

DECEMBER 2025 HESHVAN — KISLEV 5786





Calendar Highlights December Shofar

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Monday, December 1

5:00pm Judaism 201

Tuesday, December 2

3:30pm Homework Club

Wednesday, December 3

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

Thursday, December 4

3:30pm Homework Club 6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday, December 5

5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner

CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:12PM TORAH: VAYISHLACH

Saturday, December 6

Heidi Huber's Bat Mitzvah 4:30pm Seudah Shelishit

HAVDALAH: 5:28PM

Sunday, December 7

10:00am B'nai Mitzvah Class 10:00am Shul School

Monday, December 8

3:30pm Homework Club 5:00pm Judaism 201

Tuesday, December 9

3:30pm Homework Club

Wednesday, December 10

3:30pm Homework Club

Thursday, December 11

3:30pm Homework Club

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday, December 12
CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:11PM

TORAH: VAYEISHEV

Saturday, December 13

Aviva Rimer's Bat Mitzvah

4:30pm Seudah Shelishit

HAVDALAH: 5:27PM

Sunday, December 14

First Night of Hanukkah

10:00am Family Hanukkah Party

Monday, December 15
Second Night of Hanukkah
3:30pm Homework Club

5:00pm Judaism 201

Tuesday, December 16
Third Night of Hanukkah

3:30pm Homework Club

Wednesday, December 17

Fourth Night of Hanukkah 3:30pm Homework Club

Thursday, December 18

Fifth Night of Hanukkah Idan Shaked's Bar Mitzvah

3:30pm Homework Club

6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday, December 19

Sixth Night of Hanukkah

CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:12PM

TORAH: MIKEITZ

Saturday, December 20

Seventh Night of Hanukkah Holly Shifrah's Bat Mitzvah

4:30pm Seudah Shelishit

HAVDALAH: 5:30PM

Sunday, December 21

Eighth Night of Hanukkah Judah Hornstein's Bar Mitzvah

Wednesday, December 24

Office Closes at 12:00pm

Thursday, December 25

Office Closed

Friday, December 26

Office Closed

CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:16PM

TORAH: Vayigash

Saturday, December 27

HAVDALAH: 5:34PM

Tuesday, December 30

Fast of 10th Tevet

Wednesday, December 31

Office Closes at 12:00pm

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Services

9:00am Daily

Evening Services

6:00pm Daily

Saturday evening services will exclusively be available by request, unless we are hosting a Seudah Shelishit. If you would like to request a Saturday evening service, kindly contact the Beth Tzedec office at least one week in advance.

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

Steven Blitz Endowment Fund

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Special thanks to **Holly Shifrah**, who took the photograph of the Northern Lights over Beth Tzedec Congregation that you can see on the Shofar cover.

Rabbi Cantor's Corner December Shofar

The Hope and Power of a Small Act of Light

The miracle wasn't eight days of light. The miracle was that we chose to light one flame.

By Rabbi Cantor Russell G. Jayne

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



As we prepare to enter Hanukkah, I've been thinking about a detail we often overlook in the story of the Maccabees. The miracle, ultimately, wasn't that we had eight days of light. The miracle was that we chose to light one flame. The miracle was that one modest act of courage in a sanctuary that was still in ruins, taken by people who didn't yet know how the story would unfold.

That is what Hanukkah is, at its heart: the festival of small courage. Most of us aren't fighting back armies or purifying ancient Temples. Yet all of us face moments when we are unsure, tired, or overwhelmed, moments when the world feels dimmer than we wish it did. And still, somehow, we light that next candle.

In our community, that courage shows up in quiet ways, a volunteer who steps forward even when no one

sees; a member who makes a phone call to someone who's struggling; a family that chooses hope over fear; a person who offers kindness even when their own heart feels heavy. These are our "one-day-of-oil moments." They are small, but they matter more than we know.

This Hanukkah, I invite us to celebrate the art of the first step. To honour the tiny flames we each add to the world. The ones that don't make headlines but absolutely make a difference.

May every candle we light this Hanukkah remind us that hope doesn't begin with certainty. It begins with the courage to try.

Chag Urim Sameach! May your Festival of Lights be filled with warmth, resilience, and gentle miracles.

SkipTheDepot & Support Youth Programs at Beth Tzedec

Download & Sign Up

Click here to download SkipTheDepot online or use the App
Store or Google Play. Sign up and schedule a pickup.

