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We want your feedback **Mike Cohen**

We are pleased to bring you the second TBDJ Annual Report.

Last year we transformed our Baily Bulletin into a reader friendly report on what your congregation has been up to the previous 12 months. The issue is specifically timed for the High Holidays in order for us to place copies in front of each seat. This procedure was very well received. Combined with our very regular email updates (if we do not have your email address please subscribe via the form at www.tbdj.org) and our website, synagogue members have never been more well informed.

This issue was truly a team effort. I am proud to continue in my role as editor, something I see as an extension of the work I do as a Cote Saint-Luc city councilor and writer for The Suburban and The Jewish

Tribune. A big tip of the hat to **Jacob Aspler** and **Tziporah Widman**, who served as content and production editors. We wish to thank all of our staff members and laypersons who worked so hard to produce the articles and more importantly perform the tireless work that has made the TBDJ such a desirable congregation to be part of.



A new feature in this edition is a Question and Answer session I had with most of our contributors as we dig a little deeper into each person's goals and objectives.

We look forward to your feedback on this edition.

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young professionals
and families to the
TBDJ experience.
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A Matter of Thought

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz

Loyalty to Zaideh , Yesterday and Today

When I was in my late teens, I would visit my grandfather, Yaakov Ben Zion Steinmetz, several times a week. Inevitably, before I would leave, he would launch into the same request. "Chaim", he used to say, "will you learn Mishnayos in my memory when I'm gone?". At first, it shocked me; I was completely unprepared to talk to my 80 year old grandfather about his death. But as he kept repeating the request time after time, the discussion felt almost farcical, and we both started to laugh. Each visit, I knew the weekly request was coming. Thankfully, my grandfather was able to make this request many times— he lived until age 99.

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Today's zaidehs can't make the same assumptions about their grandchildren. My zaideh took it for granted that I would be a Mishna learning, committed Jew, and that I would remember his yartzeit. Above all, my grandfather could count on the fact that I would do what he asked because I would be loyal to him. But times have changed; loyalty counts for a lot less in the 21st century than it did in the 20th.

Loyalty is a fading virtue. It is disappearing because we live in an era of unbridled individualism, where communal involvement is a hobby, rather than an existential imperative. If you don't need others, you don't value commitments. And in a commercial

society, every relationship is judged by the same standards as laundry detergent. George P. Fletcher points out that "In the marketplace, where all that is at stake is the performance of the product or the quality of the service, the best thing to do is leave—that is, to find the competitor who better supplies the needed good.....Today we think about relatives, employers, religious groups, and nations the way we think about companies that supply us with other

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products and services. If we don't like what we are getting, we consider the competition."

On top of this, loyalty has gotten a bad name. People can be loyal to horrific causes; there were loyal Nazis, who even after the war refused to turn their back on the monstrous cause they had supported. Loyalty is the rationalization of scoundrels, too often an excuse for following orders that are morally repugnant. As a result of the morally bankrupt loyalties of Nazis and Mafioso, the perception has grown that loyalty is an ugly flaw.

The disappearance of loyalty is why my world is so different than my zaideh's. The Jewish community can no longer expect the unconditional loyalty of future generations. "Zaideh asked me to" no longer works the same way in 2014.

A lack of loyalty has positive elements. The Jewish community has to learn how to be competitive in the realm of ideas, because we can no longer expect the next generation to do things just because "it's a tradition". Isaiah calls the thoughtless performance of Judaism "commandments men do as a routine"(29:13); this is far from the religious ideal. Intellectual challenges can reinvigorate our community.

But the loss of loyalty undermines relationships. Once, loyalty led the Jews to say "*naaseh v'nishmah*", that they will accept the Torah without fully understanding it. Yes, it was an irrational and impulsive commitment; but love is irrational and impulsive too. Loyalty touches the human heart in ways that no rational idea can. Loyalty and love are hopelessly intertwined; one is impossible without the other.

Once, Jews loved their identity because they were loyal, and they were loyal because they truly loved being Jews, part of a 3,800 year old love affair that started with Abraham and Sarah. My zaideh knew this. He knew that in Jewish history, Jews had every reason to leave and join the "competition", but they remained loyal despite the pogroms, despite the Holocaust, despite Communism. They held tight to their Jewish identities, even when it was absurd.

In North America, it feels like loyalty to Judaism is a thing of the past. The 2013 Pew Survey's "Portrait of Jewish Americans" was a sobering catalogue of slow assimilation and loss of identity. But it doesn't have



Rabbi Steinmetz on the Mega Mission with Adele Friedman & Susan Laxer

to be that way. This past month, we saw the bravery of 19 and 20 year olds in Israel, loyal to their country and the Jewish people. Around world, young Jews have stood at the forefront of Israel advocacy. Yes, there's much to worry about; but I've seen that there are still plenty of young, idealistic and loyal Jews around today.

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On visits to Israel in the past few weeks, I met young men and women who would make my zaideh proud. Dedicated volunteers. Courageous soldiers. Proud Israelis. Or my favorite, the teenager in Sderot, who right in middle of a war that was raining rockets down on her hometown, asked me why I wasn't moving to Israel! These young people have a passionate love for the Jewish people, and loyalty my zaideh would be proud of.

I'm still learning Mishna in my zaideh's memory. And after this summer, I'm a lot more positive about the Jewish future as well. So like my zaideh, I will ask my children and grandchildren to study Mishna in my memory; and I hope to keep asking them until I'm 99, just like my zaideh.



Q: Rabbi, how many times have you been to Israel in the past year?

A: I went three times, but not for a lack of trying to go more often! I was there with the Mega Mission, once during the war, and once during a ceasefire period.

Q: Why is it that you did not hesitate to go there on more than one occasion during the war in Gaza?

A: Well there are two answers to that. First, as I told people there's a difference between fear and danger. Danger is when you fall off a bridge; fear is when you jump off a bridge attached to a bungee cord. You know that you will almost certainly be OK, but it is a scary jump nonetheless. The situation in Israel during the war was a situation of fear. Yes, it was frightening; running to hit the ground several times in a row when hearing a siren is scary. And the fear can take a toll psychologically. But in terms of danger, the missiles were not a major threat. Statistically, the danger from missiles was minor, far less than the danger of driving on the highway.



Rabbi Steinmetz with Rabbi Reuben Poupko visiting IDF soldiers in Israel

So my first answer is that it simply wasn't dangerous. But the second answer is that even if it were to be dangerous, I would go if it gave support to the people in Israel. Each stop I took, people thanked me for visiting. At Beersheva City Hall, I was interviewed live on Israel's Channel 2. The reporter, a pretty cool character, was moved that I had come in solidarity. Even though Israelis were making enormous sacrifices of their own for Israel, they were still touched that a Jew from the Diaspora made the effort to visit them in their time of need.

Q: What are your thoughts on better sensitizing our congregation to the fact Cote Saint-Luc's sister city is Ashkelon, a community which was in the eye of the storm being so close to Gaza?



Rabbi Steinmetz interviewed at a rally protesting the Quebec Charter of Values

A: I visited Ashkelon with Stuart Steinberg, Vicki and Howie Steinberg's son. We went to spend money, to help suffering merchants. The day we got there was a bad one, when multiple rockets were fired at Ashkelon, and all the stores were closed. Ashkelon has taken a heavy blow in this barrage. This is tragic because it is a rapidly developing city, one where beautiful beach-front homes continue to pop up day after day. The entire south of Israel is a rapidly growing area, fed by better transportation, high tech projects and beautiful landscapes. And like other cities in the south, such as Beersheva, (Montreal's sister city), Ashkelon has stood directly in the path of the attacks. I hope all of us can make it a priority to visit the south; not only because they deserve our support, but because it's where a lot of the future growth of Israel lies.



Rabbi Steinmetz and Jacob Shapiro debating the finer points of shukfood



President's Report

Judah Aspler

The state of our union is strong. A proclamation every president wants to make, but with apologies to Pres. Obama, one you'll only hear from a select few today. At TBDJ, these words have never been truer.

A year ago we set out to rejuvenate our synagogue, both literally and figuratively. We launched a new chapter of TBDJ Youth, announced plans to strengthen our Youth Minyan, unveiled new programs for adult members, and welcomed new energetic members to our Board and Executive. Overall, we set goals of providing the best possible services and setting TBDJ up for our next generation.

