

what's Rabbi **READING?**

We'll be chatting at Masala Art on
Thursday, January 29 at 7:30pm

Join us each month at Masala Art for lively conversation, good company, and great food as we explore Jewish literature together. The Beth Tzedec Book Club is open to all who love reading and discussing stories, history, and ideas through a Jewish lens.

This January, we'll be reading *The Safekeep* by Yael van der Wouden. Set in rural Holland in 1961, the novel follows Isabel, whose orderly life is disrupted when her brother's unpredictable girlfriend, Eva, comes to stay. As household items begin to vanish, Isabel's irritation turns into obsession, blurring the lines between suspicion and desire.

A tense, atmospheric story about control, buried history, and the unsettling secrets that surface when two very different women are forced under one roof.

Visit **bethtzedec.ca** to register so we know you're coming!



Upcoming NML Bonus Dates

Sunday, January 18 | Sunday, January 25
Thursday, January 29
Friday, January 30 (AM Only)

Yahrzeit Observance

It is customary to light a yahrzeit candle at home on the anniversary of a loved one's death, and to recite Kaddish during prayer services that day. Thanks to the generosity of the Zeisler Family Foundation, Beth Tzedec clergy and staff will be pleased to provide you with a yahrzeit candle.

We observe the following Yahrzeits this week of
January 17 — 23, 2026

Please let one of the ushers know if you are observing a Yahrzeit this week.

Moses Bronstein*	Reuben Ksienski	Zygmunt Lipsman
Sarah Kaganov*	Avi Steinman	Jake Rubenstein
Shep Kaplan*	Sally Butovsky	Suzanna Schwarz*
Simon Krowitz*	Albert Hurov*	Benjamin Simon*
Feiga Lubinsky*	Zelda Laven*	Rose Smith*
John Ratner	Moszek Lebental*	William Voldar
Carla Schainholz*	Samuel Libin*	Harry Edelson*
Jeffrey Secter	Ethel Libin*	Francas Rostoker*
Allan Viner*	Ida Rosen*	Michael Sklar*
Faige Yuffe	Abraham Shumiatcher*	Hyman Baron
Annie Cohen*	Ted Dvorkin*	Jack Bolshin*
Jeffrey Dolph	Sherie Gamberg-Vaughn	Hannah Cohen
Yale Dvorkin*	Mark Steinfeld*	Min Fayerman
Tibele Halpern*	Abraham Belzberg*	Mary Hurov*
Jacob Hart*	Rubin Jacobs	Herbert Ludman*
Nathan Kopel*		Clara Pearlmutter*

* Name lovingly inscribed on the Beth Tzedec Memorial Wall.

Cemetery Entry Code

To gain entry into the Beth Tzedec Memorial Park cemetery, press 1 then 3 for the gate code.

Unveiling Announcements

If you would like to advise the congregation of an upcoming unveiling and have it included in our publications, please contact 403-255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca.



January 17, 2026 ✨ 28 Tevet 5786

VA'ERA

TORAH PORTION

Exodus 6:2 — 7:7

Pages: 351 — 357

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 28:25 — 29:21

Pages: 370 — 373

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

YASHER KOACH to Judy Chetner, who chanted the Haftarah from the bimah at this morning’s service.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Martin “Marty” Hornstein, who passed away on Monday, January 12.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Sheila Steinfeld, who passed away on Sunday, January 11.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH - Wishing a speedy recovery to:
Avraham ben Shmuel, Razel bat Batya Leah, Nachman ben Sarah, Devorah Leia bat Chana Tziporah, Henna bat Zelda, Nissan ben Tsirl, Chasia Dobrish bat Golde, Yehudite bat Faigel, Binyomin ben Mati, Tannis Moreland, Anayel Hannah bat Sivan, Yehudite bat Shayna Leia, Dovid ben Sarah, Shaul Mordechai ben Malkah, Faygie Raysie bat Chana Devorah, Yonatan ben Michal, Yehuda ben Rivkah, Sahbra Anna bat Devorah, Gina Gail Auslander, Chana bat Sarah, Chana Chava bat Shaina Brinah, Yiddle Alte ben Ruchle, Menucha bat Esther, Sandy Murphy, Yael bat Tsipora, Weldon Hogue, Bert Wolfman, Channah bat Miriam, Shimshon ben Dina Malka, Diana Malekar, Akiva ben Miriam, Avraham Zalman ben Esther, David ben Sara, Chaia bat Raizel, Heidi Ackerman, Yechecht bat Razel, Eliezer Yosef ben Sarah, Esther bat Sarah, Tyrom ben Verred, Shifra bat Miriam, Shira bat Golda Leah, Liat Chyah bat Shoshana and Ezekiel ben Hannah.

Saturday, January 17
Havdalah: 5:58pm

Sunday, January 18
10:00am B’nai Mitzvah Class
10:00am Shul School

Monday, January 19
3:30pm Homework Club
5:00pm Judaism 201

Tuesday, January 20
3:30pm Homework Club

Wednesday, January 21
3:30pm Homework Club

Thursday, January 22
3:30pm Homework Club
6:30pm Keruv Class

Friday, January 23
Candle lighting: 4:53pm
TORAH: Bo

Saturday, January 24
4:30pm Seudah Shelishit
Havdalah: 6:08pm

Sunday, January 25
10:00am Shul School

Monday, January 26
3:30pm Homework Club
5:00pm Judaism 201

Tuesday, January 27
Holocaust Memorial Day
3:30pm Homework Club

Wednesday, January 28
3:30pm Homework Club

Thursday, January 29
3:30pm Homework Club
7:30pm What’s Rabbi Reading?

Friday, January 30
Candle lighting: 5:06pm
TORAH: Beshalah

Saturday, January 31
4:30pm Seudah Shelishit
6:00pm Wicks & Flicks with PJ Library
Havdalah: 6:19pm

Inclusion at Beth Tzedec Congregation

Beth Tzedec Congregation is dedicated to maximizing the joyous participation of all, including people with disabilities. If you or loved ones require accommodations to participate in any of our services or programs please let us know by contacting Executive Director Jennifer Girvitz at 403-255-8688 ext. 1 or jgirvitz@bethtzedec.ca.



NEW DATE!

Hazak Lunch & Learn

TZEDAKAH WITH VISION

Thursday, January 22 | 12:00pm

Discover how strategic, forward-thinking philanthropy strengthens Jewish life for generations. Join **Brenda Sapoznikow and Joseph Tappenden of JCFC** for an engaging presentation featuring real stories and practical insights into how thoughtful giving can transform organizations, programs, students—and the way you think about Tzedakah.

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An illustration at the bottom of the poster shows a hand in an orange sleeve dropping a red heart-shaped coin into a wooden box labeled "DONATE". There are several yellow and orange hearts and stars floating around the box.