







Monday, January 1

New Year's Day — Office Closed

Friday, January 5

Candle Lighting: 4:26pm TORAH: Shemot

Saturday, January 6 Jordan Silverstone's Bar Mitzvah Shabbat Ends: 5:43pm

Monday, January 8

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm STEM 5:00pm Judaism 201 6:30pm Shiviti Class

Tuesday, January 9

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Dance

Wednesday, January 10

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Teen Hang 4:00pm Visual Arts 7:00pm Board Meeting

Thursday, January 11

3:30pm Homework Club4:00pm Music4:00pm Martial Arts5:10pm Bimah Challenge6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday, January 12

Candle Lighting: 4:35pm TORAH: Va'era

Saturday, January 13 Shabbat Ends: 5:52pm

Sunday, January 14

10:00am B'Mitzvah Class 10:00am Shul School 2.1 11:00am Hebrew Class

Calendar Highlights

Monday, January 15

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm STEM 5:00pm Judaism 201 6:30pm Shiviti Class

Tuesday, January 16 3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Dance

Wednesday, January 17 12:00pm Hazak Lunch &

Learn 3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Teen Learning 4:00pm Yoga

Thursday, January 18

3:30pm Homework Club4:00pm Music4:00pm Martial Arts5:10pm Bimah Challenge6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday, January 19 Candle Lighting: 4:46pm TORAH: Bo

Saturday, January 20 *Avi Pyasi's Bar Mitzvah* Shabbat Ends: 6:01pm

Sunday, January 21 10:00am B'Mitzvah Class 10:00am Shul School 2.1 11:00am Hebrew Class

Monday, January 22 3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm STEM 5:00pm Judaism 201 6:30pm Shiviti Class

Tuesday, January 23 3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Dance

Wednesday, January 24

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Visual Arts 4:00pm Teen Hang

Thursday, January 25

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Music 4:00pm Martial Arts 5:10pm Bimah Challenge 6:30pm Keruv Class 6:30pm Thursday Night Live

Friday, January 26

Candle Lighting: 4:58pm TORAH: Beshallah

Saturday, January 27

Shabbat Ends: 6:12pm 4:30pm Seudah Shlishit

Sunday, January 28

10:00am B'Mitzvah Class 10:00am Shul School 2.1 11:00am Hebrew Class

Monday, January 29

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm STEM 5:00pm Judaism 201 6:30pm Shiviti Class

Tuesday, January 30

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Dance

Wednesday, January 31

3:30pm Homework Club 4:00pm Yoga 4:00pm Teen Learning

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Services 9:00am Daily

Evening Services 6:00pm Sun-Fri

Saturday evening services are only available when we are hosting Seudah Shlishit. Otherwise, these services are only available by request. If you would like to request a Saturday evening service, call (403) 255-8688 at least one week in advance.

> Beth Tzedec gratefully acknowledges the generous support provided by major endowment gifts, including:

Steven Blitz Endowment Fund Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair Cyngiser Family Jewish Film Festival Fund

Another New Year Celebration

Just as on Rosh Hashanah, the secular New Year invites us to engage in introspection, seeking ways to contribute positively to not just our local communities but also beyond their limited borders.

By Rabbi Cantor Russell G. Jayne

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

As we stand just over the threshold of a secular New Year, let us pause for a moment, before daily distractions set in once again, to reflect on the passing of time, the significance of new beginnings, our intentions for the days and months ahead, and the timeless wisdom embedded in our Jewish heritage that has forever been our guiding light in troubled times. In Jewish tradition, we glean wisdom from the cyclical nature of life, and the changing of the secular calendar offers us a unique opportunity to blend the old with the new, the tried and true with the innovative. It calls us to draw parallels between our own rich teachings concerning return and repair with the promise of a fresh start that each new cycle of any origin offers. In that spirit of teshuvah and tikkun olam. let's resolve that we will continue our work to repair and improve the world around us in the coming year.

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ורשם כבוד מלכותול זעד תתינל הכוזבות לאתכבי

Just as on Rosh Hashanah, the secular New Year invites us to engage in introspection, seeking ways to contribute positively to not just our local communities but also beyond their limited borders. So as the sounds of striking clocks fade into the distance, let the echoes of the shofar's call return to resonate in and revive our hearts, reminding us once again of our shared responsibility to pursue justice and kindness, and to reaffirm our commitment to the values that have sustained Jewish identity throughout the generations.