Book a Pickup
The morning of your pickup day, put your bags outside.
Use the directions area in the app to let the driver know where to find them.

Donate your Deposit

Select Beth Tzedec as the organization you'd like to receive your donated funds. Your contribution will help support our Youth Programming Fund, plus, you'll get the tax receipt!

December Shofar Family Hanukkah Party



Join us on Sunday. December 14 from 10:00am to 12:00pm for:

- & Delicious holiday foods and treats
- Games and activities for children of all ages
- Inflatables (to run off some of that winter energy!)
- A holiday celebration for the entire community

Click here to register your family.



From the Director's Desk December Shofar

Illuminating Our Community this Hanukkah

The warmth of the holiday comes not only from candles and latkes but from family, memory, and community.

By Jennifer Girvitz

Executive Director, Beth Tzedec Congregation

As December arrives and the days grow shorter, our tradition reminds us that even the smallest light can push back the darkness. Hanukkah invites us to pause, gather, and watch the glow grow brighter each night. The warmth of the holiday comes not only from candles and latkes but from family, memory, and community.

Many of us will soon be lighting the menorah with loved ones. Children will come home excited for the first candle, friends and neighbours will join us, and some of us will find a quiet moment to reflect in the middle of a busy season. The soft light on familiar faces, the stories passed down for generations, and the joy of sharing food and song are what make Hanukkah so special. It elevates everyday moments: lighting a wick, singing a blessing, or watching a child's delight at the growing flames.

Within our synagogue, I see this same light throughout the year. It shines through the kindness, generosity, and dedication of our volunteers. As we look ahead to the new year, I'm pleased to share that starting in January, the Beth Tzedec Shofar will include a new feature: a Volunteer Spotlight.

This spotlight will highlight a few of the individuals who help make our congregation a true home. Some are the welcoming faces you see each week. Others support us quietly in the background. Some provide leadership, while others take on the small but essential tasks that keep our programs and celebrations running. Each person strengthens our community. Each one adds a candle to the menorah.

In the Hanukkah story, the miracle begins with a single act of courage: the decision to light one flame even when the future was unclear. In a similar way, our volunteers illuminate our path forward. Their efforts help us welcome new families, support our youth, honour our elders, and care for one another.

As you celebrate this season, I invite you to notice those sparks of light both at home and here at Beth Tzedec. And if you are one of our volunteers, please know how deeply we appreciate the light you bring.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, peaceful, and light-filled Hanukkah.

Chag Urim Sameach!

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Beth Tzedec in the Community

Over the past couple of months, our Rabbi Ilana had the honour of representing Beth Tzedec Congregation, and the Jewish Community in general, at two events sponsored by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community.

The first was an all-women's event that consisted of a panel presentation, question and answer period, and dinner. The topic was, "What do different faith groups say about the Messiah?". Rabbi Ilana was treated very graciously by her hostesses and enjoyed a tour of their exhibit, and a delicious meal with her new acquaintances from the Hindu,

Christian, and Muslim community.

Rabbi Ilana also had the opportunity to speak in November at the Baitun Nur Mosque in honour of their Religious Founder's Day. The MC for this event was the Honourable Ric McIver, and Rabbi Ilana was among representatives from the Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu, Ahmadiyya Muslim, and Christian communities called upon to give a presentation on the topic of: Does G-d Speak Now?

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community was very welcoming and were proud to highlight their new slogan, "Love for All, Hatred for None" as part of the evening's proceedings.







A Light at Every Minyan

A playful note on the daily miracles of our minyan family — bright, brave, and beautifully committed.



By Susan Inhaber (and ChatGPT)

Commissioner, National Minyan League

They say Hanukkah is about bringing light into the darkness—and honestly, who does that better than our daily Minyan regulars?

Every morning and evening, a small but mighty band of Maccabees shows up — not with spears or shields, but with tallitot and good intentions. Like the oil that somehow lasted eight days, our Minyanim have their own little miracles:

The Miracle of the Tenth Person

There's that moment — 9:03 a.m., and number ten appears. A collective sigh of relief. A modern miracle.

The Miracle of the Memory

Somehow everyone remembers who is leading, who's saying Kaddish, and which parts of the service are added or omitted.

The Miracle of Motivation

It's dark, it's cold, we're busy — but people still come. Not for points, not for prizes, but for each other.