A year later, we can proudly reflect on where we stand. On any given Shabbat, our youth programs serve 50 to 75 kids, and sometimes over 100. A regular Shabbat sees our sanctuary host anywhere from 300 to 500 people and sometimes more, with another 100 to 150 at our Hashkama, Emet L'Yaacov, and Youth Minyan services. Our weeknight lecture series draws 100 attendees, while Shabbat guest speakers fill even more seats. Purim and Simchat Torah result in a building too packed to count, with all ages reporting. Finally, and directly connected, our membership is growing weekly and recently reached the milestone of 600 family members, after adding 36 this past year.

The year was a banner one for our youth. I recall great days on Baily Road when I was a member of TBDJ Youth, but **Camp Ilan @ TBDJ** took it all to the next level. The excitement amongst our youth (and their parents) is a key indicator, along with the number of kids from within our membership and from outside it who were drawn to the program. Our Youth Chair **Josh Orzech** and Camp Director **Zack Isakow** both deserve credit for taking us from neutral to fourth gear in a matter of months. I now confidently give them two months to hit fifth gear.

Rabbi Eddie Shostak joined TBDJ and his impact on our Youth Minyan and its adolescent members was immediate (along with all he added to our High Holiday Parallel Service and more). Anyone peeking in will see a busier but smoother service, with more participants each week, including much welcomed high-school girls. Thanks to **Meir Israel**, who is devoted to rejuvenating all our facilities, their room is also the nicest we have. We'll continue ensuring Youth Minyan is a positive and inclusive place for all.

While speaking of additions, we're fortunate to have Chazzan Sheini **Amiel Bender** join us after Succot. Amiel will bring melodious and meaningful davening to TBDJ, and will joyfully serve our daily services and the needs of its participants. He will no doubt also impact our younger members and families. A veteran of working with these groups, a programming visionary, and a talented musician, Amiel will strengthen TBDJ, its services, and members. We thank our Gabbais **Gerry Cartman** and **Ian Widman** for their efforts to keep things running smoothly over the past year- not always an easy task. Another who ensures everything runs smoothly is **Yakov Lev**. Day or night and no matter the job, he does so with sincere care for us all, and is the heart and soul of Baily Road.

Our Programming committee had a memorable year as well. **PastaOpera** was such a hit that an encore **PastaOpera II** was added. Our **Baily Road Diner** was bold and extremely well received. The coming year will offer more events that make us the best *Kosher Dinner Theatre* in town. Spearheaded by **Jeffrey Steinberg** and **Michael Hollander**, our events will appeal to families and children of all ages, and we encourage everyone to use TBDJ as a great venue for social and entertainment activities.

Our Adult Education division led by **Rochelle Rein** and **Michelle Cale** executed a series of lectures and guest speakers, and now plans to increase the frequency of such lineups. We've raised the bar when it comes to programming, and now have two requests for **you**. Firstly, support us by attending our events. Bring your friends and family too. Secondly, we need volunteers. Your help on a single initiative can help make it, and the entire year, a success.

All in all, **Phase I** of our mission was successful. This was the result of a strong union of members, volunteers, leaders, staff, and clergy. Now we all look ahead.

Youth and Programming 2.0 have taken off, but another project is on the launch pad and its countdown has begun. We're thrilled to announce **Rabbi Eddie Shostak** will take on the role of **Director of Education**. His key project will be the design, launch and direction of **TBDJ Connect!**, a program that helps us spread our wings and share our unique TBDJ experience with more members of the community. What TBDJ delivers is essential, and not replaceable by any other organization: Shabbat, Holidays, and Jewish Family Life in the community.

You'll be hearing a lot about Connect!, including from **Rabbi Steinmetz**, who is the core of our unique TBDJ experience and who will be front and center in these efforts. When you read this column, especially during the days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, make a commitment to Connect! If it appeals to you, commit to trying it out. Commit to supporting it. Commit to recommending it to a friend. Commit to welcoming one of its participants to TBDJ. Commit to supporting our critical mission.

Missions like these require financing and the state of our *financial union* is also strong. Our treasurers, **Shlomo Drazin** and **Yair Meyers**, along with tireless dedication from Finance Chair **Alain Matarasso** and

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the work of our office, have led us to a balanced budget. In the spirit of financial transparency, this information is available for all members to see. *So you're saying you don't need our money this year?* Not exactly. I'm saying your donations help us build and grow, rather than patch and plug holes. Some additional spend is needed for our objectives and to keep pace with global increases in operating costs. Our increased membership helps with base expenses, and our Capital Campaign did its job for our capital needs, but we humbly turn to you once again with a rewarding request: Please support our synagogue and community as best you can. Please pay special attention to the message from our Fundraising Chair **Phil Friedman** regarding our new **Endowment Fund**.

TBDJ has a team of leaders, with **Rabbi Steinmetz** at the helm, who are working with a clear vision of TBDJ's role to its members and the community. We recently hosted the **OU's Synagogue Services** group who met with our Executive team, and together



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reviewed many aspects of our operations. Most significantly, we focused on our mission statement and goals. All that we undertake is aimed at increasing our value to members, attracting additional participants, and solidifying our ability to do so for many years. Younger leaders like **Jonathan Gal**, **Josh Orzech**, **Michael Hollander** and **Yair Meyers** are leading this charge alongside not-as-young but experience and wisdom filled leaders like **Morty Yalovsky**, **Howie Steinberg**, and **Warren Greenstone**.

As we enter **Phase II**, we'll no doubt face decisions and challenges, but we have the team and momentum in place to ensure that 5775 sees us reach greater heights. I recently visited the Presidential Library of Ronald Reagan, the *Great Communicator* who delivered many State of the Union addresses. On his desk in the White House were two plaques that sum up our efforts: "*It can be done*", and "*There's no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit*".

I'm proud to be one of your friends, family, and community, and together with my wife Rachel and children Nediva, Gavi and Talia, wish you all a Shana Tova.

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Q: How far back does your association with TBDJ go?

A: I joined TBDJ with my family back in 1978 when I was 6 years old. I immediately took on a role in the shul, that of chief troublemaker on Shabbat afternoons (I hope my son is not reading this). I was a Youth Minyan Gabbai in high school, and then joined the Board in 2003 shortly after returning to Montreal.

Q: You have been the president for just over a year. How many of your initial objectives have been attained?

A: Together with our Board and Executive we set some aggressive goals last year. Did we attain these objectives? I'd say we got

off to great starts and have solid plans in place. Whether related to youth programming, membership activity, or infusion of new leadership, some great things have happened. That said, this year's team and the next wave of leaders still have work to do before anyone can look back and say "attained".

Q: What is the single biggest challenge you want to meet by the end of your mandate?

A: It's related to the above. That everything we undertake should be done in a sustainable manner. We should clearly see how all our new programs will be funded going forward, and we should clearly see which leaders, staff and clergy members will focus on each project. That is the only way to ensure we

get closer to our goals. That, along with having TBDJ Connect! become the place for adults that Camp Ilan @ TBDJ has become for youth.



Rachel & Judah Aspler with PastaOpera's Kate & Davide Bazzali



Executive Director's Message

Rebecca Rosenberg

This has been a vibrant and busy year at TBDJ, highlighted by an array of Jewish learning and social programming and by our expanded and innovative youth and children's programming.

At TBDJ, we would not be able to provide the multitude of services that we do without our dedicated volunteers. Whatever the task - putting out refreshments for the daily *minyan*, generously sponsoring a Kiddush or a featured speaker, organizing a lecture series, or stuffing hundreds of envelopes for a mailing - it is our volunteers who are the key to our success. Our religious services, youth, social and adult education programs, cemetery, house and financial com-

mittees are chaired and driven by volunteers. I want to recognize and thank the exceptional people who have stepped up to the tasks needed to maintain our flow of services.

This community has been built and maintained by the hard work and commitment of devoted members who care about the welfare of others. Whatever your interests, we are enriched by your participation in every facet of synagogue life. Get involved. Join a committee. Help out in the office for a morning or afternoon. Volunteer some of your valuable time, your skills and your expertise. There are events to plan, projects large and small, where your talents and energy will be put to good use. The rewards of giving far outweigh the time and effort spent.

