



**JANUARY 2026**  
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# Calendar Highlights

**Thursday, January 1**

Office Closed

**Friday, January 2**

Office Closed

Candle lighting: 4:23pm

TORAH: Vayehi

**Saturday, January 3**

Havdalah: 5:40pm

**Monday, January 5**

3:30pm Homework Club

**Tuesday, January 6**

3:30pm Homework Club

**Wednesday, January 7**

3:30pm Homework Club

7:00pm Board Meeting

**Thursday, January 8**

3:30pm Homework Club

6:30pm Keruv Class

**Friday, January 9**

5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner

Candle lighting: 4:32pm

TORAH: Shemot

**Saturday, January 10**

4:30pm Seudah Shelishit

Havdalah: 5:48pm

**Sunday, January 11**

10:00am Shul School

**Monday, January 12**

3:30pm Homework Club

5:00pm Judaism 201

**Tuesday, January 13**

3:30pm Homework Club

**Wednesday, January 14**

3:30pm Homework Club

**Thursday, January 15**

12:00pm Hazak Lunch &amp; Learn

3:30pm Homework Club

6:30pm Keruv Class

**Friday, January 16**

Candle lighting: 4:42pm

TORAH: Va'era

**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**

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 &amp; Flicks with PJ Library

Havdalah: 6:19pm

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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:**

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# 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 | Norman & Beulah Martin Cantorial Chair

January can be a complicated month. The world outside is quiet, the nights still arrive early, and many of us feel a mix of emotions as we step into a new secular year. For some, winter brings a welcome pause; for others, it brings heaviness. And for many, it brings both.

I want to name something that often goes unspoken: this time of year can feel lonely, tender, or confusing, even for people who appear to be doing well. The festive lights are gone, routines resume, and the contrast between the brightness of Hanukkah and the stillness of midwinter can leave us feeling unanchored.

Our tradition understands these moments. Judaism does not ask us to pretend that the world is always bright. Instead, it offers us language, rituals, and community to help us navigate darker seasons with honesty and compassion.

If you are entering this new secular year with questions, fears, or weariness, I want you to know that you are not the only one. Many people in our community are carrying private burdens, grief that resurfaces, worries about loved ones, the weight of world events, or simply the emotional fatigue that winter can bring.

And yet, one of the greatest gifts of

community is this: we do not have to experience any of this alone.

**When you show up to services**, you bring warmth to someone who needed company.

**When you accept help**, you give someone the chance to fulfill a mitzvah.

**When you reach out**, whether for a conversation, or simply to just say "I'm struggling a bit", you allow for the possibility of light to enter at the very moment it feels farthest away.

The *Kabbalah* teaches that there is a hidden light (*ohr ganuz*) that suffuses creation. It is not always visible, not always obvious, but it is waiting to be revealed through our words and our deeds. In the deep midwinter, that teaching feels especially poignant. The world may appear dim, but the light is still there. Our task is to uncover it, to amplify it, and to share it.

We don't have to transform the world all at once. Sometimes lighting a single candle is enough. Sometimes taking one step is enough. Sometimes sharing your truth with a trusted friend or rabbi is enough.

So, as we move through January, my blessing is a simple one:

May you be kind to yourself in this winter season.

May you feel supported by this community, in ways large and small.

May you discover that hope does not need to be loud to be real, only present, like a quiet flame that refuses to go out.

And may we continue to walk with one another, offering warmth,

strength, and compassion as we navigate the months ahead.

Please know that my door is always open, whether you need to talk, to ask for guidance, or simply to be heard.

Wishing you warmth, blessing, and *shalom*.

## 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.



# Finding Light in Moments of Darkness

*At Beth Tzedec, we believe that coming together is one of our most powerful responses to hatred.*

**By Jennifer Girvitz**

Executive Director, Beth Tzedec Congregation

Hanukkah has always been a holiday of contrast. We light small flames against the longest nights of the year. We tell an ancient story of vulnerability and resilience. And we gather—around candles, around tables, around one another—to affirm that Jewish life endures.