During Hanukkah, we light candles to remind us that even a small flame can chase away a lot of darkness. Our daily Minyanim are like that — steady, faithful lights glowing all year round, keeping the flame of community burning bright.

So, this Hanukkah, as you light your menorah, take a moment to think of our own little jars of oil — the people who show up, day after day, keeping our light alive.

Because every Minyan, really, is a miracle.

Chag Urim Sameach!

DECEMBER BONUS DATES

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



December Shofar Programs & Events

Programs and Events

Judaism 201

Mondays, December 1, 8 & 15 | 5:00pm Ready to go deeper in your Jewish learning? Judaism 201 is an adult education series with Rabbi Russ designed for those who want to explore the richness of our heritage and religious tradition. Click here to register.

Family Shabbat Dinner Friday, December 5 | 5:30pm

Bring your whole family together for an unforgettable Friday night filled with music, laughter, and community spirit! At 5:30pm, jump into an interactive Shabbat service with singing and stories that will have kids (and grown-ups!) smiling from ear to ear. Then at 6:00pm, we'll gather around the table for a mouthwatering, shul-cooked dinner—because Shabbat tastes better when we share it together. More than a meal, it's a night of connection, joy, and Shabbat magic. Click here to register

Seudah Shelishit:

Exploring Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer

Saturdays, December 6, 13 & 20 4:30pm

Join Rabbi Russ for a fascinating journey through the remarkable work of Rabbi Eliezer. Together, we'll explore how this imaginative work of rabbinic literature reshapes familiar biblical narratives, connects them to enduring Jewish values, and invites us to see Torah through a lens of wonder and creativity. **Click here** to register.

Family Hanukkah Party Sunday, December 14 | 10:00am

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with our annual Family Hanukkah Party! Gather your loved ones and join us for a joyful morning filled with music, crafts, games, and the warm spirit of community. We'll mark the holiday with festive activities for all ages, delicious Hanukkah treats, and plenty of opportunities to create special memories together. Click here to register.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

GROUP SESSIONS

SUNDAYS, MONTHLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

Students will learn with both Beth Tzedec rabbis while preparing for their B'nai Mitzvah with a unique and comprehensive curriculum. Beyond learning to successfully lead a B'nai Mitzvah service, they'll develop a deep understanding of the beauty of our tradition.

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY BEGINNING
NINE MONTHS OUT FROM YOUR SIMCHA

Students will benefit from more personal attention throughout the year, punctuated by group time with their peers, community building and exploring their mitzvah projects, and sharpening their Torah/service-leading skills.

PLUS ASK ABOUT HOW CELEBRATING A B'NAI MITZVAH AT BETH TZEDEC CAN HELP FUND A TRIP TO ISRAEL FOR YOUR CHILD

From Generation to Generation: Building Beth Tzedec's Future

Make a financial commitment to Beth Tzedec and help guarantee our **Safety**, our **Community** and our **Future**.



Todah rabah to the following individuals and families who have made personal commitments to the future of the Beth Tzedec Community.

Bill & Randi Aaron Judy Adler Karen Ashkin Izroel & Khana Barmazel Chris & Judi Baron-Bown Robert & Marcie Barsky Valerie Barsky Claire Berman David & Sonia Bickman Lou & Val Bracev Akiba & Yerusha Charikar Cindy Chetner & Yossi Suissa Judith Chetner Cheryl Cohen Alberto de Mayo Faith Dubisky Sandra & Haskel^{z"l} Eisner Lazar & Polina Ersh Habib Espanioli Reva Faber Adam & Jennifer Girvitz Lanna Goldman Ralph & Sheila Gurevitch

Al Jablonka

Charlotte Jacobson

Daniel Jones Michael & Sheila Katz Ron & Barbara Krell Karen Levitt Micah Libin Eli & Gail Markovich Janice Middleman Lila Mydlarski Therese Nagler Jerry & Susan Polsky Robert & Jennifer Preece Arthur & Caroline Rubin Leonard Seidman & Kimberly Rothenberg David & Erin Savage Len & Faigel^{z"l} Shapiro Ruth Shapiro Lee-Ann & Jordan Singer Joe & Sondra Spier Lorne Tucker & Beverly Sklar Fischbein Family Community Fund Leonard & Harriet Waghelstein Paula & Eric Weil Megan Zybutz & Ron Eliovitz Anonymous (6)

Now is the time to renew our commitment to this beautiful building full of important memories. This will ensure that our community, our children and grandchildren, will have a place to gather, pray and learn for the next 40 years.