Our visionary Board and Executive have focused their efforts this year on the dual priorities of securing TBDJ's financial solvency and increasing shul membership. We are fortunate that in an era when shuls are struggling to maintain their viability, we have unprecedented membership growth. For this we are indebted to the recruitment efforts of our Membership Committee led by **Jonathan Gal**. Their

success will ensure that TBDJ continues to thrive and fulfill the needs of its present members and of generations to come.

In turn, these gains depend upon the continued support and generosity of our members. Please do your part to sustain this growth by paying your dues and pledges in a timely manner and helping your shul maintain a healthy cash flow.

As we enter this season of renewal, I want to thank you, our members, for your participation and generous support throughout the past year. On behalf of the entire office staff, I want to wish all of you and your families a year blessed with health, peace and happiness.

Shana Tova U'Mevorechet



Hershie Schachter and Aaron Dudkiewicz at our annual raffle



Q: What is the biggest change you have seen at TBDJ since joining us just over a year ago?

A: A very exciting change over the past year has been the increased participation of young adult members in all aspects of synagogue life, including program development, membership recruitment, and leadership. To remain vital and relevant for the long term, synagogues must continue to serve the evolving needs of their community. Through programs such as Camp Ilan at TBDJ, the weekly youth minyan and TBDJ Connect, TBDJ is creating bonds, engaging future generations and attracting new membership.

Q: What is your most significant goal for the coming year?

A: My most significant goal for the coming year is to move TBDJ forward on a solid and secure financial footing. To facilitate collection of membership dues and pledges, invoices will be sent out in a timely manner. One of our top priorities is therefore to ensure that members' accounts are accurate and up to date. We've made great strides in this respect and we will be working with far more accurate records in the coming year. Members who believe that there are inaccuracies in their accounts can smooth this process by bringing their concerns to our attention as soon as possible.

Q: You have reorganized the office. Tell us how this has all worked out.

A: When I first arrived, TBDJ was entering a period of transition in terms of personnel, procedures and physical facilities. All of these changes had to be managed simultaneously. Although these processes are not yet complete, thanks to our dedicated office team, these changes have proceeded with a minimum of disruption to our membership.

Members have also responded positively to new procedures put in place to improve efficiency and response time, including the revamped High Holidays seat selection process. During the coming months we will evaluate and reorganize other administrative procedures.



The TBDJ staff (L to R): Rebecca, Yakov, Brian, Tatyana and Sabrina



From our New Chazzan Sheini

Amiel Bender

I am pleased to join TBDJ as Chazzan Sheini & Baal Tefilla after more than 24 years as Chazzan Sheini & Youth Director of Congregation Beth Ora in St. Laurent.

I have found that my background in psychology and my experience in the psychology wing of the IDF has prepared me for many different community scenarios that the position of clergy challenges me with, honing and perfecting my interpersonal and communicative skills with congregates of all ages.

Serving as clergy is a privilege that offers diverse outreach and *chesed* opportunities. I always believed that it is important to greet one and all with a good countenance and to understand their needs in developing and strengthening their relationships with G-d, their peers and the Jewish community at large. Every Jew is an “עולם מלא”, a person with a world full of potential that is waiting to be realized. I have been fortunate to help many along this path in many ways over the years, helping to ignite the sparks of yiddishkeit and look forward to continuing my career at TBDJ in this manner.



Amiel Bender & Family in Israel

I love Torah, Jewish music, Jewish History and sports. I enjoy blending all of the above in different ways with the work that I do. Our sages say that the Torah has spoken in the language of the people:
דברה התורה בלשון בני אדם

There is something for everyone in our beloved Torah and bringing Torah to members of the community on different levels through song, teaching, outings and activity is always a thrill for me. I am inspired the sound of singing and harmony in Shul and I am a big believer in the “power of the Nigun”, in evoking meaningful prayer and עבודת השם. This is what I look forward to bringing to TBDJ.

On behalf of my family I would like to wish one and all a שנה טובה, a year of health, happiness, fulfillment and prosperity, as well as everlasting peace in Israel.



Q: What will be your first goal upon arrival at the TBDJ?

A: My first goal will be to get to know the members of the Shul, and to get the general “feel” of the community. Each and every one of our communities is unique in its own special way and it is important for me, as clergy to acclimate myself to TBDJ, our members and their needs and interests.

Q: What accomplishment are you most proud about from your time at Beth Ora?

A: Wow! That’s a hard one... I’ve been involved in so many successful endeavors, accomplishments that I am proud of.

I guess my answer would be the ongoing privilege of helping people elevate themselves spiritually. Permit me to illustrate with a short story: One day my wife excitedly calls to tell me that she just got a call on her cell phone from a university student that spent many hours in our home while growing up. He went through a few difficult years and we helped him meet many challenges. My wife told me that he called us on his cell phone from the Kotel, the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, and that without us “he wouldn’t be there...” Wonderful anecdotes and stories like these have repeatedly given me a sense of fulfillment over the years.

Q: From your work at Hebrew Academy, What do you think of our community?

A: I always loved the Cote St-Luc & Hampstead community. We have many friends here. I look forward to being an active part of the community.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE BLESSED



In memory of the fallen soldiers and citizens of Israel during Operation Protective Edge.



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For a biography of each fallen soldier and citizen,
please visit: <http://tbdj.org/heroes>



Adult Education Report

Rochelle Rein

Our Adult Education committee had an exciting and productive year in 5774. Following the response to an online survey that was sent out to members in the fall of 2013, two lecture series were developed.

The first series, beginning in January 2014, was entitled “*Navigating the Siddur*”. These popular lectures, led by **Rabbi Steinmetz**, explained the basic prayers both of the weekday and Shabbat, as well as insights into the reasons they exist.



Rabbi Steinmetz delivering his Askenazim & Sephardim lecture

In February-March, a four-part series entitled “*Ashkenazim and Sephardim: How are we Different, What Makes us One?*” was held before a standing room only crowd. The speakers, **Professor Ira Robinson**, **Dr. Andrea Gondos**, **Rabbi Steinmetz** and **Dr. Norma Joseph**, were fascinating and their topics diverse. Recordings of their lectures are still available on the TBDJ website. Since this series was so popular, a second series with new topics will begin on **October 27, 2014**. Mark your calendars – it is not to be missed!

Our shul also hosted several exceptional speakers. Prior to Pesach, we enjoyed a “*Pre-Pesach Drink and Think*” evening with **Rabbi Alex Israel**, of the Pardes

Institute in Israel. The event began with wine tasting to get into the Pesach spirit, followed by a lecture entitled “*Matza and the High-Speed Redemption*”.

After Pesach, we hosted **Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin**, Director of Education at the **Orthodox Union**, who led a Friday night *Tish* for young adults and continued his theme about “*Jewish Confrontation with Modernity*” over Shabbat.

Our Shavuot Learning attracted a crowd, as always, who was delighted to learn from **Gitit Herman** and **Lisa Halevi-Wise**.

At the end of June, we welcomed back **Rabbi Steven Weil**, Senior Managing Director of the **Orthodox Union**, and his wife **Yael**, for an excellent Shabbaton of stimulating lectures, including a special *Seudah Shleesheet* for women with a talk by Yael.

Women were again the winners when **Dr. Ilana Nattel Turetsky** spoke about “*Bullying in Jewish Schools: What’s True, What’s False & What You Can Do About It*” at a *Seudah Shleesheet* in August.



Ben Levitt, Meir Israel, Linda & Jay Saks enjoying PastaOpera II

In the coming year, we are anticipating more high caliber, exciting programming. After the resounding success of our **Ashkenazim-Sephardim Lecture Series** this past spring, please come and enjoy **Part II starting on October 27 at 8pm**. Topics will include an overview of the different communities within the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities, their migrations, interactions and inner dynamics by geographic regions. How they interacted with the ruling powers, and finally, some more modern issues surrounding crossing the ocean and settling into North America.

This series will be followed by *“Keeping our Children Jewish - the Challenge we Face”*, and later on in the year, *“Comparative Denominations in Judaism”*.

We are thrilled to announce the first Shabbaton of 5775 will be on *Shabbat Lech Lecha*, **November 1, 2014**, a very appropriate *parsha* for an individual who himself made the difficult journey to Israel under arduous conditions. Our outstanding guest will be the first Ethiopian rabbi of Israel, **Rabbi Sharon Shalom**, who will share with us his remarkable story. Join us for a memorable Shabbat dinner and an uplifting weekend of lectures!