May this year be one of unity, understanding and compassion, transcending boundaries, and fostering connections that will strengthen the tapestry of both our Jewish and our global community. I wish you a sweet and joyous secular New Year filled with abundant blessings and meaningful resolutions!



SHIVE: A Work of Art and a Moment of Meditation

Join Rabbi Cantor Russ as he expands upon his popular session from last year's Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Come learn the history of Shiviti, powerful forms of Jewish meditative artwork, and explore in depth the beautiful Shiviti that hangs in our Chapel.

Mondays, beginning January 8 | 6:30pm to 8:30pm







ISRAELI SALAD

MAC N' CHEESE

SPEND FRIDAY NIGHTS FOCUSED ON WHAT MATTERS

Let us handle the cooking while you cherish precious moments with your loved ones. Beth Tzedec's Kosher Kitchen offers a delightful spread of traditional dishes and modern delights, crafted by our expert chef.

Save time and savour the essence of Shabbat in the comfort of your home. Strengthen family bonds and create meaningful traditions around the dinner table. Order now and make this Friday's dinner a special one for your family!

ORDER NOW

bethtzedec.ca/catering (403) 255-8688

Beth Tzedec Congregation

Celebrating Recent Successes

Thank yous and updates from the Beth Tzedec President.

By Jeffrey Dworkin

Beth Tzedec President

The new year has begun, but I would like to mention a few items from the latter part of 2023. First, *yasher koah* to Harvey Cyngiser, his committee, and sponsors for another successful Calgary Jewish Film Festival. The selection of films was poignant, relevant and entertaining. Congratulations on your 23rd film festival and we look forward to many more.

Secondly, mazel tov to Heather Khan Lister, our Director of Youth and Education, and Jennifer Girvitz, our events coordinator, and the entire team of Beth Tzedec staff and volunteers for yet another wonderful Family Hanukkah Celebration, which was attended by over 200 adults and children. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, games and especially the bouncy castle. *Yasher koah* to Akiba Charikar, our shul chef, for all he and his staff and volunteers did to make this event a success.



Moving forward, the Ritual Committee - together with Rabbi Russ and Rabbi Ilana – have proposed a number of adjustments to how we conduct our services. Several of these have already been implemented, including holding Zoom-only weekday morning services, expanding the days and times at which we celebrate B'nai Mitzvahs and holding Shabbat morning services in the chapel rather than in the Sanctuary. The Board of Directors has also approved the purchase of another memorial yahrzeit board. If you are interested in sponsoring the purchase of the memorial board, please contact the office.

The Beth Tzedec Board, executive and staff hope and pray for a resolution to the ongoing conflict in *Eretz Yisrael.* Our hope is that the remaining hostages are freed and peace and security may soon return. Wishing you countless blessings in 2024.



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Thank You NML Volunteers!

A message of appreciation for the volunteers who make the National Minyan League so special.

By Susan Inhaber

Commisioner, National Minyan League

Voices raised together in prayer and song, Online and in person. Looking for connection and making new friends. United in doing a meaningful mitzvah, both Near and far. Taking just a small part of their day to Ensure a minyan for those needing to say Kaddish. Enjoying the little bit of time spent together. Renewed, refreshed, rekindled.

Thank you to our National Minyan League Volunteers. All of you, both captains and team members, are so appreciated and vital to the success of this program. We salute you!

JANUARY BONUS DATES

Sunday, January 14 | Sunday, January 21 | Sunday, January 28 Monday, January 29 | Tuesday, January 30 | Wednesday, January 31



JOIN THE NATIONAL MINYAN LEAGUE

Be there when you're needed most

If you want to help make a difference in the lives of your neighbours, consider joining an existing team or starting one of your own!

Contact info@bethtzedec.ca to learn more.



Highlights from Our Family Hanukkah Celebration

Thank you to everyone who shared the fun and excitement of Hanukkah with us last month! With nearly 200 attendees and dozens of volunteers, we had such a great time celebrating with you.















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January Shofar

Hanukkah Highlights













Help make future holiday celebrations special by joining one of our Volunteer Action Groups! Click here for more info.