This year, those contrasts felt especially close to home.

On the first night of Hanukkah, as families here at Beth Tzedec came together for our joyful Family Hanukkah Party—singing songs, making crafts, sharing laughter, and lighting candles—we also learned of a deeply troubling antisemitic attack at a Hanukkah celebration in Australia. The news was heartbreakingly jarring. It was also jarring to realize that while one community was celebrating, another was facing fear and violence simply for being Jewish.

Moments like these remind us why gathering matters.

Hanukkah was not only about remembering a miracle that happened long ago; it was about choosing light now. It was about showing up as a community even when the world feels uncertain or painful. It was about saying, clearly and without apology, that Jewish joy, Jewish ritual, and Jewish togetherness will not be dimmed.



Our Family Hanukkah Party embodied that spirit beautifully. Watching our children dance, seeing grandparents and parents connect, hearing voices raised together in song—these moments were not small or incidental. They were acts of resilience. They were declarations that our community is strong, caring, and deeply connected.

At Beth Tzedec, we believe that coming together is one of our most powerful responses to hatred. When we gather to celebrate holidays, learn together, pray together, and support one another, we strengthen the bonds that carry us through difficult times. We model for our children not only what it means to be Jewish, but what it means to be proud, compassionate, and unafraid to bring light into the world.

As we move into the new year, may we hold both joy and sorrow with honesty. May we keep the victims of antisemitic violence in our hearts. And may we continue to show up—for celebrations, for learning, for one another—knowing that each candle we light adds warmth and hope far beyond our own windows.

Celebrating together reminds us that even a small light can push back a great deal of darkness. Together, as a community, our light is strong.

# Thank You for Sharing Hanukkah at Beth Tzedec

*Despite the heartbreaking attack that marked the start of our Hanukkah season, we came together to share the light of the holiday with friends and loved ones.*



# Volunteer Spotlight: Cheryl Baron (aka Cheryl Shiell!)

For our very first Volunteer Spotlight, we're delighted to feature Cheryl—a familiar face and dedicated leader whose involvement with Beth Tzedec stretches back to our very beginnings.

From board leadership and special events to behind-the-scenes communications work, Cheryl's contributions have helped shape our congregation for more than three decades.

## About Cheryl

**How long have you been involved with Beth Tzedec?** I've been a member since the dedication and opening of Beth Tzedec in 1990.

**What first brought you to our congregation?** We were originally members of Shaarey Tzedec. After the amalgamation of Shaarey Tzedec with Beth Israel in 1986, we became part of the newly formed Beth Tzedec.

## Volunteering at Beth Tzedec

**What roles or volunteer activities have you taken part in over the years?** Over the years, I've been involved in many aspects of congregational life at Beth Tzedec. I served as a member of the Beth Tzedec Board from 1990 to 2023, including a term as President from 2003 to 2005.

I've helped organize major special events such as *Three Cantors in Concert* with Marvin Hamlisch and the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in 2005, the Robbie Burnstein events from 2013 to 2017, MyrDunn in 2016, and the Virtual Night of Mirth and Mitzvotevent in 2021.

I've also served on a number of committees, including Ritual, the National Minyan League, the Past

Presidents' Council, and Life & Legacy.

In addition, I've been a National Minyan League team member since its inception, have served as editor of Shalom Byte since 2022, and regularly supported the congregation through Shabbat and High Holiday honours and fundraising efforts.

**What do you enjoy most about volunteering at Beth Tzedec?** The people and the friends I've made over the many years. I was brought up in what we would now consider a Conservative home, though my parents always belonged to an Orthodox shul. I learned Hebrew after school so I could follow a siddur and



even took some Yiddish classes—I love languages. My involvement at Beth Tzedec taught me so much more, which I truly cherish.

**Is there a particular project, event, or moment that stands out to you?**

Those of us who were involved in the Robbie Burnstein events will never forget them. Even non-Jewish attendees still reminisce and ask why we aren't still doing it (sadly, a lack of volunteers).

