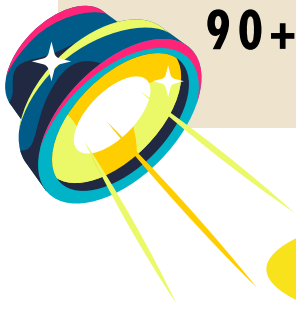


# *Celebrating Beth Ora's Super Seniors*

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR MEMBERS 90+ YEARS OF AGE!

Welcome to our first 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.



## **MAY SPOTLIGHT**

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

**Anna Kaufman  
May 4th**

**Dr. David Kaplansky  
May 6th**

**Micheline Lorber  
May 7th**

**Melvin Manis  
May 25th**

**Happy 100th Milestone Birthday  
Gerald Cohen  
May 12th**

## **Get to Know Our Super Seniors**

### **Anna Kaufman**

Anna Kaufman was born in Sudbury, Ontario. Being a Jewish woman, she had to go to Chicago to be accepted into Nursing School, after which she moved to Montreal, where she worked as a nurse at the Jewish General Hospital. She married, had three sons, and her family moved to St. Laurent around 1957. Anna worked as a librarian for the Jewish Public Library when it operated out of Beth Ora, and also volunteered as a nurse at U.T.T. She was an avid volunteer at Beth Ora, as well as a great skier and bridge player. Anna presently lives in Toronto. What she values most is Good Health....on May 4th she will be blessed to celebrate her 102nd birthday!

### **Dr. David Kaplansky**

Dr. David Kaplansky was born on May 6th, 1924 and raised in Montreal's east end. He moved to Toronto to be close to his family after his beloved wife passed away. He credits his parents and his wife for being the biggest influences in his life, and spent fifty-four years in his dental practice despite the fact that he had been the only Jewish boy in his class. He enjoyed writing and artistic painting as his hobbies and presently enjoys the socializing at his retirement home. He is most grateful for his well-being and longevity, and looks forward to celebrating his next birthday on May 6th!

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### **Micheline Lorber**

Micheline Lorber was born in Paris, France. She came to Montreal in the summer of 1956. In 1957 she met her wonderful husband, Jack, and they married in 1958. They settled in Hampstead, where they raised their three children. Jack and Micheline decided to join Beth Ora in the early 1980's, after their children and grandchildren moved to St. Laurent. Micheline has many favourite memories of Beth Ora, including: holidays spent there with family, the 80th birthday party that her husband organized for her in the shul, and all of their grandsons' Bar Mitzvahs that were celebrated there. Even her youngest son, who lives in California, made his two sons' Bar Mitzvahs at Beth Ora. She says Beth Ora is like home. Micheline worked as a secretary and bookkeeper, and since retiring, she enjoys collecting antiques, participating in a French book club, and doing crosswords and sudokus. The most influential person in her life was her beloved mother, and she is most proud of and values her loving family. Micheline's biggest blessing is being very close to all of her grandchildren. Happy and healthy upcoming birthday, Micheline! Wishing you continued good health, until 120, with your family and friends.

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### **Melvin Manis**

Melvin Manis has, as he said in his own words, "been with Beth Ora since the beginning." He worked in electronics and had his own company. Melvin has always lived in Montreal and, as a founding member of our beloved Congregation Beth Ora, he attended many programs, speakers, events and affairs. He recalls donating a bimah to Beth Ora, as well as many other donations through the years. He and his family enjoyed attending shul as often as they could. His favourite memories are those of his sons' Bar Mitzvahs. He recalls his oldest son's Bar Mitzvah fondly, as there was a very heavy snowfall and he carried his son into shul! Melvin also remembers that Rabbi Halpern, Beth Ora's first Rabbi, was a very special man, adding that he was one of the influences in his life. We wish Melvin a very Happy and Healthy Birthday on May 25th!

### **Gerald Cohen**

Unfortunately Gerald Cohen was not available to be interviewed. We wish him a happy and healthy milestone 100th birthday!