Click here to make your contribution today.

December Shofar Tributes and Donations

Tributes & Donations

CONGREGATION FUND/TZEDAKAH FUND

MAZEL TOV

Nat & Harriette Alexander, on their birthdays

By Bob & Cheryl Shiell

Harriet & Lenny Waghelstein

Michael & Candy Schacter on the birth of their new granddaughter By Walter Moscovitz

Bob & Cheryl Shiell on their grandson's Bar Mitzvah By Judy Chetner

Robyn & Joe Oppenheim on their daughter's Bat Mitzvah

By Rodney Massel and Family **Dr. Albert Rosengarten & Dr. Barbara**

Atnikov on the birth of their new granddaughter
By Walter Moscovitz

SYMPATHY

Stuart Ross on the loss of his wife, Irene Ross By Debbie & Albert Krygier

Walter Moscovitz Stephen, Miriam and The Field Family

Milt & Maxine Fischbein

Stuart Ross and Family on the loss of Irene Ross

By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Phil Parker and Family on the loss of

his wife, Judy Parker

By Sheila Riesenberg

Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Catherine Ford on the loss of her husband, Ted Busheikin

By Joe & Sondra Spier

The Levitt Family on the loss of Mel Levitt

By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Mallary Eisner on the loss of her

father, Haskel Eisner

By Diane & Leo Zalmanowitz

Lauren Bell, on the loss of her brother, Marc Brener

By Giezelle & Michael Pash

Lauren & Sam Bell and Family, on the

loss of Marc Brener

By Ron & Barb Krell

Sam & Lauren Bell, on the loss of

Marc Brener

By Walter Moscovitz

Adam & Paulina Brener, on the loss of

Marc Brener

By Walter Moscovitz

The Brener Family, on the loss of

Marc Brener

By Reesa Girvitz

The Brener and Bell Families, on the

loss of Marc Brener

By Dianne Lipton and Family; Karen Ashkin and Family; and Jorda Promislow & Alan Rudakoff and

Family

Lauren & Sam Bell and Family, on the

loss of Marc Brener

By Carol Burch & Bernard Florence and Corrine & Jonathan Florence

Adam and Polina Brener and Family,

on the loss of Marc Brener

By Carol Burch & Bernard Florence and Corrine & Jonathan Florence

Jenny Belzberg on the loss of her sister, Dorothy "Dubby" Zolf-

McDonald

By Reva Faber

Ruth Dvorkin on the loss of her sister,

Berna Feldman

By Faith Dubisky

Tributes & Donations December Shofar

GET WELL

Allan Donsky

By Michael & Giezelle Pash

Jennifer Preece

By Holly Shifrah
Bev Sklar & Lorne Tucker
Judy Chetner
Andrea & Laurence Davis
Faith Dubisky
Reesa Girvitz

MEMORIAL NOTICES

Marc Brener beloved husband of Deborah Brener, father of Isabella Brener and Sophia Brener, and brother of Lauren (Sam) Bell, Jeff Brener, Jaqui Brener^{z"}, and Adam (Polina) Brener. Marc passed away on Thursday, November 6.

Maureen Katchen beloved wife of Joseph Katchen^z, mother of Benjy (Aviva) Katchen, Letty Katchen Cherry, and Aaron (Shira) Katchen. Maureen passed away on Sunday, November 9.

Libby Feldman beloved wife of Harry Feldman^z", mother of David Feldman^z" and sister-in-law of Betty Mayer and Izzy Feldman^z". Libby passed away on Tuesday, November 11.

Dorothy (Dubby) Zolf-McDonald beloved mother of Janice Zolf and Stephen Zolf and sister of Jenny Belzberg. Dorothy passed away on Tuesday, November 11.