The Adult Education committee is proud of its accomplishments of the past year but remains committed to extend a variety of learning opportunities to the entire TBDJ family. We welcome any and all suggestions for speakers and programming. Feel free to email programming@tbdj.org if you would like to join the committee or if you have any ideas to share.

Shana Tova to everyone. May we merit to be inscribed in the Books of Life and of Knowledge!!



Q: Programming at TBDJ has certainly been on the rise in terms of volume this past year. What has the response been?

A: Excellent! People are talking about the events, asking to be included in emails and other PR, and offering suggestions for additional activities. It's really encouraging.

Q: How have you gone about establishing the different programs we have been exposed to?

A: The adult education committee sent out an online survey last year, and we based our lecture series on the responses. This year we are continuing on feedback that we have received over the past year.

Q: How open are you to receiving suggestions from the congregants?

A: We are thrilled with the involvement and interest. Our purpose is to serve our members, both the active and less active ones, so we encourage as many suggestions as possible.



Phil Cohen completing his Sefer Torah which is now used at TBDJ

Regular Classes at TBDJ

Daily

Daf Yomi - Talmud study

Early group with **Rabbi Dovid Rothschild**
Sunday 7:15am, Weekdays 6:15am, and on Shabbat either before Mincha or after Maariv.

Sunday

Bagels, Coffee & Torah with Rabbi Steinmetz

Join the Rabbi for an in-depth look at a topic in Halacha (Jewish Law). Shacharit at 8:00am, followed by breakfast and the class. Ends by 10:30am.

Wednesday

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Steinmetz

Lunch served at noon, parsha class at 12:30pm. Reservations required by Tuesday 2:00pm. There is a nominal fee for lunch.

Thursday

Chumash Shiur for Men (Yiddish)

Starts at 8:00pm. With prominent Rabbanim.

Friday

Coffee & Study with Rabbi Steinmetz

Every week from 8:00am - 9:00am.
Join the Rabbi for a freewheeling discussion on a topic of interest. Questions, arguments and differing points of view are welcome.

Hosted at new location: **Federation CJA, 5151 Cote Saint-Catherine Road, Room 406.**

Shabbat

Shabbat Afternoon Rabbi's Class

Prior to Mincha
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- 7:10pm Maariv
- 7:15pm Light Reception in loving tribute and in memory of
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SHABBAT AFTERNOON:
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Born in Ethiopia in 1973, Rabbi Shalom moved to Israel on his own in 1982, without any family. He is a graduate of Har Ezion Hesder Yeshiva in Alon Shvut, and was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. He served in the IDF as an infantry officer, and later worked in the IDF's educational system.

Rabbi Sharon currently works as a Rabbi in the Or Meofir special program for Ethiopian immigrants, and lectures at Bar Ilan University on 'Halacha, Minhag, and Masoret in the Ethiopian Community'.





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4:00 - 5:00 PM
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DR. NAOMI GREENBLATT

**THE IMPORTANCE OF POSITIVE
SELF ESTEEM FOR
TEEN AGED GIRLS**

5:01 PM

COMMUNITY HAVDALAH

5:10 - 6:00 PM

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-Jason & Naomi Greenblatt



DR. CHUCK FREILICH

Former Deputy National Security Adviser in Israel.
 Former Senior Analyst at Israel's Ministry of Defense.
 Former delegate at the Israeli Mission to the UN.

Author of *Zion's Dilemmas: How Israel Makes National Security Policy*.

Lecturer at Harvard, NYU, Columbia and Tel Aviv University.
 Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center at Harvard's Kennedy School
 Adjunct Professor at Stern College for Women.

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2015

Shabbat Morning

**"Never Again" - The Iranian Threat
 and a Mideast Strategic Overview**

Shabbat Afternoon

**Syria: the Fault Line in the Mideast -
 Ramifications for the US, Israel and the Region**





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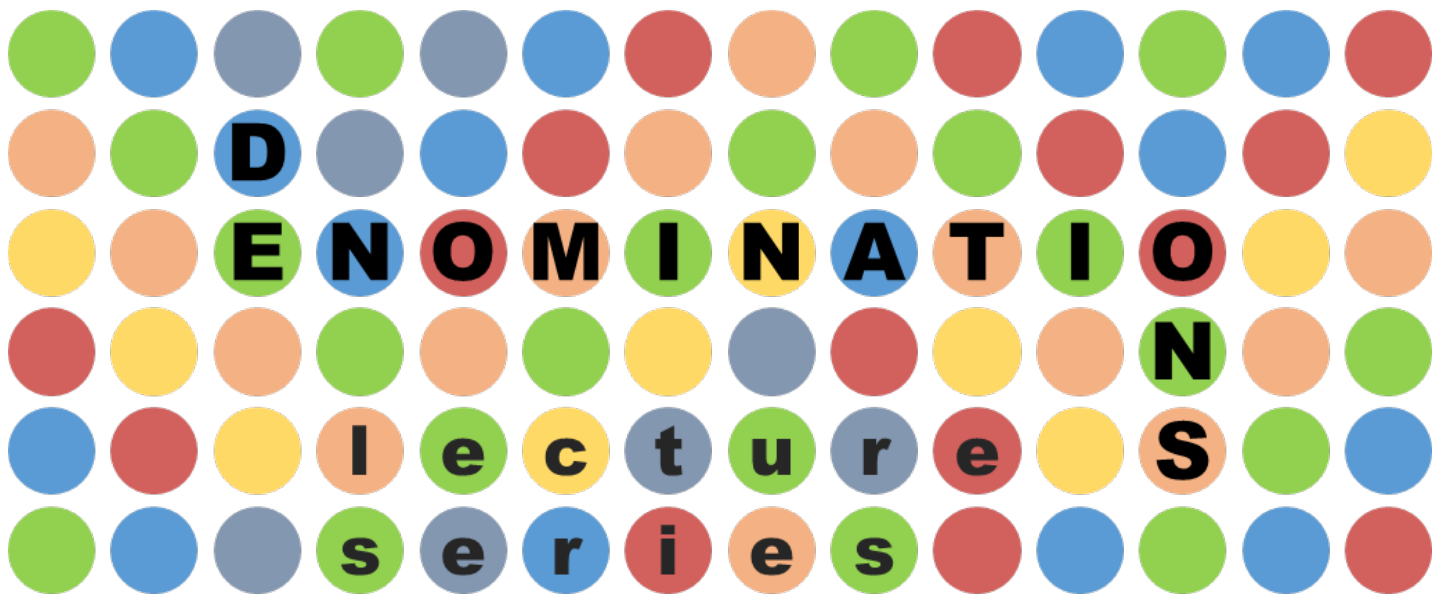
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LECTURE DATES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014
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ALL LECTURES BEGIN AT 8:00PM - ADMISSION IS FREE





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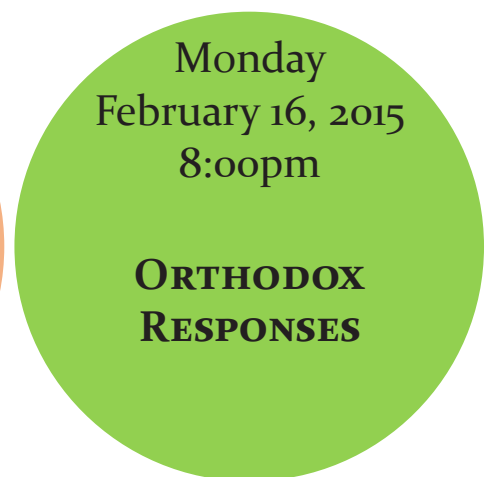
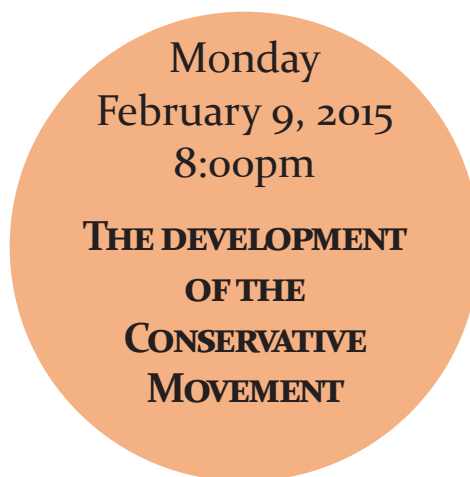
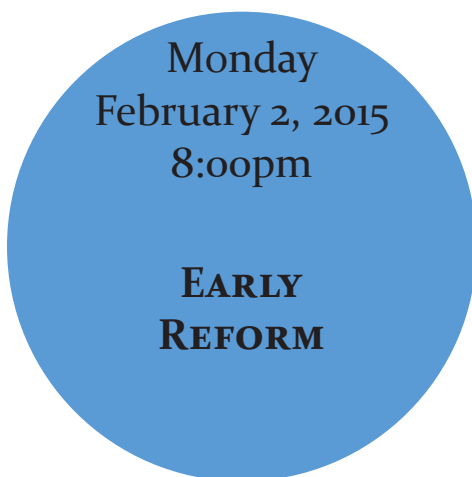
For the past 200 years, Ashkenazic Jewry has divided into denominations:

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What are the internal debates among each denomination?

