

# Hakol / הקול



# HAPPY HANUKKAH



“A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another. And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its flame to the other. You are such a light.” — Moshe Davis

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## A message from our Senior Rabbi



Rabbi Jarrod Grover

### Persistent Digging

The Torah tells the story of three wells that Isaac digs in Parshat Toledot. What is the lesson of this obscure story in excavation?

When Abraham dies, Isaac seems to struggle to find his own way in the world. He knows he has an important mission to accomplish, but the path is not clear. Isaac sets about re-digging his father's old wells. Perhaps he is searching for something of his father's certainty? Perhaps he is trying to connect with his father, with his past, with a time before it all depended on him?

Digging is what we do when what we seek is not at hand. In the pantry, in the closet, in the archaeological site, we are looking for something. On the surface, one digs a well in order to find water. But water, according to our tradition, is not just that which keeps human beings physically alive; it is also what keeps Jews spiritually alive: it is Torah. At a deeper level, as Isaac looks for water, he seeks his own understanding – his own Torah. The living Torah that will sustain him comes through that of his father. He must understand his inheritance before he can build a future upon it.

The Torah tells of a discouraging process. Isaac does not yet know what he needs to learn, and so the waters of the first well will not answer his need, nor the second. Each effort brings him more difficulties: the first well is called Esek, "contention", and the second Sitnah, "hatred." Things are going from bad to worse. But he does not give up. Isaac keeps digging.

בַּיַּחְרָה הִתְעַיֵּיט רִמְאִיו תּוֹבַחַר הַמֶּשׁ אֶרְקִנוּ; הִזְלַע וּבֵר אֱלוֹ תִרְחַם רֶאֱב רִפְחִנוּ כְּשֶׁמֶ קִתְעִנוּ  
עֲרָאֵב וּנִירְפוּ וְנִלְ'ה

*He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarrelled over it. He named it Rehovot saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land." (Bereshit 26:22)*

The name Rehovot is a breath of thanksgiving. It is a place where there is no fighting or hatred, with enough room for Isaac's entire family to pitch tents, graze goats, and even plant crops. Rehovot brings about deep breaths, and great joy. The name Rehovot speaks of the Land of Israel as we dream of it, a peaceful land with room for all.

Isaac, the first Jewish child, represents the greatest challenge of being a Jewish child: to continue the journey our ancestors began, rather than drift away from it. His success manifests in his persistence. Defeated once, he tries again. He digs another well, this too produces opposition. So, he moves on again, eventually finding his place. His efforts were not innovative or original, but he was content to be a link in the chain of generations. Faithful to what his father had started, strongly determined to find space for himself and for his family.

More than other Biblical figures, it is Isaac who we can most relate to today. In the air, there is a feeling of transition. Some of the opacity of the past is starting to clear, as we chart a course for a better tomorrow. This is true for the wider world, and true for our synagogue as well. Where is the path upon which we are meant to travel? This is the time to draw upon our tradition, and consider Isaac's role in our story. Innovation and originality are not always the solution. Maybe we re-dig the wells that we're already sitting on? Maybe we dig a new well in a better location? The key is to draw upon Isaac's persistence, and to keep on digging. We dig in the style of our ancestors, but in search of the truths revealed to our generation. We dig for the welfare of others, but with the conviction that it all depends on us. With persistence, we will find a Rehovot to claim for ourselves, and there thrive for the future. May God bless all our efforts with success.

Rabbi Jarrod Grover

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## A message from our Associate Rabbi



Rabbi Louis J. Sachs

Hanukkah is an exciting holiday. The Seleucid empire occupied the land of Israel, forbidding Jewish practice. A small group of Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, fought one of the ancient world's greatest militaries, and miraculously they won. They defeated their oppressors and drove them from the land.

Interestingly, the story of Hanukkah cannot be found in the Hebrew Bible. Despite the Jewish roots of the story, the book of Maccabees is part of the New Testament. The rabbis chose not to focus on the violent aspects of the saga, war and destruction. Instead, they tell the story of what happened next.