**What's something people might not realize about the work you do?** The weekly work on Shalom Byte—and publications like Lecha Dodi and Shofar—is something people expect to simply appear. What they don't see is the teamwork behind the scenes: the Rabbi, Executive Director, committee heads, office staff, and our Marketing Director, who pulls it all together. Like so much at Beth Tzedec, it appears seamlessly thanks to a thoughtful and dedicated team.

**The Personal Touch**

**What do you do outside of synagogue life?** My father owned the largest antique shop in Canada in Montreal, so I'm very interested in art, antiques, china, and porcelain. I also enjoy classical music and Broadway tunes, attending concerts, and—time permitting—working on family genealogy and history.

**Do you have a favourite Jewish holiday, tradition, or memory connected to Beth Tzedec?** Being with my family in shul for the High Holiday services, as well as our seders and family Shabbat dinners.

**What does being part of this kehillah mean to you?** It means a great deal. It's my connection to family and friends, to Jewish holidays, Shabbat, and the chagim—all the good things in life we share with those most important to us.

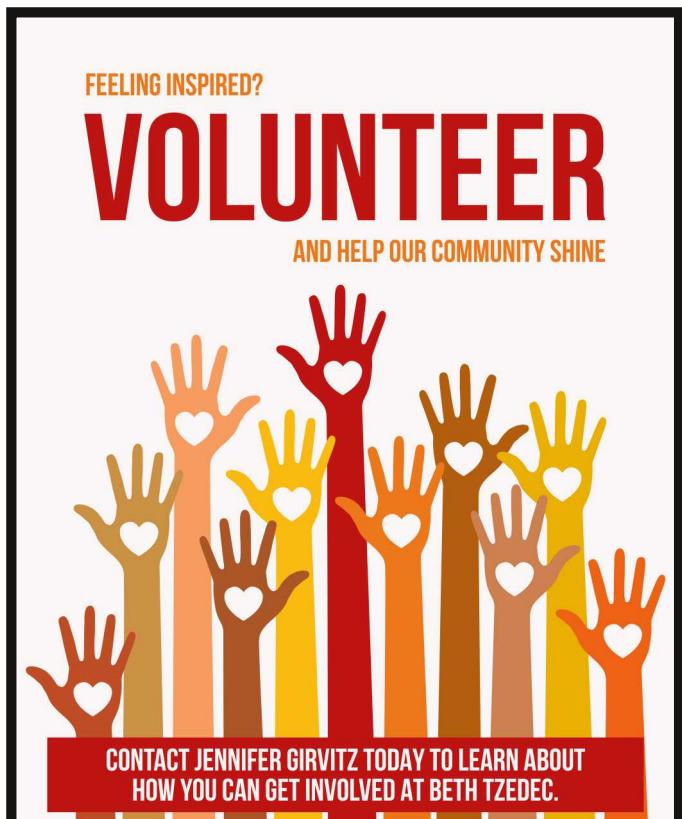
**Speed Round**

**Coffee or tea?** Tea regularly, but occasionally a latte.

**Bagels or babka?** Montreal bagels.

**What's something that always makes you smile?** It doesn't happen often enough, but I always smile when Bob and I are together with our children and grandchildren, all enjoying what we are doing and enjoying each other.

But at shul, it's connecting with friends, meeting new people and the warmth of the Beth Tzedec congregation.



# Programs and Events

## Family Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, January 9**

**5:30pm to 8:00pm**

Start your Shabbat off right with Family Shabbat dinner at Beth Tzedec, filled with ruach (spirit) and kehillah (community). Join at 5:30pm for an interactive Shabbat-inspired program with singing, fun, and stories. Then, enjoy a shul-cooked dinner together with all your friends at 6:00pm. [Click here](#) to register.

## Seudah Shelishit:

[Exploring Pirkei De-Rabbi Eliezer](#)

**Saturdays January 10, 24 & 31**

**4:30pm to 6:30pm**

Explore Pirkei De-Rabbi Eliezer, a vivid Talmudic-era collection of midrash that reimagines Torah from creation to the wilderness. Join Rabbi Russ for close reading and lively discussion as we uncover storytelling, ethics, and imagination—and see how this ancient text reshapes familiar narratives and enduring Jewish values for contemporary learners today.