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@bethtzedec.ca.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

MAZEL TOV

Maggie Rabinovitz & Derek
Ingraham, on the birth of their
daughter Molly
By Renee & Bruce Fogel
Sadie Oppenheim, on becoming Bat
Mitzvah
By Shoshana & Dov Kirmayer
Robin & Joe Oppenheim, on their
daughter's Bat Mitzvah
By Aaron, Hanit, and Adam Jacobs
Jordan Balaban, on his new position
as CEO at the Calgary Jewish
Academy
By Aaron, Hanit, and Adam Jacobs

GET WELL

Jennifer Preece

By Irvin & Sandy Adler

CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND

MAZEL TOV

Gordon & Eva Hoffman on Gordon's recent ARCH Award
By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family Harold Finkleman on his milestone birthday
By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family Linda & John Barron on the engagement of their granddaughter By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family Bernard Florence & Carol Burch on the birth of their grandson
By Hilda & Lenny Smith
Rochelle Rabinovitz on Jonah's Bar Mitzvah
By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family

SYMPATHY

Howard & Mona Bell and Family on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Leona Bell By Hilda & Lenny Smith December Shofar Tributes & Donation

Stuart Ross and Family on the loss of his wife, Irene Ross

By Harvey Cyngiser

Hilda & Lenny Smith

Sam & Lauren Bell on the loss of sister-in-law, Leona Bell By Hilda & Lenny Smith

Jenny Belzberg on the loss of her sister, Dorothy "Dubby" Zolf McDonald
By Harvey Cyngiser

GET WELL

Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family

David Jacobs

By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family **Jennifer Preece**By Harvey Cyngiser

THINKING OF YOU

Sydney & Bob Kalef

By Hilda & Lenny Smith and Family

THANK YOU

Harvey Cyngiser

By Reva Faber

RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

THANK YOU

Rabbi Russ for Shelly's unveiling By Louise Maerov and Family

LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTEL RABBINIC CHAIR FUND

MAZEL TOV

Hilda Smith, on her birthday By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

SYMPATHY

Stuart Ross on the loss of his wife, Irene Ross.

By Sonia & David Bickman

Lauren & Sam Bell and Family, on the loss of Marc Brener
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

GET WELL

Jennifer Preece

By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

LEV SHALEM SABBATH & FESTIVAL BOOK FUND

MAZEL TOV

Claude Oppenheim on the Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Oppenheim. By Judy Chetner

SIDDUR SIM SHALOM FOR WEEKDAYS BOOK FUND

SYMPATHY

Stuart Ross and Family on the loss of his wife, Irene Ross. By Giezelle & Michael Pash

FUNDING THE FUTURE

SYMPATHY

Helen Charikar on the loss of her brother, Nissim.

By the Charikar, Adler, and Girvitz Families

Julie Charikar on the loss of her brother, Nissim.

By the Charikar, Adler, and Girvitz Families

Share Your Own Good News

Celebrate your milestones and accomplishments with the Beth Tzedec community!

Send your good news to Idow@bethtzedec.ca and we'll include it in an upcoming issue of the Shofar.

Tributes & Donations December Shofar

Yahrzeit Fund

Maurice Silver, beloved father

By Arthur Silver

Goldie Sheftel, beloved mother

By Harriet & Phil Libin

Lilyan Phillipp, beloved mother

By Ellen Magidson

Horace Philipp, beloved step-father

By Ellen Magidson

Herman Nagler, beloved father-in-law

By Therese Nagler

Aneta Switzer, beloved mother

By Darlene Switzer-Foster

Sam Switzer, beloved father

By Darlene Switzer-Foster

Dvora Hollander, beloved

grandmother

By Edward Friedman

Nelson Boxer, beloved father

By Sandy & Irvin Adler

Gidaly Nahametz, beloved father

By Helen Lebonson

Hannah Nahametz, beloved sister

By Helen Lebonson

Hannah Nahametz, beloved sister

By Sara Profis

Baby Zuidema, beloved aunt

By Cheryl Zack

Doris Kaplan, beloved mother and

grandmother

By Roberta Hulmes and Family

Sarah Bleviss. beloved mother

By Joey Bleviss

Morris Gopman, beloved uncle

By Harriet & Phil Libin

Chasia Dobrish Sheftel, beloved

grandmother

By Harriet & Phil Libin

Morris Sheftel, beloved grandfather

By Harriet & Phil Libin

Yehuda Shkolnik, beloved brother

By Alex Shkolnik

Morris Sheftel, beloved grandfather

By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Chasia Dobrish Sheftel, beloved

grandmother

By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Faiga R. Goldman, beloved

grandmother

By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Solly Goldman, beloved grandfather

By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Benjamin Sheftel, beloved father