After the Greeks were defeated, the Maccabee's went to rededicate the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. They found it desecrated by the foreign power and set upon restoring it to its days of glory. One of the first things they did was go to re-light the menorah, and here is the story the rabbis chose to focus on.

After searching, they could only find one small container of kosher oil to light, barely enough to last a single day. It would take eight days to make more, and yet they lit it anyway. Most of us gloss over this choice, but when you think about it, the decision to light the small amount of oil they had was an incredible act of hope and faith.

Most people would not go for a drive with just an 1/8th of the gas you need in your tank; they would wait until they had enough to make the journey. Most people would not even start a movie if their iPad only had enough power to watch an eighth of it. Yet, knowing they only had an eighth of the oil they needed, the Maccabees lit the menorah anyway.

Today, we light our hanukiot to recall the miracle that followed; the oil lasted for eight days, giving them time to make more. But more than the miracle that the oil lasted, is the miracle that they even tried. In the face of an impossibility, the Maccabees refused to give up hope; they lit the oil anyway.

Hanukkah is about hope and faith. It is about never giving up, even in the face of impossible odds. It is a holiday of light in the darkest month of the year; it is an act of rebellion.

Ultimately, at its core, Judaism is an act of rebellion. We believe not when it makes sense, but when it does not. We have hope, not when times are good, but when they are most difficult. We offer light when the world is at its darkest.

2020 has been an incredibly difficult year. Covid, politics, natural disasters, and more have filled the headlines. People are suffering right now, and it feels at times like the world is falling apart. It feels like we have passed a tipping point, a place of no return. Yet Hanukkah reminds us that as Jews, now more than ever, it is time to rebel.

It is time to hope when things seem hopeless. It is time for faith when we feel most like we have nothing to put ours in. It is time to bring light when the world appears dark.

Rabbi Louis J. Sachs





## A message from our Executive Director



Doris Alter

Dear Members, last year I wrote to you in the Hakol about the importance of celebrating Hanukkah in my family. I have wonderful childhood memories of it being a fun and joyous holiday and I strive to share this with my children and grandchildren by hosting a family Hanukkah party each year. This year we will celebrate differently. Here are a few ways we can celebrate with our families and friends and continue to create wonderful memories during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 8 Ways to Celebrate a Virtual Hanukkah During COVID-19:

With coronavirus numbers on the rise across the country, your family may be preparing for a different Hanukkah this year – no trip to Bubbie and Zaidy's house, no overflowing dinners with extended family and friends. If you'll be celebrating virtually with loved ones, here's how can you make it special.

#### Before

1. Plan a shared experience. No matter the distance, you'll feel close, if you share the same rituals. Have your children, grandchildren, family and friends come up with ideas, and spread the word to everyone on the virtual guest list: For example, plan to light candles together, prepare the same delicious recipe for potato latkes and create a shared playlist of favourite Hanukkah tunes.
2. Create connection with meal prep. Meals may be the hardest time for family and friends to be apart. So, focus on the steps that come before eating, which are easier to bond over from a distance: Schedule calls for family members and friends to help brainstorm the Hanukkah menu and make a shopping list. Ask for a loved one's favorite recipe, and video chat while you and your children, grandchildren or friends test it out.
3. Send Hanukkah care packages. Mail or drop off treats and supplies to help guests feel part of the fun. Since you can't crowd around one table to eat latkes together, maybe you and/or you and your children can cook latkes together and drop them off on doorsteps, or make matching centerpieces for everyone to display on their table. And of course drop of gifts to your family and friends.