[Click here](#) to register and learn more.

## Judaism 201

[Mondays, January 12, 19 & 26](#)

**5:00pm to 6:00pm**

Judaism 201 is an adult learning series with Rabbi Russ for those ready to go deeper. Explore foundational texts and practices, including Sefer Yetzirah, Talmud, Sefer Bahir, and Jewish prayer, to strengthen knowledge and deepen connection to Jewish tradition today. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.

## Hazak Lunch & Learn:

[Tzedakah with Vision](#)

**Thursday, January 15**

**12:00pm to 2:00pm**

Join our January Hazak Lunch & Learn with JCFC's Brenda Sapoznikow and Joseph Tappenden. Enjoy lunch and community while exploring forward-thinking philanthropy, real stories, and practical insights into how strategic tzedakah strengthens Jewish organizations, programs, students, and future generations together. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.

## What's Rabbi Reading?:

[The Safekeep by Yael van der Wouden](#)

**Thursday, January 29**

**7:30pm to 9:00pm**

Join us at Masala Art for monthly conversation, good food, and community as we explore Jewish literature together. This January's selection is a tense, atmospheric novel set in postwar Holland, examining control, desire, and buried history as secrets surface between two women. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.

## Wicks & Flicks with PJ Library:

[An American Tail](#)

**Saturday, January 31**

**6:00pm to 9:00pm**

Our popular Havdalah movie night is back, in partnership with PJ Library! Families are invited to join us for popcorn and a pajama party as we celebrate the beginning of a new week with the classic kids film *An American Tail*. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.



# HOMEWORK CLUB

## AFTER SCHOOL FUN FOR GRADES 1 TO 6

→ **MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS  
FROM 3:30PM TO 5:30PM**

**Enjoy an afternoon of  
games, learning, and  
fun with friends –  
FREE for Beth Tzedec  
members!**



### NATIONAL MINYAN LEAGUE: JANUARY BONUS DATES

Sunday, January 11 | Sunday, January 18  
Sunday, January 25 | Thursday, January 29  
Friday, January 30 (Morning Service Only)

# 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  
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Lou & Val Bracey  
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Lorne Tucker & Beverly Sklar  
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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.](#)

# Tributes & Donations

## CONGREGATION FUND/TZEDAKAH FUND

### MAZEL TOV

**Dr. Stanley Smith**, on his special birthday  
By Faith Dubisky

**Debbie Krygier**, on her birthday  
By Reva Faber

**Yerusha & Akiba Charikar**, on their grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
By Judy Chetner

**Jennifer & Adam Girvitz**, on their son's Bar Mitzvah  
By Judy Chetner

**Allan Kolinsky**, on his milestone birthday  
By Joyce & Jeff, Lindsay, Josh, and Isanne

**Hilda & Lenny Smith**, on their birthdays  
By Sam & Lauren Bell and Family

**Tamar Zenith**, on her milestone birthday  
By Robert Bassett

**Judah Hornstein**, on his Bar Mitzvah  
By Steven, Nicole, Josh and Dan Rosendorff

**Bayla & David Jacobs**, on their milestone anniversary  
By Val & Lou Bracey

### SYMPATHY

**Lauren & Sam Bell**, on the loss of Marc Brener  
By Jennifer Eisenberg & Stephen Boucher

Barry & Linda Hoffman  
Judy Chetner

**Jenny Belzberg**, on the loss of her sister, Dorothy Zolf McDonald  
By Therese Nagler

Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch  
Judy Chetner  
Sam & Lauren Bell and Family