By Fran Sheftel Kolinsky

Leo Pearlmutter, beloved uncle

By Myrna Pearlmutter and Family

Hettie Marks, beloved aunt

By Myrna Pearlmutter and Family

Tillie Sklar, beloved mother

By Bev Sklar

Clara Sklar, beloved grandmother

By Bev Sklar

Isadore Gurevitch, beloved father

By Ralph & Sheila Gurevitch

Joseph Weinholtz, beloved father and

grandfather

By Florence, Aaron, and Miriam

Shustack

Paula Lowenstein, beloved mother

By Howard Lowenstein

Rudy Lowenstein, beloved father

By Howard Lowenstein

Mara Shkolnik, beloved wife

By Alex Shkolnik

Malka Shkolnik, beloved mother

By Alex Shkolnik

Katie Silver, beloved grandmother

By Randi Aaron and Alan Silver

Maxwell Zaitlin, beloved father

By Brian Zaitlin and Family

Meyer Blitt, beloved father and

grandfather

By David, Dorian, and Ilan Blitt

Matilda Vladut, beloved mother-in-

law

By Ritta Vladut

Ida Koffman, beloved mother

By Janice & Marc Levine

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December Shofar Tributes & Donations

Albert Koffman, beloved father By Janice & Marc Levine

Elsie Besser, beloved mother

By Marni Besser

Edith Berger, beloved sister-in-law By Jeanette Berger

Susan McCormick, beloved friend By Eva Falla

Barney Gelfand, beloved father and grandfather

By Karen Sklar and Family

Rebecca Weitzman, beloved

grandmother

By Dr. Jaclyn and Laura Safran

Icek Hersh Singer, beloved father

By Ricki & Michael Gelfand

Saul Bleviss, beloved brother

By Fran Viner

Ruchla Mydlarski, beloved mother-inlaw

By Lila Mydlarski

Mayer Miller, beloved father

By Lila Mydlarski

Motel Mittleman, beloved

grandfather

By Lila Mydlarski

Lori Feldman, beloved husband

By Carol Feldman

SPECIAL YAHRZEIT FUND

Leslie Shiloah, beloved sister-in-law By Walter Moscovitz

Meyer Blitt, beloved father By Max Blitt K.C.

Louis Rozensvag, beloved father By Shirley Chafetz

Malya Endelshtein, beloved mother By Aleksandra Vinogradov

Mark Endelshtein, beloved father

By Aleksandra Vinogradov **Yosef Litvin**, beloved grandfather

By Aleksandra Vinogradov

Jay Joffe, beloved husband and father By Barbara Joffe, David Joffe and Jonathan Joffe

Dave Chyfetz, beloved father By Sylvia Itzcovitch

Melville J. Swartz, beloved father, grandfather and husband By Mark Swartz

Jack Edelson, beloved father-in-law By Asher Pertman

Yaakov Pertman, beloved grandfather By Asher Pertman

Morris H. Polsky, beloved father By Jerry & Susan Polsky

Benjamin Kaganov, beloved father By Stephen Kaganov

Sol Gurevitch, beloved father and grandfather

By Cyril Gurevitch and Family

To mark Giving Tuesday on December 2, we're asking the members of the Beth Tzedec community to come together to pay tribute to the friends, family members and kindred souls who make your life a little brighter.

Whose light will you honour?

LIFE & LEGACY December Shofar



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 Bracey

Reva Faber

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

Ellen Magidson

Sahbra Markus

Jacquesz'l and Lila Mydlarski

Elaine and Stuart Myron

Therese Nagler

Beth and Rob Ordman

Joshua Orzech

Al Osten

Lorne Pearl

Saul Prince

Earl Raber

Kimberly Rothenberg and Leonard Seidman

Brenda and Garry Sapoznikow

Gayle Sherman

Betty Ann Sherwood

Cheryl and Bob Shiell

Deborah Shnay

Sandy Shuler

Deborah and Adam Silver

Becky and Brad Spier

Helenz^{"|} and Mark Swartz

Darlene Switzer-Foster

Ida and Sam Switzer

Mira and Joey Tappenden

Did you know?

The estimated value of LIFE & LEGACY commitments in support of Beth Tzedec's future has topped \$1.62 million and continues to grow. To date, close to \$19 million has been raised in support of organizations throughout Jewish Calgary. 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

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