**These questions and more will be examined
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Programming Report

Michael Hollander & Jeffrey Steinberg

The 2013-2014 year was a banner one for programming here at TBDJ. We kicked things off after the High Holidays with our first annual **scotch tasting**, which was extremely lively and well attended, and kept things going throughout the year with a steady stream of eclectic, fun-filled events.



The Castiel-Rosen-Steinberg-Farber table at PastaOpera

Some highlights of the past year included, among others, **PastaOpera** last October, where **Chef-Tenor Davide Bazzali** regaled a packed hall with a variety of classic opera hits and gourmet Italian dishes. The first such event of its kind at TBDJ, featuring a 4-course dairy Italian meal of epic proportions, was such a hit that an encore was in order, and **Mr. Bazzali** returned in June for **PastaOpera II, Carne Edition**, serving up another 4-course extravaganza, this time of the meat variety, and an unforgettable ambiance.

Our **Purim party** was once again a huge hit, as we danced the evening away at a rocking post megillah party in the social hall, highlighted by a **Newlywed Game** contest. This was followed by a family-friendly **Purim Carnival**, featuring live animation, cotton candy, inflatable rides and the best costumes this side of Cote Saint-Luc.

Shavuot treated us to **Baily Road Diner**, a remarkable 1950's diner luncheon, the first of its kind here at

TBDJ, as a packed house enjoyed classic diner food, root beer floats and a live acapella band.

For 2014-2015, we're looking to build on our growing success and excellent feedback from the past few years and provide an even broader and more exciting range of programming options.

We'll be kicking things off with our **Second Annual Scotch Tasting** on **October 22nd**, an event which is absolutely not to be missed (as long as you're 18 years old and over!), featuring a pre-party cigar lounge for VIP sponsors as well as a scrumptious buffet, and of course, a hand-picked selection of rare scotches from all over Scotland and the world!

Also on the docket in terms of refined and sophisticated events, we'll host an original **Eat-Well Dress-Well Men's Evening**, which features steak dinner alongside a presentation of the best in fashion by our friends at Boutique Jacques.



(L to R) Cousin Eric, Dad Tibor & Scotch Event Chair Michael Hollander

Everyone should once again be ready to enjoy two new **Tastes of the World** dinners - **Bollywood** and **Baily Wong**. We'll also be hosting a series of Family Events that include **Cake Boss**, **Top Chef**, and **Family Game Night**. Coupled with a musical Shabbaton and some other special Shabbat meals, we hope everyone will enjoy their time at TBDJ and encourage friends. These events are designed and planned with the aim of reaching as many of our members as possible. They are all researched, planned and put into motion by our members, who selflessly donate their valuable time and expertise toward making our shul a pillar of the community and the place to be for a broad range of top-notch events.

Finally, there's no satisfaction greater than helping out for a good cause, so if you would like to get involved in order to help plan and execute these amazing events, or if you would like to head a committee yourself, please do not hesitate and contact us at programming@tbdj.org.

We would absolutely love to have you on board. We very much look forward to what the coming year will bring and to having you with us for it.

Shana Tova to all!



Q: Programming at TBDJ has certainly been on the rise in terms of volume this past year.

What has the response been?

A: The response has been phenomenal. People have shown a lot of excitement towards our many different activities and events, and we've been encouraged by the positive reception we've received to our programming here at TBDJ.

Q: How have you gone about establishing the different programs we have been exposed to?

A: The programs we have planned have started mainly as programs we know we would be interested in participating in as attendees. It's always easier to plan and promote something that you yourself are incredibly excited about. That, and originality are key to attracting a motivated audience.

Q: How open are you to receiving suggestions from the congregants?

A: It has been a pleasure thinking up and implementing different ideas and programs. It has truly been a collaborative effort

all around. We like to approach our members before events as a sounding board for suggestions, and we value feedback more than anything, since it's our members' input and feedback that play directly into how we plan events. As we have been in the process of planning an event someone suggests another, which later becomes another program. We love listening to people's ideas and having as many people involved in the planning as possible.

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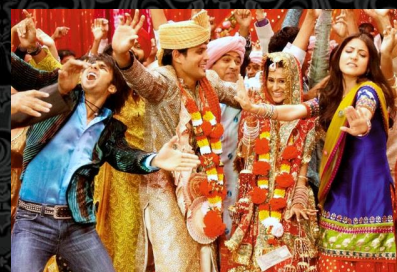
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Youth Report

Josh Orzech

What an incredible transformative year it has been for TBDJ youth, and this coming year promises to be even better!!! So many highlights, amazing events, smiling children, delighted parents that I don't know where to begin. So how about from the beginning!



Chaya Lieberman with Olivia & Ella

It was on a cold and snowy Shabbat morning in January of 2013 when my family and I were invited to the home of **Rachel and Judah Aspler** for Shabbat lunch. In case you're not familiar with the TBDJ weekly announcement it goes something like this... Say hello to everyone. It is our responsibility as members of the shul and community to welcome all people to our synagogue. New faces, old faces, familiar faces, happy faces, sad faces. We love having every one of you. This is exactly what the Aspler family did. At lunch that afternoon one of the conversations Judah and I had was about synagogue life. To make a long story short, by the end of lunch I not only became a member of TBDJ but the chair of the youth committee and a member of the Board. Not sure what happened but the scotch and wine were plentiful.

Before accepting this responsibility I had one concern. I wanted to be sure the shul was ready for change. Our belief, which has not only been

welcomed with open arms but strongly supported, is for a synagogue to be a successful, one of its main focuses has to be youth. Our children are the future and they must be what we invest both our time and money in.



Brian Harris with his son Josh

With the goal of building the best possible programming and experience for our children we set out to find something different, something fresh, something impactful and something our children would love. From this vision "**Camp Ilan @TBDJ**" was born in late October last year. Under the guidance and direction of **Zack Isakow** and his dedicated team of warm, friendly, caring, energetic, and welcoming staff we have built something for TBDJ to be extremely proud of.

For a synagogue to be a successful, one of its main focuses has to be youth.

The program is geared to children in Nursery through Grade 5, and on a typical Shabbat at TBDJ we now see 75 and sometimes over 100 kids attending the camp. The program runs **every Shabbat and Holiday from 10:00-11:30**. Staff meeting is held at 9:45 and as annoying as it must be, I couldn't be happier to see kids banging on the door at 9:46 begging for Camp Ilan @TBDJ to begin.

In addition to regular Shabbat and Holiday “camp” we had many other incredible programs. A **Chanukah program** where the kids learned how to make olive oil. A **Purim carnival** attended by 125 kids parading the stage in their costumes with glowing smiles.

Our 2nd annual **Junior Tikkun Leil Shavuot** program blossomed as well. It is the city’s only Shavuot Night program geared to youth, and this year saw 75 kids from across multiple schools join together for dinner, a learning activity, and ice cream dessert. We thank **Hessa & Donald Davis** for their support of this unique program that will only grow each year.