**Ruth Dvorkin and Family**, on the loss of Berna Feldman

By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

**Rosalin Kohn and Family**, on the loss of her mother, Lea Kohn  
By Milt & Maxine Fischbein

Sam & Lauren Bell and Family

**Rabbi Ilana Krygier Lapides and Family**, on the loss of her aunt Lea Kohn  
By Milt & Maxine Fischbein

Judy Chetner

**Susan & David Inhaber and Family**, on the loss of her aunt, Lea Kohn  
By Milt & Maxine Fischbein  
Judy Chetner

**Jeff & Wendy Kohn**, on the loss of his mother, Lea Kohn  
By Cliff & Marla Eisenberg  
Jeff Dworkin

Cliff & Marla Eisenberg

Karen, Jamie, and Michelle Phillips  
Sam & Lauren Bell and Family

### MEMORIAL NOTICES

**Jacob (Jack) Adler** beloved father of Irvin (Sandy) Adler and Sherry (Dilan Perera) Adler-Perera. Jack passed away on Tuesday, December 16.

**Carol Ann Zindler** beloved sister of Brenlee (Scott) Taylor and Allan Zindler. Carol passed away on Monday, December 22.

**Leonard Zybutz** beloved husband of Debra Wood-Zybutz and father of Marc (Diana) Zybutz, Megan Zybutz (Ron Eliovitz), Daniel Zybutz (Sarah Harbottle), Niall Zybutz, Tyrone Zybutz (David Thode), and Cian Zybutz (Josh Marek). Leonard passed away on Friday, December 26.

**Lissa Swanson**, on the loss of her friend, Libby Feldman  
By Lori Smehoff

**The Brener Family**, on the loss of Marc Brener  
By Joyce & Jeff Kerr and Sharon & Shane Freitag

**Stuart Ross and Family**, on the loss of Irene Ross  
By Sam & Lauren Bell and Family

**Val Bracey and Family**, on the loss of Mel & Carol Levitt  
By Sam & Lauren Bell and Family

**Sandra Eisner**, on the loss of Haskel Eisner  
By Janice Middleman

**Adam & Polina Brener**, on the loss of Marc Brener  
By Bev Sklar & Lorne Tucker

**The Adler Family**, on the loss of Jack Adler  
By Debbie & Albert Krygier

Val & Lou Bracey  
**Irv & Sandy Adler and Family**, on the loss of his father Jack Adler  
By Lori & Arnold Olyan

### GET WELL

**Jennifer Preece**  
By Reva Faber  
Karen, Jamie, and Michelle Phillips  
Janice Middleman

**Carol Allan**  
By Delsie and Jeff Dworkin

### THANK YOU

**Ron & Helmi Switzer**  
By Lorne Pearl and Family

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### THINKING OF YOU

**Jennifer Preece**  
By Maxine Fischbein

### HAPPY HANUKKAH GREETINGS

**Nat & Harriette Alexander**  
By Harriet & Lenny Waghelstein  
**Bob & Cheryl Shiell**  
By Harriet & Lenny Waghelstein  
**Claire Berman**  
By Harriet & Lenny Waghelstein

### CYNGISER FAMILY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL FUND

### MAZEL TOV

**Brian Abrams**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Barb Atnikov**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Henny Bassin**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Renee & Milton Bogoch**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Max Blitt**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Danielle Braitman**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**David Busheikin**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Debra Carnat**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Jim Cohen**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner  
**Maxine Fischbein**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Wylma Freedman**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Sarah Ginzberg**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**David Prasow**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Lily & Herb Rosenberg**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Albert Rosengarten**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Holly Shifrah**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Deborah Silver**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Jun Simantov**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Irena Sofman**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Melanie Trossman**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Mark Swartz**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Riley Zipursky**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**Jennifer Eisenberg**, on the premier of *Bazaar!*  
By Judy Chetner