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Programs & Events

Shiviti: A Work of Art and a Moment of Meditation

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Join Rabbi Cantor Russ this January as he expands upon his popular session from last year's Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Come learn the history of Shiviti, powerful forms of Jewish meditative artwork, and explore in depth the beautiful Shiviti that hangs in our Chapel. **Click here** to register.

Teen Wednesdays

Teen Hang: Wednesdays, January 10 & 24 Teen Learning: Wedesday, January 17 & 31

4:00pm to 6:00pm

We're inviting teens in grades 8 to 12 to participate in free weekly programming dedicated to learning, connecting and living their Jewish values – every Wednesday at Beth Tzedec. **Click here** to register.

Keruv Class

Thursdays, January 11, 18 & 25 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Designed for those interested in conversion, our Keruv class covers a number of Jewish topics and incorporates lectures, group textstudies, discussions, and experiential activities. **Click here** to register.

Hebrew Literacy & Conversation

Sundays, January 14, 21 & 28 11:00am to 12:00pm

We are thrilled to offer a dynamic Adult Hebrew program designed to fit seamlessly into your busy schedule. Drop off your kids at Shul School or B'nai Mitzvah class and then join us for an hour of immersive Hebrew learning. **Click here** to register.

Hazak Lunch & Learn: Uniting Agaisnt Antisemitism Wednesday, January 17

12:00pm to 2:00pm

For the January session of our monthly Lunch & Learn, David Prasow will join us to discuss the need for Calgary's Jewish Community to come together and organize in response to antisemitism and anti-Israel activity. **Click here** to register.

Thursday Night Live

Thursday, January 25 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Showcase your talents at the ultimate open mic experience at Beth Tzedec! Join us monthly for a dynamic showcase of local talent like you've never seen before. **Click here** to register.

Seudah Shelishit and Study Session: Sermons of the Sacred Fire

Saturday, January 27 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Join Rabbi Russ for seudah shelishit as we explore the sermons of Rabbi Kalonymos Kalmish Shapira, the last Hasidic Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto. His words offer a profound insight into one of the darkest chapters of our people's history, and how one intensely devout Rabbi tried to help his congregation remain connected to the source of all being. **Click here** to register.

January Shofar

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MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS

Register for a New Semester of Homework Club & Shiluv: Learning Club

Our winter semester begins January 8! Don't miss your opportunity to sign yourself and your family up for Homework Club and our popular Shiluv classes.

Shiluv Classes

- STEM (Grades 1-6)
- Dance (Grades 1-6)
- Music (Grades 3-12)
- Martial Arts (Grades 1-12)
- Visual Arts (Youth & Adults)
- Yoga (Youth & Adults)
- Bimah Challenge (Teens & Adults)
- Judaism 201 (Adults)



Tributes & Donations

CONGREGATION FUND/TZEDAKAH FUND

MAZEL TOV

John Barron, on his birthday By Irvin & Sandy Adler Ron Switzer, on his birthday By Irvin & Sandy Adler Ben Berman, on his special birthday By Nat & Harriette Alexander

SYMPATHY

Maureen Popiolek, on the passing of her sister Carolyn By Claire & Ben Berman Sheila Bermack, on the passing of her sister **Bv** Harriet & Phil Libin Albert & Marcy Fialkow, on the passing of his sister By Sandy & Irvin Alder Milt & Maxine Fischbein and Family Lila Mydlarski Walter Moscovitz Elaine & Stuart Myron Karen, Jamie and Michelle Phillips Alan & Wendy Silver Bill & Randi Aaron

GET WELL

Bernie Switzer By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch **Ronnie Goldberg** By Janice Middleman

HAPPY HANUKKAH

Arlein and Judy Chetner and Family By Janice Middleman

CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND

MAZEL TOV

John Barron, on his birthday By Hilda & Lenny Smith

SYMPATHY

Rabbi Rick Klein and Family, on the passing of his mother Doreen Kline
By Harvey Cyngiser
Bronia Cyngiser
Neil & Jemmie Silver and Family, on the passing of his aunt Vivian Silver
By Milt & Maxine Fischbein and Family

Albert & Marcy Fialkow, on the passing of his sister By Mark Swartz and Family Hilda & Lenny Smith

THANK YOU

Harvey Cyngiser By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

MAZEL TOV

Jean Barron, on her birthday By Reva Faber Lily Fixler, on her grandson Levi Fixler's Bar Mitzvah By Hilda & Lenny Smith