Josh and Gabriella Orzech

And the list goes on. This year promises to expand our programs to include movie nights, glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, and more. With that, let’s introduce our VIP full-access **Camp Ilan @TBDJ Youth Pass**. Sign your children up for a pass that provides full access to all events, including all food served, at no additional cost. They’ll also receive a Camp Ilan @ TBDJ shirt along with more surprises during the year.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and encouragement. I couldn’t be prouder of what we have achieved and know this is just the beginning. Wishing you all a *Shana Tova*. A year filled with health, happiness, good fortune and community.

Our children are the future!



Jonathan & Jessica Steinberg guard the Jr. Tikkun Leil Shavuot food



Q: What is the key to attracting more youth to synagogue life?

A: I think there are many ingredients that go into building a program that will sustain and continue to attract more youth. First and foremost the program and the staff have to be outstanding. The environment has to be built for the kids and be consistent. I want the kids to feel that this is their home; that they are part of something and belong. We want to see more programming outside of Shabbat and Holidays. This is an opportunity for parents who attend other synagogues on Shabbat to bring their kids to our events. More adult programming on Shabbat and the holidays is also desirable in order to attract the occasional TBDJ goer.

Q: Do you see more enthusiasm being generated around TBDJ by our youth?

A: A synagogue filled with children always breathes life and energy into the rest of the Shul. There is no question the successes of this past year has created an exciting buzz around the community and a feeling that TBDJ is alive!

Q: What is the one thing you have learned about youth and synagogue life in the past year that you did not know before?

A: With the right program, like Camp Ilan @TBDJ, and the right atmosphere kids will really want to come to synagogue. This is the ultimate goal, but I wasn’t sure I believed it until I actually experienced it firsthand. The high school/CEGEP kids who help run our program love coming to TBDJ. It has kind of become a hangout for these kids. To the point where their friends are asking for jobs to work in our program. Last year we even had someone come work for free because they just wanted to be involved.



Camp Ilan @ TBDJ Report

Zack Isakow

Shana Tova to the entire **Camp Ilan @ TBDJ** family. I am so excited to be continuing growing and improving the youth programming at TBDJ. Last year Camp Ilan and TBDJ joined forces to create a professional, meaningful, and fun youth program.

I am the Director and founder of Camp Ilan, which prides itself on providing top of the line programs to youth from kindergarten through elementary school. Each Shabbat and Holiday our TBDJ youth participate in an engaging and really loud tefilla, learn about the parsha through games and stories, and just have a fun time playing various team building games.

The kids come out every week excited about tefilla and Torah while making new friends of different ages and backgrounds. Our staff works diligently week in and week out preparing the programs so that our kids will not go a Shabbat or Holiday without learning something new or having a great time with their friends. Our trained staff are a dedicated group of

young adults who we take tremendous pride in.

As we enter the new year, we're very excited about what's in store for our youth. They'll enjoy more programs than ever! We have two energetic Directors in place, **Jacob Shapiro** and **Zack Steinlauf**, and we know that Camp Ilan @ TBDJ will continue to amaze the entire community.

Shana Tova to kids of all ages!



Camp Ilan @ TBDJ staff running our great Youth Purim carnival

UPCOMING CAMP ILAN @ TBDJ EVENTS

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH MOVIE NIGHT
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH SUKKAH SCIENCE PARTY
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH SUNDAY FUN DAY
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH CAKE BOSS
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH CHANUKAH PARTY
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH TU B'SHVAT PARTY
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH MOVIE NIGHT
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH PURIM CARNIVAL
- SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH MOVIE NIGHT
- SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH CHOCOLATE SEDER



Q: You have moved to Israel. Will you remain connected to TBDJ?

A: I absolutely plan on continuing not just to run Camp Ilan from Israel, but to improve it. We have hired experienced and fantastic staff to keep Camp Ilan @ TBDJ strong. Jacob Shapiro and Zack Steinlauf are two young adults who have grown up in TBDJ and know what its youth need. They have both been head staff at Camp Massad and have been involved in youth programs at TBDJ for many years. Last year Camp Ilan @ TBDJ focused on Shabbat and Holiday programs. This year we plan on adding Saturday night and Sunday programs. We want people to participate in all that Camp Ilan has to offer, and with our great leadership, staff, and well-organized programs we know that Camp Ilan @ TBDJ will thrive.

Message from Youth Directors



I have been attending TBDJ my whole life and spent much time collecting candy and running through the halls. I can't wait to build on all the success of Camp Ilan @ TBDJ, and am confident that together with the Zack's, the amazing Camp Ilan staff, and support from the shul we will continue to provide fun, structured, meaningful, engaging, and content-rich Jewish programming for the kids on Shabbat, Holidays, and other special occasions! I'm a Bronfman Youth Fellow and alumnus of Yeshivat Maale Gilboa, and especially excited to draw on my various leadership and community experiences in the community to focus on creating more engaging and dynamic Jewish learning opportunities and activities. Recently, I have been preparing boys for their Bar Mitzvahs, and this summer I was the Head Staff member responsible for Jewish programming at Camp Massad. **Jacob Shapiro**



I am a Herzliah High School graduate and presently at Dawson College studying in the Law Society and Justice program. I've been involved with TBDJ's youth programs for the past three years, including last year with Camp Ilan @ TBDJ. I've also worked at Camp Massad for two summers as a water ski specialist, and this past summer as Rosh Galil (supervisor of senior side). In addition, I've been lifeguarding and teaching swimming lessons at the Cote St-Luc Aquatics and Community center for three years and am now a head lifeguard at the pool. I am very excited to continue working with Camp Ilan @ TBDJ and look forward to everyone joining us in a successful year. **Zachary Steinlauf**

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ASPLER**

Grade 1

Introducing Rabbi Eddie Shostak

Rabbi Shostak is proud to officially join the TBDJ Team as Director of Education.

Rabbi Shostak, a passionate educator and community leader, received rabbinic ordination from HaRav Gedaliah Schwartz, shlit'a, in Chicago. He holds both an M.A. (Integrated Studies in Education) and a B.A. (Political Science) from McGill University.

Rabbi Shostak has been an active educator in both formal and informal settings. He currently serves as the Rav-Mechanech of the **Hebrew Academy** Elementary School and teaches Judaic studies in the high school.

Rabbi Shostak previously served for eight years as the founding Executive Director of **Kollel Torah MiTzion Montreal**. He has been an active member of many community organizations and committees, including student President of the McGill Hillel and **Hillel Montreal**, as well as *madrich* on the **March of the Living** and **Birthright Israel**.

Rabbi Shostak is proud to officially join the TBDJ Team as Director of Education. For the last two years he has served as the officiating Rabbi of the TBDJ High Holiday Parallel Service and the Shabbat Youth Minyan. This year he is excited



Rabbi Shostak together with his wife Ahuva, have three children, Talia, Izzy and Ariel.

about the recent launch of **TBDJ Connect!**, a new program aimed at connecting new families to the TBDJ experience through creative, innovative and meaningful Jewish experiences.



Welcome Home

Rabbi Shostak

Growing up I had one and only one love in my life: baseball. I lived and breathed 'Nos Amours', the Montreal Expos, ate baseball box scores for breakfast every morning and grabbed a catch any moment that I could, whether with a friend, my father or against the side of the house. To me one of the most unique and fascinating aspects about the game of baseball is that the player starts in one place with the goal of returning to the very place he began: Home.

How strange. Why does he put himself through so much just to return to the very place that he started?

The teshuva process is a return, a return home, enabling us to reconnect to who we are

The word *teshuva* (repentance), the very process that we engage in during the holiday season, literally means to 'return.' Most people mistakenly think that *teshuva*, is an escape from the world. The same way, unfortunately, many mistakenly believe that going to synagogue, enrolling their children in Jewish day school and engaging in Jewish experiences separate or remove them from the "world" and take them away from "real life".

It is, in fact, precisely the opposite. In perhaps his most popular work, '*Orot HaTeshuva*' (Lights of Penitence), **Rav Kook zt"l**, says that it is 'precisely

through genuine, pure *teshuvah* that we return to the world and to life’.

The *teshuva* process is a return, a return home, enabling us to reconnect to who we are, which is the goal of this auspicious season. But, how easy it is to forget who we are.

Reb Shlomo Carlebach zt”l, used to say that we are like a billionaires with amnesia, begging for nickels, living on the street. On Rosh Hashanah, the *shofar* blows and we remember who we are! The awe inspiring *shofar* blast shatters the spell of forgetfulness and calls us back home. Calls us back to who we are. Reconnects us to who we are.