**Sheryl Livergant**, on the premier of *Bazaar!*  
By Judy Chetner

**Jonathan Joffe**, on the premier of *Bazaar!*  
By Judy Chetner

**Harvey Cyngiser**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch and Family

**Bayla & David Jacobs**, on their milestone anniversary  
By Lenny & Hilda Smith

**Aaron & Hanit Jacobs**, on their anniversary  
By Hilda & Lenny Smith

### SYMPATHY

**Jeff Kohn**, on the loss of his mother Lea Kohn  
By Harvey Cyngiser, Francie Cyngiser and Families

**Rosi Kohn**, on the loss of her mother Lea Kohn  
By Harvey Cyngiser, Francie Cyngiser and Families

**Irv Adler and Family**, on the loss of his father Jack Adler  
By Harvey Cyngiser

**Sherry Adler-Perera and Family**, on the loss of her father Jack Adler  
By Harvey Cyngiser

### THANK YOU

**Harvey Cyngiser**, for his hard work and kindness  
By Holly Shifrah

### RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

### SYMPATHY

**Rabbi Ilana Krygier Lapidés**, on the loss of her aunt Lea Kohn  
By Reva Faber

**Irv Adler and Family**, on the loss of his father Jack Adler  
By Harvey Cyngiser

**THANK YOU**

**Rabbi Cantor Russel G. Jayne**, for his support  
By Sam & Lauren Bell  
**Dr. Lawrence Price**  
By Janice McGregor Clark and The McGregor Family

**LEO & GOLDIE SHEFTEL RABBINIC CHAIR FUND****MAZEL TOV**

**Dr. Stanley Smith**, on his special birthday  
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch and Family

**Dr. Lenny Smith**, on his special birthday  
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch and Family

**SYMPATHY**

**Jeff & Wendy Kohn and Family**, on the loss of Lea Kohn  
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch and Family

**Rosalin Kohn & Gontran Bolduc and Family**, on the loss of Lea Kohn  
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch and Family

**The Katchen Family**, on the passing of Maureen Katchen  
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

**GET WELL**

**Louise Feldman**  
By Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch

**LEV SHALEM SABBATH & FESTIVAL BOOK CLUB****MAZEL TOV**

**Harvey Cyngiser**, on a successful Film Festival  
By Judy Chetner

**SYMPATHY**

**Jenny Belzberg**, on the loss of her sister Dorothy "Dubby" Zolf McDonald  
By Jeanette Berger and Family

**SIDDUR SIM SHALOM FOR WEEKDAYS BOOK FUND****MAZEL TOV**

**Rabbi Russ**, on his birthday  
By Judy Chetner and Cindy Chetner & Yossi Suissa

**SYMPATHY**

**Irvin & Sandy Adler**, on the passing of his father Jack Adler

By Judy Chetner  
**Sherry Adler-Perera & Dilan Perera**, on the passing of her father Jack Adler  
By Judy Chetner

**THANK YOU**

**Linda Garshman**  
By Janice & Mac Vomberg

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# Mazel Tov to Our Latest B'nai Mitzvah Students!

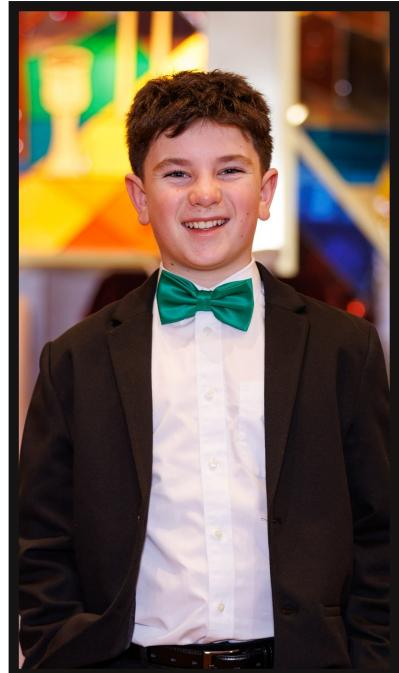
We celebrated five *B'nai Mitzvah* this December at Beth Tzedec. Please join us in congratulating our students and their families!



**Heidi Huber**  
Saturday, December 6



**Aviva Rimer**  
Saturday, December 13



**Judah Hornstein**  
Sunday, December 21

**Idan Shaked**  
Thursday, December 18  
(not pictured)

**Holly Shifrah**  
Saturday, December 20  
(not pictured)

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**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  
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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!**

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