#### During

4. During your Hanukkah video chat, have a family member host "opening" and "closing remarks." Your child might want to kick things off with a song or prayer, and wrap up with a round of jokes or the latest Tik Tok dance. With old traditions on hold, the possibilities are endless.
5. Try a new twist on a pot luck. Since you'll all be dining as separate households, a traditional pot luck is out the window. But you can still ask every person to "bring" something to contribute – like a brief toast or favorite family photo to share virtually.
6. Try a gratitude bowl. Have all the households in your extended family start this process a few weeks before Hanukkah. Each day, each person writes something they're grateful for on a slip of paper and adds it to their household bowl. During your Hanukkah virtual event, take turns reading aloud.

It's hard on everyone to skip our favorite Hanukkah traditions. But as with so much else during the time of coronavirus, we can try new, quarantine-friendly ideas to fill in for what we'll miss. It may even add new meaning to celebrating Hanukkah.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Hanukkah, a Frellich Yom Tov, Hag Sameah!

Doris Alter, Executive Director

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## A message from our President



Douglas Millstone

There is light at the end of the tunnel, is the expression that comes to mind as I think about Hanukkah approaching.

As I prepare my Hakol message, humanity is in the midst of the second more serious wave of the pandemic.

For all of us at Beth Tikvah and especially the lay leadership, challenging decisions need to be made. In light of Public Health guidelines that limit in-person services to 10 persons, it has been decided to continue with those services in order to serve the needs of our membership.

It seems things are bleak. Yet there is light.

Since the beginning of the pandemic I have attempted as best as I can to be in regular communication with our membership and to be as transparent as possible. There have been two town hall meetings and the annual general meeting.

I must say that the engagement from our membership has been extremely positive. Many members have volunteered their time and expertise.

Our virtual programming has attracted large numbers.

We were very fortunate to be the beneficiary of a very large matching donation from a member which allowed us to raise from our Kol Nidre appeal \$785,000.00.

The two most significant events that have occurred since then are the focus groups and the resolution of issues with respect to renting the school wing.

Over 60 members volunteered to participate in 8 focus groups which were incredibly well organized by Morley Goldberg and Rochelle Thompson, with the wonderful support of Doris Alter.

The results of those focus groups will be reviewed in detail by the Board. The Board deliberation will hopefully lead to a path forward as we move to ensure the sustainability of Beth Tikvah.

Of course, our immediate financial issues need to be resolved. On that note it has been determined that we are able to rent the school wing. Active steps are being taken to secure a broker to list the school wing for lease.

Since the end of May there has been a virtual communication to the membership approximately every 2.5 months. By the end of January there will be another town hall meeting to update you all as matters progress.

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the Executive and Board of Governors to wish each and every one of you a Hanukkah Sameah.

Doug Millstone, President



# Reflections from 2020



As a Founding Member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, sadly my last visit to the shul was the last Shabbat in February until the next one to celebrate Kabbalah Shabbat, outside the shul before Yom Tov.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the tireless efforts of the following:

The Clergy - Rabbi Grover, Rabbi Sachs, Tibi Kovari and Irv Kirshenblat for conducting services, lectures programmes, classes etc. The yeoman effort by Doris and her dedicated office staff-Gayle, Renee, Rick and Ainash, Rabbi Grover's Assistant - Yardena who in addition to her regular duties, promptly emailed requests for copies of Rabbi Grover's lectures, sermons etc.

Kudos to Danny and his wonderful staff for all the effort put forth to sanitize and look after the maintenance of the physical plant and necessary reorganization to permit in person attendance, plus taking care of the outside grounds. How would the Synagogue have been able to function in so many areas without the leadership of our hard working president Doug Millstone and like minded Executive and Board?

Many who stepped forward to help with phone calls, packaging, deliveries etc. and whatever else was required of them. In the same vein, a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers of all ages who selfishly stepped forward and gave of their time and helped in so many areas.

In closing, please forgive me if I was remiss in mentioning you by name.

Todah Rabah for the wonderful variety of programmes presented by BTS to give a semblance of normality to truly surrealistic world.

On behalf of those of us "at home", thank you for showing that you cared.

Sincerely, Gloria Pinkus.