SYMPATHY

Maureen Popiolek, on the passing of her sister Carolyn By Reva Faber David & Paula Rittenberg, on the passing of Larry By Reva Faber

LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTEL RABBINIC CHAIR FUND

MAZEL TOV

Ralph & Sheila Gurevitch, on Joshua's engagement By Harriet & Phil Libin Mr. & Mrs. Henry Morton, on Joshua's engagement By Harriet & Phil Libin

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SYMPATHY

Rabbi Rick Klein and Family, on the passing of his mother Doreen Kline By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch Neil & Jemmie Silver, on the passing of his sister Vivian Silver By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch Cheryl & Jason Gurevitch and Family, on the passing of her mother, Caroline Levy By Saul Prince

Yahrzeit Fund

Leah Mittleman, beloved grandmother By Lila Mydlarski Dorris Miller, beloved mother and arandmother By Lila Mydlarski, Karen Parker, Marc Mydlarski and Family Zipora (Sepa) Kaplar, beloved aunt By Shirley Katz Eddie Stochinsky, beloved uncle By Shirley Katz David Viner, beloved father By Shirley Katz Sonia Gelfand, beloved mother and grandmother By Karen Sklar and Family Glenna Harriet Silver, beloved sister By Randi Aaron and Alan Silver William Kohn, beloved husband By Lea Kohn Fanny Sheftel, beloved mother-in-law and grandmother By Marilyn, Tracey, Danielle and Carrie Sheftel Alice Robinstone Rimer, beloved mother By Faith Dubisky Leo Sheftel, beloved father By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

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Mordehai Levant, beloved sister By Rachel Amir David Viner, beloved father By Arlene Viner-Holmes Joe Seinfeld, beloved uncle **Bv Saul Prince** Jacob Lyuber, beloved father By Mark Lyuber Jacob Oykhman, beloved father By Alex Oykhman Harry Sherman, beloved father **Bv Barb Krell** Kathleen Fleishman, beloved wife By Jerol Fleishman Robert Gregory Giannuzzi, beloved son By Naomi Lakritz Rekka Rotzang, beloved mother By Akex Rotzang William Roth, beloved husband By Elisabeth Roth Harry Bellas, beloved father By The Simpson Family Evelyn Numerow, beloved mother and grandmother By Len & Danna Numerow and Family Jack Groner, beloved husband **By Jean Groner** Rachel Litvin, beloved grandmother By Aleksandra Vinogradov

PRAYER LABEL TRIBUTE

Carol-Rut (nee Switzer) Sahian, beloved wife, mother & grandmother By Hershel, Dana, Yishai, Josh and Eden Sahiarn

MEMORIAL NOTICES

Carolyn Batke, sister of Maureen Popiolek. Carolyn passed away on Sunday, December 3.

Rachel Finer, wife of Jeff Strong, mother of Alanna (Ian) Tharp and Carrie (Alon) Sharer and sister of Albert (Marcy) Fialkow and Sam (Marilyn Sheckter) Fialkow. Rachel passed away on Thursday, December 7.

Anita Herman, mother of Ricki (Rick) McArthur, Lesley Fortuna and Allan (Janine) Herman. Anita passed away on Thursday, December 28.



Beth Tzedec is proud to take part in the Harold Grinspoon Foundation LIFE & LEGACY program, coordinated locally by Calgary Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary. We are working in partnership with organizations throughout the Calgary Jewish community to raise endowment funds through after-lifetime gifts.

Todah rabah to the following individuals and families who have generously committed to after-lifetime gifts that will support our synagogue in perpetuity:

Anonymous (6) Judith and Christopher Baron-Bown Sharon Batshaw Jenny Belzberg Melissa and Daniel Blitt Marnie and Darren Bondar Val and Lou Bracev Maxine and Milt Fischbein Sarah and Ben Ginzberg **Benjamin Grintuch** Cheryl and Jason Gurevitch Sheila and Ralph Gurevitch Susan and David Inhaber Josh Inhaber Russell George Jayne Barbara Joffe Diana Kalef and Elliott Steinberg Barb and Ron Krell Eddy Lang Harriet and Phil Libin Lily and Bill Lister

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Did you know?

The estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future 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.