This year, with God’s help, the TBDJ *shofar* will continue to sound after Rosh HaShanah through a new and exciting program called **TBDJ Connect!**. I am excited to be involved in this ambitious program

aimed at connecting young families to the TBDJ experience through creative, innovative and meaningful Jewish experiences. We look forward to welcoming with open arms and open hearts anyone interested in becoming a more active member of the TBDJ family and we encourage those already plugged in to do the same.

This year I am proud to join the TBDJ Team as Director of Education. For the second year I will be serving in as the Rabbi of our inspiring TBDJ High Holiday Parallel Service, and will also continue to serve as the TBDJ Shabbat Youth Minyan Director, which is run by a dynamic and talented group of high school and college students.

I would like to bless you all with a Shana Tova, a year filled with health, happiness and meaning, and most importantly- a Welcome Home!



Q: Have you sensed a yearning to learn among congregants at TBDJ?

A: I believe there is a hunger and thirst for more meaning in people’s lives. Here at TBDJ, we are looking to satiate those looking for something deeper, something richer, to plug-in those who have been left out, through no fault of their own, from meaningful Jewish experiences and to enhance the experiences of those already connected.

Q: What is the one educational component you would most like to implement?

A: I would like to make Shabbat an experience accessible and meaningful to any Jew.

Q: Have you received suggestions from the public?

A: We have received many suggestions from members, such as hosting engaging speakers and Shabbat morning alternative programs for young professionals and families. We listened carefully and are now aggressively pursuing many of these suggestions.

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CONNECT! LAUNCH EVENT

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"How a Moment Can Change the Course of Life" with special guest Joshua Prager

Joshua Prager writes for publications including Vanity Fair, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal, where he was a senior writer for eight years. He is the author of two books: *The Echoing Green* and *Half-Life*. Joshua was a Nieman fellow at Harvard in 2011 and a Fulbright Distinguished Chair at Hebrew University in 2012. He was born in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, grew up in New Jersey, and lives in New York.

Prager, whose April 2013 TED Talk entitled "In search of the man who broke my neck", viewed almost 1,000,000 times, is described as "a marvelous storyteller with an intriguing message that goes far beyond an account of personal misfortune." — Kenneth Mathews, TED.com

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Membership Report

Jonathan Gal

The past year has been an amazing one at TBDJ. With so many new, exciting and innovative programs geared to all age groups, membership has increased organically across all categories. Approximately a year ago, we introduced new rates for young families and have seen an influx of those as well. It is exciting to see so many new faces walking the hallways at TBDJ. Growing up, TBDJ was a home away from home for me and it is wonderful to think a whole new generation of kids will be forever connected to TBDJ. The leadership here at TBDJ is committed to growing our institution but still keeping the 'heimish' feel that is vital in a shul. I am proud to be a small part of the team who are all pulling in the same direction- towards a bright future at TBDJ.

On behalf of the TBDJ Board of Directors, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members who joined the TBDJ family in the past year. It's always wonderful to see our amazing shul growing. Thank you for making TBDJ your home. Shana Tova U'Metukah!



Q: Membership is on the rise at the TBDJ. What do you think the biggest factors are?

A: To me, the two biggest factors are innovative programming and people connecting to people. Simply put, successful programs lead to more members and the hard work of many is paying off. Secondly, we have an amazing group of leaders led by Rabbi Steinmetz, who has a unique ability to connect to people, making them feel comfortable and at home at TBDJ.

Q: What is your main strategy is trying to recruit new members?

A: I don't think there's one particular strategy, but clearly the focus is on attracting young families. This

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is seen in the reduced rates we instituted last year for members under 35. Lack of involved young people is an issue across all institutions in North America. We truly feel we have something unique to offer at TBDJ.

Q: What is the biggest selling point at TBDJ?

A: It's impossible to pinpoint one thing as a synagogue by definition is different things to different people. To some, it's a house of worship. To others, a gathering place to socialize with friends. I guess then the biggest selling point is TBDJ's ability to be so many different things to all types of people.

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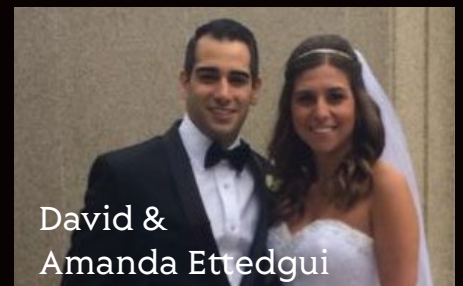
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he was so ecstatic with that piece of paper and crayon.

The Curious Case of Nicaragua

Special Member Contribution
by Julia Altmann

I don't know the exact formula for happiness, but what I do know is that Nicaragua comes pretty close.

A few weeks ago I went to Nicaragua through Justifi, a Jewish volunteer organization. It was extremely spontaneous. Not only was it my first time traveling alone; I also did not know a single person going on the trip. It was daunting, to say the least. It turned out to be the greatest trip of my life.

When I got back from March of the Living in 2011, I said sometimes in order to fully understand something you need to see it. Learning about the Holocaust is one thing; standing in a concentration camp is another.

I didn't fully understand poverty until I was in Nicaragua. I knew what it was and what it looked like, but coming from my background, it was difficult to get a full picture. Looking around Nicaragua for the first time, I couldn't fathom how people live there. It was a superficial thought, and I'm glad I was proven wrong.

The highlight of the trip was living in the Santa Rosa Community for three days. We painted the local school, helped feed the animals, and worked with the children living there. One afternoon, a group of us sat at a table with some of the kids and gave them coloring books with activities inside. One boy named Jose Louis found mazes in a book and got so excited showing me how fast he can do each one. It wasn't a computer, or a video game, or a cell phone. Yet, he was so ecstatic with that piece of paper and crayon. They were all so happy with what they had, it didn't occur to them to think about what they didn't have.

That's what was so great about this community, and Nicaragua in general. In Pirkei Avot it says, "Who is rich? The one who is happy with his lot" and in that respect, Nicaraguans are thriving. Despite the poverty, the people in Nicaragua are the happiest people I've ever seen. They are a living demonstration of less is more. We have everything and still find a way to be unhappy, yet they have nothing and find a way to be happy. Let's start off the year by being happy with what we have. If Nicaraguans can find happiness with so little, why can't we?



Curiosity on Air

Special Member Contribution

by Adam Shapiro

As a young kid, I was quite curious. I had the annoying habit of responding to every statement with a simple “why?”. And I can’t say that curiosity served me well in, say, elementary school. However, I’m grateful that my curiosity was not only merely put up with but rather cultivated and nurtured at home but also here at Baily shul. On a weekly basis, I would save up my best question to put to Rabbi Steinmetz. And after davening, when congregants lined up to ask Rabbi Steinmetz about how to properly kasher a microwave or how long they can wait for a family member to arrive in Montreal before a funeral, I’d ask him to explain why God let the Holocaust happen or why Israel can’t make peace with our Biblical brothers the Palestinians. And rather than sigh at the prospect of having to discuss theodicy with an inquisitive eight year old, the Rabbi would unfailingly respond patiently, validate my question and usually cite a midrash or two before letting me know that he doesn’t have all the answers (no one does) and that trying to grapple with some of these questions will take a lifetime. I’m still on that journey.

It’s the opportunity to further pursue this journey, I think, which is what I love most about working at CJAD 800. CJAD has been the voice of the English Montreal community for many years, long before I was born, and being part of the station is being part of something much bigger than myself. And it’s a thrill to get to work with and get advice from some great people who also happen to be personal broadcasting heroes, people like Tommy Schnurmacher, Andrew Carter, Aaron Rand and Terry Dimonte, to name just a few.

After graduating from CEGEP, I emailed Tommy Schnurmacher, and with barely any radio experience, asked to intern for him. He decided to give me

a shot. I came equipped with questions: questions for him about how radio works, questions he could ask his guests and questions he could put to his call-in audience. He was impressed. He then basically spent two weeks teaching me everything I needed to know about radio. Tommy may be most known for taking controversial stands, but his audience may not realize how meticulous he is about preparing his show. He takes great care in selecting the topics he discusses and even the wording he uses, not just for rhetorical effect, but more so in order to ensure he casts people in a fair light, doesn’t misspeak or give undue attention to people who don’t deserve it. From Tommy, I’ve learned to let my curiosity guide me, but to also always temper my curiosity with oft neglected journalistic ethics, or, in other words, Jewish values.