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The last 8 months have presented all of us, young and old, with unique challenges and opportunities.

As someone who falls into the high-risk category because of age, I had to give over many of my daily chores to my children who were concerned for my safety. As an independent person, that was not an easy task. What would I do to fill my time?

The first answer came through Beth Tikvah where I began to receive invitations to virtual experiences of prayer and study. This expanded to other learning opportunities through The Shalom Hartman Institute, The Tikvah Fund and other organizations, both Jewish and secular, which were facing the virtual reality of our lives. I learned the ins and outs of Zoom and engaged in Zoom chats with my friends, lots of Zoom Bridge games and I cooked and baked more than I had in years. There were balcony dinners with my older grandsons and driveway visits with other family members. No kisses and hugs but lots of smiles from a safe social distance.

In June, the bubble opened somewhat but with the start of school it closed again, and the High Holidays were VERY different this year.

I look forward to the day when all of us can be together to rejoice as a community that has come through this difficult time in good health, with more knowledge and resilience and more appreciation for those around us.

Sincerely, Marlene Axmith.



# LEARNING WITH BRACHA FEDER

Thursdays at 1 PM



Learning with Bracha Feder continues through the new year! This is a free to participate program on Zoom, that happens on Thursdays at 1 PM.

Remaining classes:

## Series 2: In Anticipation of Hanukkah

December 3: Today's Maccabees

## Series 3: Three Faces of Prayer

December 17: Avraham Weiss' Holistic Prayer: A Guide to Spirituality

December 24: David Dishon's Petitional Prayer and Human Need Awareness

January 7: Max Kadushin's Worship and Ethics

*Please check our daily email for Zoom coordinates for this class.*



*Drop your Anchor*  
*Let Go of the Emotional Struggle*  
A Virtual Workshop to Build Emotional Flexibility

The logo for Mind Scholar, featuring a blue graduation cap with the words "MIND SCHOLAR" written on it.

**Thursday, December 3 - LIVE on Zoom at 7:30 PM**

Featuring author, speaker & life coach, Terri Klein!

Join Terri as she helps you learn a new way to relate to your thoughts and feelings, so they inform but don't control your behavior.

**To Register, please visit: [www.bethtikvahtoronto.org](http://www.bethtikvahtoronto.org)**



# Musica Beth Tikvah



Can COVID-19 stop our indomitable Musica Committee, and our inspiring Hazzan Tibor Kovari?

No way!! In fact, just the opposite...and have we got programs for you!!



## Remembering The Light Hanukkah Concert

**December 6 @ 7:30 PM**

Celebrate Hanukkah with Musica Beth Tikvah,

Hazzan Kovari, and the Toronto Council of Hazzanim!

**Visit our website for more info!**



**SAVE THE DATE: DEC. 6, 2020**



A Chanukah Unity Concert by



TORONTO COUNCIL OF  
**H A Z Z A N I M**  
CANTORIAL CLERGY OF ONTARIO

**COMING TO A COMPUTER SCREEN NEAR YOU**

**Out to Lunch with the Cantors:** What would you say to participating in an “Out to Lunch with the Cantors” series of programs with Hazzanim from around the world, chatting, humour, singing online of course, and sharing some of their more memorable experiences as Hazzanim? This program combines Cantor David Rosen of Holy Blossom Temple, Tibi and their friends from around the world who will introduce us to the fascinating world of the Cantorate (“Hazzan land”). So stay tuned!!

**Musica Beth Tikvah "CINEMA":** Wouldn't it be a treat to step back through the years and “re-enjoy” the outstanding Musica Gala Concerts from over the years? Well we can! Yes, these very special concerts, newly edited, with all your favourite performers and melodies, will soon be available to you in a series of programs for your at-home enjoyment. Coming soon to a computer/TV screen near you!

