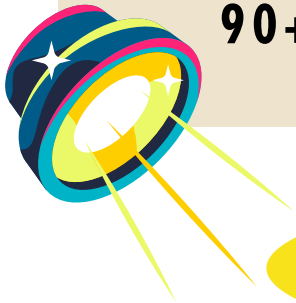


Celebrating Beth Ora's Super Seniors

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR MEMBERS 90+ YEARS OF AGE!

Welcome to the August edition of our Super Seniors Spotlight. Each month, we will be acknowledging and showcasing some of our very special seniors 90+ years of age, who are celebrating their milestone birthdays.



AUGUST SPOTLIGHT

**Happy and Healthy August Birthdays
from your Beth Ora family!**

**Berthold Mueller
August 5th**

**Sam Smith
August 10th**

**Martin Nadler
August 16th**

**Gabriel Shears
August 21st**

**Geraldine Uditsky
August 27th**

**Elizabeth Gluck
August 29th**

**Esther Milstock
August 30th**

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Sam Smith

Sam Smith was born in 1929, the fifth of seven children. His work ethics are impeccable, and he is a man that will choose to do the right thing even if it is not the easiest choice. He is honourable, respectful and polite. Sam believed strongly in the power of education and was the only one of his six siblings to graduate from high school. He had plans to continue his education, but when his father returned from World War 1 and could not work, Sam stepped up and went to work. He built a legacy in the shmatah business where he is still a mentor to his son and grandson.

In 1953, Sam and his wife Miriam moved to the new suburb of St. Laurent, which consisted at that time of farms on Cote Vertu. Sam brought his integrity, Jewish identity and the belief that to complete this new neighbourhood, there had to be a shul. He searched out like-minded people and became one of the founders of Congregation Beth Ora. A community shul was born!

This shul started out as an Orthodox minyan in the basement of people's homes and even in a local church. This brought everyone together and the process of building began once Alexis Nihon gave the land. Unknown to many, Sam was one of the guarantors for the bank loan, and placed a lien on his house for security so that the funds could be borrowed to build the shul. He had the foresight to see that this small shul would one day become the community centre that we all enjoy. He now has the honour of sitting in shul with four generations of his family beside him! Sam had many accomplishments at Beth Ora, which included having his second Bar Mitzvah in May 2012, and being honoured as Chatan Torah on Simchat Torah in 2018.

Sam is the patriarch of a large family of three adoring children, six grandchildren and ten (and counting) great-grandchildren. They all wish him the very best on his birthday! They hope it will be a wonderful day, knowing how much he is loved and admired, how important he is to each of them, and that he has shown by example how to live and be a true leader in all aspects of life.

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MARTIN NADLER

Martin Nadler was born in Montreal, attended Strathcona Academy and one year at McGill, then went to Clarkson College in Potsdam, New York to study chemistry. After two years, he returned to Montreal, and was convinced to join the family importing business. Martin and his family moved to St. Laurent in 1954. He first attended services in the Richler home and then at the Lucerne Theatre. He was a founding member of Beth Ora and to this day continues to support our shul. Until two years ago he was an avid skier and biker. He credits his late wife and parents as being the most influential people in his life. He values and treasures his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with another one due shortly. Mazel Tov and Happy Birthday, Martin!

GABRIEL SHEARS

Gaby Shears was born in Montreal on August 21st, 1924. He became a member of Beth Ora when he lost his son years ago. He worked as Sales Manager for an import company, a job he really enjoyed. He was also active with the Canadian Legion, for which he served as Vice-President for 10-15 years. They would have liked him to become President, but he was reluctant to assume that responsibility. He was chairman of the Poppy Fund, which kept him very busy. When asked what he values most, he replied his daughter, who is very special, and for whom he feels very blessed. Best wishes to Gaby for a very Happy Birthday coming up on August 21st!

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GERALDINE UDITSKY

Geraldine and her family moved to St. Laurent and joined Beth Ora during its formative years. She says it was a wonderful community in which to raise their children. Over the years she participated in different shul activities, but what she enjoyed above all was being involved in choreography with both younger and older Beth Ora members, especially for musical productions. Those years were cherished good times for her whole family. Geraldine credits her husband as being the most influential person in her life. She values all the members of her family, especially her grandchildren, most of whom live out of town, with the exception of two of her grandsons and their families.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy birthday on August 27th, Geraldine!

ELIZABETH GLUCK

Elizabeth Gluck was born in Budapest. She and her husband married in 1946 after the war and emigrated to Canada to start a new life. Michael was a great salesman and Elizabeth a wonderful homemaker, who took pride in her home, cooking, baking and raising their two children. They moved to St. Laurent in 1966 and became members of Beth Ora. They were both involved in Bazaar, selling and maintaining the yard goods booth with great pride. In 1972 they acquired a Health and Beauty Aids business, which involved the whole family, including Elizabeth, who worked full time along with them. She cherishes time spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She appreciates and feels blessed to have her good health, and especially her independence.

Happy upcoming Birthday, Elizabeth!

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ESTHER MILSTOCK

Esther and her late husband Meyer moved to St. Laurent in the early years of their marriage. They were among the founding members of Beth Ora, and she considers Beth Ora to be very dear to her heart. She was very active, participating in all areas of the shul. Her son Stephen had his Bar Mitzvah at Beth Ora and all three of their children got married there as well.

She loved to travel, spent winters in Florida, and took pleasure in playing Mah Jongg and Canasta. She particularly enjoyed the Sisterhood meetings and looked forward to all the events and activities. She says that Beth Ora has remained a part of her.

The most influential person in her life was her husband, who she was married to for 67 years, and who she misses very much. She values her family, particularly her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She says it is an honour to be part of Beth Ora. On August 30th, Esther will be celebrating her 91st birthday.

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Birthday, Esther, from all of us at Beth Ora!