After a few days interning for Tommy, it became clear that he believed in me and two weeks later, with his support, I was filling-in as producer of The Andrew Carter Morning Show, the most listened to radio show in the city, at 19 years old. And a few months later, I was beyond thrilled to be offered the opportunity to join the show as the daily social media contributor. In fact, working on Andrew’s show every morning has been a dream come true.



I believe asking questions is a deeply Jewish value. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks notes the preponderance of bold questions in the Tanach: “Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justice?” asked Abraham. “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people?” asked Moses. “Why does the way of the wicked prosper?” asked Jeremiah. It is in this tradition that I aim to put my best questions to former Prime Ministers, prominent intellectuals or even famous actors to whom I have had the opportunity to interview. It’s in this spirit I discuss and think about how technology and online culture is changing our society every morning. And oh yeah, I also have fun finding silly viral cat videos to play on air. That, admittedly, has nothing to do with the Bible or Judaism. It’s just pretty funny.



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Good Shabbos Good Shabbos

Special Member Contribution
by Stephanie Finkelstein

Good Shabbos Good Shabbos, sung Carlebach style, has become a standard greeting between TBDJ members who played in this past summer's **Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre** (DWYT) production of *"Soul Doctor: The Journey of a Rock Star Rabbi"*, even if we run into each other on a weekday.

For 3 weeks and 22 shows in June (7 shows a week!), we sang and danced our way through the story of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach Z"L - from escaping Nazi Europe, to meeting Nina Simone in NYC, to starting the House of Love and Prayer in San Francisco. While I am a Yiddish Theatre veteran, I was joined by first-timers **Sharon Koifman** - who stole the show with his groovy dance moves, and the talented and charming **Aron Widman**, who melted hearts as

young Shlomo's brother. And who could forget Aron's parents, **Ian** and **Tziporah**, our #1 fans, who cheered us on from the audience night after night, and even sponsored a beautiful Shabbat dinner for the entire cast right here in the shul!

Acting in the DWYT is always memorable, but this soulful and uplifting production was extra special because we had the honour of sharing Carlebach's story and messages of love and peace throughout the community. We performed for countless TBDJ members who left the theatre with huge smiles on their faces - some even returned for a second time! Some of you may even have been lucky enough to catch one final time at the **Hampstead parade** on **September 21**, but if not, be sure to come out to next year's production, or better yet, audition to be a member of the cast and Yiddish theatre family!

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Fundraising Report

Phil Friedman

Our **Capital Campaign** efforts are winding down, with a few last projects remaining. Over the coming months we'll be renovating our library and lower lobby, as well as modifying our lower social hall in order to accommodate multiple groups in parallel. Our efforts are all based on current needs of the membership, as well as a projection of the activity levels we're rapidly headed towards. Additional funds from the Capital Campaign are being reserved for planned HVAC work, including work needed to comply with new regulations that come into effect in 2020. We thank all those who have paid their pledges in full.

This coming year will see a lot of activity and growth at TBDJ, with some programs expanding and others starting up for the first time. Much of our synagogue's future rests in these programs and services, and in the wave of enthusiasm from new members utilizing them. Our goal is to find a stable revenue source for these special offerings, so they can operate steadily both this year and for years to come. This philosophy has led to us establishing our first **Endowment Fund**, whose income will be earmarked for Youth and Adult Programming. In order to build this endowment, we are undertaking two efforts.

Dedication Campaign

Significant facilities at TBDJ are available for dedication, and to be renamed in some cases, in honor and in memory of loved ones. These facilities include:

Main Sanctuary	\$1,000,000
Upper Social Hall	\$500,000
Aron Kodesh - Sanctuary	\$360,000
Youth Wing	\$250,000
Library	\$150,000
Upstairs Lobby	\$150,000
Downstairs Lobby	\$125,000
Aron Kodesh - Chapel	\$100,000
Rabbi's Study	\$75,000
Bridal Suite	\$75,000
Classroom (2)	\$50,000
Mezuzahs	\$18,000

We invite anyone interested in the Dedication Campaign to approach myself or our President so that we can share additional information with you. This campaign and your generosity will allow us to strengthen our synagogue and pass on our heritage to future generations.

Our goal is to find a stable revenue source for these special offerings, so they can operate steadily for years to come.

Planned Giving

A planned gift can perpetuate your commitment to TBDJ and at the same time be a benefit through the form of philanthropy known as Planned Giving. Planned Giving opportunities include Bequests, Charitable Remainder Trusts, and Life Insurance.

Over the coming months we will share additional information on our efforts to ask all TBDJ members to have their synagogue in mind when planning long term finances. It is incumbent on the many of us who built TBDJ into the magnificent organization it is today, to recognize its pivotal role in our community and to consider how we ensure it stays strong for the next generation to build upon.

I thank all our donors and friends for their continued generosity and trust, and together with my family, wish you all the very best in 5775.



Mayer Diamond and Neil Reinblatt running the TBDJ Raffle



House Committee Report

Meir Israel

Last November saw the completion of the renovations to the classrooms, office area and the Function Room. The younger children and their parents have enjoyed their new, bright space while the **Youth Minyan** has thrived in the area dedicated to their Shabbat services. The space will be formally inaugurated this fall, enhanced by the new furnishings built especially for them, including a beautiful Aron Kodesh, Shulchan, and set of Mechitzahs.

When the Youth Minyan is not in session, the **Function Room** provides an elegant area for smaller functions. It is regularly used for the Chatten's Tish, for small cocktail events and Friday night dinners.

The **office renovation** created a bright and airy space that is better organized to serve our staff and members' needs. Additional filing cabinets provide more ample storage of files and documents while our colour copier enables us to print fliers and publications in-house at a greatly reduced cost.

New **energy-efficient windows** were installed throughout the lower level and new doors were installed at both entrances of our parking lot.

We have completed the installation of new **security equipment** for which we received shared funding through a Canadian government Security Infrastructure grant. Nine new cameras were installed to provide enhanced surveillance of the building and entry control from the office. The visible presence of security cameras is also a deterrent to vandals.

All our windows have been reinforced with **security film** designed to resist thrown projectiles. The glass will shatter but remain in place. We installed twelve new **LED high intensity light fixtures** around the perimeter of the building, greatly increasing visibility and discouraging vandalism.

Our **HVAC** maintenance provider recently informed us that the heating assembly of our rooftop air conditioning unit is no longer functional. We engaged **Seymour Levine**, a consulting engineer specializing in HVAC systems, to evaluate our existing air conditioning and ventilation system in relation to our present and future needs. Mr. Levine commissioned assessments of air quality and cooling, and presented his recommendations. He suggested replacement of the 30-ton rooftop unit, which will be completed in September.

Overall, our HVAC system is comprised of several units serving various sections of the building. Mr. Levine explained that government regulations require that the Freon 22 used in older units be phased out by 2020. He projected that with good maintenance, we might be able to operate the existing equipment until then. However, should a serious breakdown occur earlier, he recommended installing new equipment rather than investing further in repair and maintenance. The House Committee recommended that a contingency fund be reserved against this eventuality.

The **house next door**, which we own, was in a state of disrepair with evidence of water infiltration from the foundation and from some windows. To correct these problems, the foundation was repaired, a new French drain was installed, broken drain pipes in the garage were replaced, and new retaining walls were built on the sides of the driveway. Inside, several basement windows were replaced, the interior walls were plastered and painted, the floors were recovered and the bathrooms and kitchen were put in functional order. The house is now once again a house.

Several **renovation plans** are in the works. The **Library** will be renewed after the holidays, and new retractable partitions will be installed in the **lower community hall**, allowing us to provide space to the many simultaneous programs we run today. The lower level hallways will be repaired, and the lobby ceiling tiles will be cleaned and modernized. This work will be done in the coming months. Further extensive renovations originally planned for the upper and lower lobbies have been put on hold to ensure the availability of a reserve fund for eventual replacement of our HVAC equipment.

From my house to yours- Shana Tova.



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