**Sing-a-Long Series:** Yearning to sing? Want to learn some new melodies, or join in singing the old favourites? What fun it will be to learn some songs, ( in the privacy of your own home, so no one even has to hear you) from Hebrew, Yiddish, Hassidic repertoire, and presented and taught to us by our talented Hazzan Tibor Kovari. Turn up your speakers and join in!!

**Learning from the Musical Experts:** We are blessed with so many impressive Jewish musical scholars, in both our Toronto community, and beyond. Why not learn from them, from their own learning, and the insights and info they can share with us. Thus, a series entitled, “Learning from the Musical Experts”, with singing and much more – featuring Marsha Edelman, Benny Meisner, Alan Berg and others is in the pipes, from the people with the pipes. It's sure to be both fascinating and delightful at the same time.

**Whatever happened to....?:** Beth Tikvah has been blessed with real musical treasures: Coral Solomon and Michael Berkovsky and their baby Aria, Gabi Epstein and Jake Epstein, Samantha Cooper, and many others. Where are they today? Let's find them and participate in a series of conversations with them. You know the old phrase, “Whatever happened to....?” Well, now we can learn how they have fared. Certain to be interesting!

**Learn to Play Guitar:** Have you always wanted to play the guitar? Now is your chance! You have the time, and we have the teacher! Jose Aguire has been playing guitar professionally for many years. He has participated in Musica programs in the past and now offers us this special opportunity. There will be online classes for the real beginner, and just think, you will be learning a new skill from the comfort of your home! Watch out for more info on this, and get ready to start strumming!

As you can see, Tibi and the Musica Committee have not been sleeping. These are just a few of the programs under discussion. Music is a vital component of our Beth Tikvah community and central to who we are. So even during COVID-19, we continue to plan to bring you programs for your enjoyment. We are here for you, and hope you will delight in our offerings.

All of these programs are free for members of Beth Tikvah. Of course we welcome any donations and sponsorships that will help us improve and expand our scope of activities.

More details and dates to follow online through the Beth Tikvah daily email announcements.

We look forward to joining together musically as Musica 2020/2021 takes off.

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## **Photography with Rick Bornstein**



Running virtually every Thursday until January 28, 2021!

Please note that this is a intermediate/advanced level course.

For more information about the class, please contact the office at

416-221-3433. **Cost: \$40 Members/\$100 Non-Members**





# Beth Tikvah Women



Beth Tikvah Women are alive and well!

Despite this crazy pandemic, we have had some amazing programs over the last 7 months. We have heard from a speaker who told us about her life as a Jewish, Black woman in Toronto. We have had many amazing authors. And our most recent speaker, talked about “The Sixties Scoop”.

We are planning some wonderful virtual programs to get us through the winter months.

In December, to celebrate Hanukkah, we will be cooking with our Beth Tikvah member, Marsha Rosen. After lighting the Hanukkah candles on Zoom, Marsha will be teaching us how to make a variety of latkes and other delicious food for your Hanukkah meal. **For more information, please visit the Beth Tikvah website!**



As well in December, try your hand at creating an artistic masterpiece with a lesson on Zentangle. “The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.”

Another program to look forward to is a virtual musical evening. More details to follow.

As well, we will be having our annual Torah Fund fundraising program with a guest speaker who has graduated from one of the five Conservative/Masorti seminaries supported by Torah Fund.

There is a lot to look forward to when it comes to Beth Tikvah Women. May we go from strength to strength!

- Adele Weinstein  
President Beth Tikvah Women  
Canadian Liaison for Women's  
League For Conservative Judaism

# OUR PEOPLE: DISCOVERING LITHUANIA'S HIDDEN HOLOCAUST

webinar with world-renowned Nazi hunter

**Dr. Efraim Zuroff**

DECEMBER 6, 2020, 2PM ET

Join us on **Sunday, December 6 at 2 PM** for a special webinar with world-renowned Nazi hunter Dr. Efraim Zuroff. Dr. Zuroff will discuss his quest for the truth about the Holocaust in Lithuania as detailed in his new book.

