Lola Pauer and Family, on the passing of her husband Norman Pauer
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

THANK YOU

Morah Jonah Potasznik, for all his support

By Samara, Elliott, and Jeremy Yanofsky and Lisa Libin

Lila Mydlarski, for a fabulous year of learning with Hazak
By Dianne and Robin Lipton

CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND

MAZEL TOV

Darlene Switzer-Foster, on the occasion of her 70th birthday
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

Fania Wedro, on receiving an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Laws from the University of Calgary
By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family

SYMPATHY

Gail Lister and Family, on the passing of her husband Julius Lister

By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family

Liz & Ross Kaplan, on the passing of her mother Sheila Sunderland
By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

SYMPATHY

Pnina Babajanov and Family, on the passing of her husband Yaakov Babajanov
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTEL RABBINIC CHAIR FUND

MAZEL TOV

Louise Glin, on the occasion of her 80th birthday

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

Therese Nagler, on the occasion of her 90th birthday

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

Delsie Dworkin, on the occasion of her 90th birthday

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Dr. Jason Gurevitch, on the occasion of his birthday

By Harriet & Phil Libin

Illana Morton, on the occasion of her birthday

By Harriet & Phil Libin

SYMPATHY

Craig & Heather Lister, on the passing of his father Julius Lister

By David & Sonia Bickman

Gail Lister and Family, on the passing of her husband Julius Lister

By Evelyn Sheftel-Shapiro

MAZEL TOV

MAZEL TOV TO: Parents Randy Shapiro and Patricia Maia and brothers Benjamin and Liam on the Bar Mitzvah of **Levi Shapiro** on June 17.

MAZEL TOV TO: The family of **Benjamin Ng-Pfeffer**, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on June 24.

MAZEL TOV TO: The family of **Alia Shteinberg**, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on June 24.

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Katia Posen, beloved grandmother

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By Frances Pearlman

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David Louis Laven, beloved uncle

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Morris Kowall, beloved father and grandfather
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By Roz Mendelson
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By Andria, Greg, Isaac and Lara Rodin
Harvey Sheftel, beloved husband, father and grandfather
By Marilyn, Tracey, Carrie, Danielle and Families

AUGUST UNVEILING

The family of the late Jerry Dubisky has requested the announcement of the unveiling of the headstone of:

Jerry Dubisky
Sunday, August 20 at 11:00am
at Erlton Cemetery

MEMORIAL NOTICES

Sheila Sunderland, wife of the late Gerald Sunderland^{z"l} and mother of Tony (Vyetta) Sunderland, Larry (Colleen) Sunderland, Jon (Teri) Sunderland, Liz (Ross) Kaplan, and Rob (Jackie) Sunderland. Sheila passed away on June 5, 2023.

Julius Lister, husband of Gail Lister and father of Stephen (Heather) Lister and Craig (Heather) Lister. Julius passed away on June 12, 2023.

Dina Stuckey, wife of Louis Frimet and mother of Jim (Rita) Stuckey, Bev (Dennis) Litkie, Heather (Murray) Dalphond, Bruce Stuckey, Dena Piesinger, Cherri (Randy) Bishop, Donna (Leo Provost) Stuckey, Sandy (Steve) Botham, and the late Shane Frimet^{z"l}. Dina passed away on June 16, 2023.

Sidney Cyngiser, husband of Bronia Cyngiser and father of Harvey Cyngiser and Frances Cyngiser (David Weisfeld). Sidney passed away on June 27, 2023.

If you would like to advise the congregation of a future unveiling and have it included in our publications, please let us know by contacting 403-255-8688 or info@bethzedec.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 Jeffrey Dworkin at president@bethtzedec.ca or CEO David Inhaber at ceo@bethtzedec.ca.