**This online event is free of charge and open to all!**

**To Register, please email [atobe@fswc.ca](mailto:atobe@fswc.ca)**



**Beth Tikvah is excited to announce a new program for High School Students!**

Participants will meet once a month with Rabbi Sachs and a guest expert to discuss topics selected by teens and for teens. Beginning in January 2021!

- **Do I have to believe in God to be Jewish?**
- **Can we critique Israel while still loving it?**
- **How can Jews be allies for social justice?**
- **And other hot topics!**

This is not your Bubbie's Hebrew School. Be prepared for serious in-depth discussion, nothing is off-limits. Participants can earn a scholarship of up to \$500 for informal Jewish experiences (I.e. Camp, Israel trips, Youth Group retreats, ect...).

**Stay tuned for more information, and email Rabbi Sachs if you want to learn more, at [rabbisachs@bethtikvahtoronto.org](mailto:rabbisachs@bethtikvahtoronto.org).**



Pride of Israel

## Kosher Food Bank

For more information, visit: <https://www.prideofisraelshul.org>

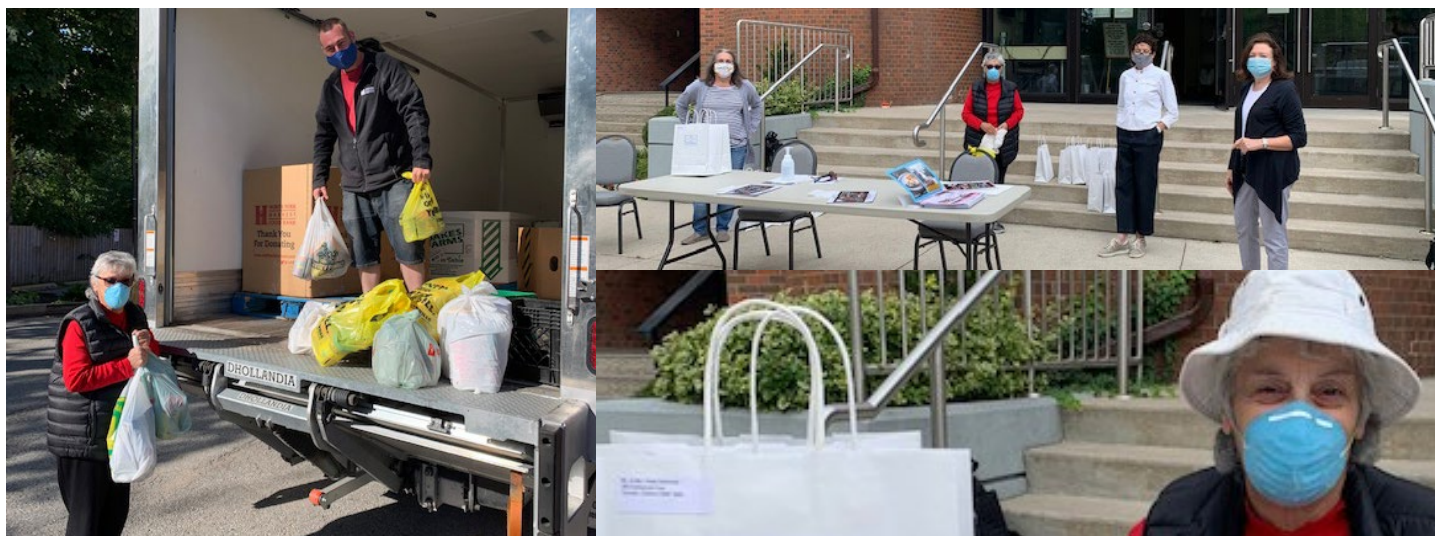


North York Harvest

## Food Bank

For more information, visit: <https://northyorkharvest.com>

*We want to thank the countless volunteers, of all ages, who responded to our call to action during the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah. A team of 70 members helped assemble and deliver our High Holiday packages, greet our members at our curbside pickup and deliver needed meals. A special thank you to Annette Segal who led our team and coordinated our annual food drive for the North York Harvest Food Bank. The overwhelming response demonstrates the compassion and strength of our Beth Tikvah community.*



\* Left: Annette Segal collecting food for North York Harvest Food Bank. \* Right & Bottom: Volunteers distributing High Holiday gift bags from Beth Tikvah Synagogue!

Unfortunately the Pride of Israel Kosher Food Bank is still closed. We are hoping it will reopen sometime in 2021.

But, If you wish to make a financial donation to the Food Bank, please contact the Beth Tikvah office. The funds will come in handy when they start up again.

Everyone stay safe and healthy!

## MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

Congratulations to our congregation for donating close to 1,000 pounds of non-perishable goods to the North York Harvest Food Bank during the week before Rosh Hoshannah!

Hopefully next year we can revert to our usual Yom Kippur Drive.





# LUNCH & LEARN

## *Virtual Special Edition*

### THE SECRET JEWS OF MAJORCA ISLAND

The Spanish Island of Majorca is known for its beach resorts, limestone mountains, and being home to tennis celebrity Rafa Nadal. But Majorca holds a secret, never discussed in most travel guides. During the Inquisition, the Crypto-Jews or Chuetas publicly professed Catholicism while privately adhering to Judaism. Synagogues were secretly built in private homes. Signs of this "secret" community can still be found today with many of the current jewelry shops having been kept within their families for generations beforehand.



Dani Rotstein

Join guide Dani Rotstein on a special virtual tour of Majorca's history and its lessons for all Jews today in a three-part series broken down into the below themes:

#### VIRTUAL TOUR DATES:

- **December 15** - Medieval Majorca - The Golden Age
- **December 22** - Crypto Judaism - Keeping the Faith During the Inquisition
- **December 29** - Rebirth & Renewal - Expose on Modern Day Revival on the island

#### PRICE:

- \$18 for the entire series **OR** for On-Demand access for 1 week afterward.

**To Register, visit the BT website!**



BETH  
TIKVAH  
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With Bar Cohen

## Part 1

**Wednesday, December 16 at 9:45 am**

*We're all Israelis - Minorities within the Nation*

**Wednesday, December 23 at 9:45 am**

*IDF 101: Understanding the Life  
of An Israeli Soldier*

## Part 2

**Wednesday, January 6 at 9:45 am**  
*Jew Who? Jewish Affiliations in Israel*

**Wednesday, January 13 at 9:45 am**  
*LGBTQ in Israel*

To Register, visit [www.bethtikvahtoronto.org](http://www.bethtikvahtoronto.org)



**ON BEHALF  
EVERYONE AT  
BETH TIKVAH:  
THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank our outgoing Executive Committee Members and Board of Governors for their commitment, dedication and hard work they gave to our Kehilah (Congregation).

### Executive Committee Members

Hayley Braverman  
Stuart Foxman

### Board of Governors

Stan Appel  
Alex Baker  
Alex Budanitsky  
Barry Lipkus

We would like to welcome our returning and incoming Executive Committee Members and Board of Governors and thank them for their commitment, dedication and continuous hard work to our Kehilah (Congregation).

### Executive Committee

Douglas Millstone, President  
Ossy Goldenberg, 1st Vice-President  
Daniel Edwards, 2nd Vice-President  
Josh Mendelsohn, 3rd Vice-President  
Lisa Braverman, Secretary

Alan Birnbaum, Treasurer  
Nurith Safir, Executive Member at Large  
Michael Bowman, Executive Member at Large  
Hershel Guttman, Immediate Past President

### Board of Governors

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Barry Lipkus  
Jonathan Mackenzie  
Alisa Naiman  
Katie Rochweg  
Rochelle Thompson  
Adele Weinstein  
Stephen Weinstein  
Alyssa Weinerman  
Marc Zarenda



# BETH TIKVAH YOUTH AND YOUNG FAMILIES



Join us in the BT parking lot for a special Havdallah service, lighting of the Bayview Avenue menorah, amazing fire dancers, jugglers, sufganyot and much more! Open to the entire Synagogue!

Saturday, December 12 @ 6 PM

**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT WITH BT!!!**  
**Coming December 12**

Price: \$10 per person, kids under age of bar mitzvah FREE

Register on the BT website!

## More upcoming programs:

**Dec. 10**

Get ready to enjoy our YYF Hanukkah handbook and video from Rabbi Louis and Ellie to celebrate the festival of lights!

**Dec. 13**



Participate in our "Make Your Own Sufganya" tutorial at 3:30 PM on Sunday, December 13, with Sammy Ginsberg and Ellie!

- Registration is now LIVE at [www.bethtikvahtoronto.org](http://www.bethtikvahtoronto.org)



**December 15 at 5:30 PM**

Join Rabbi Louis, Cantor Tibi, and Ellie for a Tots Virtual Hanukkah Party. Featuring candlelighting, stories, crafts, music and singing!

**Disclaimer:** Programming may change closer to date due to Covid-19 measures. Stay up to date by visiting our website.

To RSVP, visit [www.bethtikvahtoronto.org](http://www.bethtikvahtoronto.org)



# Mazal Tov to

## WEDDING / ANNIVERSARY

Rabbi Louis Sachs and Lauren Wood on their Aufruf and Wedding. Parents are Marvin and Karen Sachs and Jim and Christine Wood.

Sarah Dodick and Leslie Gold on their Aufruf and Wedding. Parents are Paula & Michael Dodick and Marilyn & Joel Gold. Grandmothers are Rita Karp and Marsha Bielak.

Mona and Leo Brown, who will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

## BIRTHS

Jonathan Mackenzie and Adrienne Shnier on the birth of their daughter, Ariella Lily Shnier-Mackenzie. Grandparents are Rhonda & Don Mackenzie and Bev Isaac & Jeff Shnier.

Daniel Klerer & Laura Katz on the birth of their son, Jack Dylan Klerer. Grandparents are Marsha & Shawn Klerer and Gena & Elliot Katz. Great-grandmother is Kay Klerer

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A Yasher Koah to our member, Kathy Kacer, on receiving the 2020 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature. Kathy and co-writer, Eric Walters, won in the young adult/children's literature category for their newly released book Broken Strings. Broken Strings seamlessly blends themes of young love, artistic identity, 911, grief and the Auschwitz orchestra into a moving and insightful young adult novel. The awards were handed out at an on-line ceremony on November 18.

## Posthumous Honour for Norene Gilletz <sup>z"l</sup>

Our former member, Norene Gilletz <sup>z"l</sup>, was posthumously inducted into the Taste Canada Hall of Fame. Known as Canada's "Queen of Kosher Cuisine", Norene was honoured for lifetime achievement in culinary writing for her 12 cookbooks, food blog and column in the The Canadian Jewish News.

Taste Canada is an umbrella organization that connects food and beverage writers, publishers, chefs, restaurateurs, farmers, industry, culinary colleges, media and cookbook fans.

Gilletz's induction was part of Taste Canada's virtual awards ceremony that was live-streamed on Facebook the evening of October 25.



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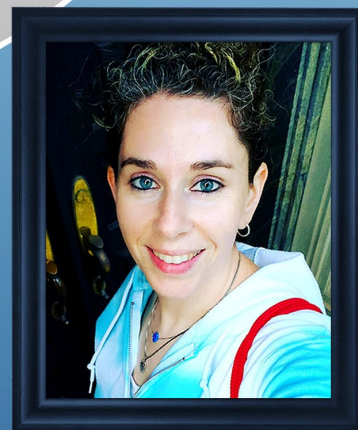
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