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Year In Review & Programming Guide



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*Alan Katznelson, 1991*



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## Our Memories, Our Goals, and Our Journey

We are pleased to carry on with a TBDJ tradition for the High Holidays – the publication of our annual bulletin, which looks back at the highlights of the past year and previews the upcoming one.

This year our bulletin takes on a new brand: Journey. As expressed beautifully by Rabbi Freundlich, each day, month, and year is part of a journey for us at TBDJ. **A Journey to Greatness.** Our services and programs, including those of a religious, educational, chesed, social, cultural, or fun nature, all help us advance in our journey. This publication exhibits both the steps we took and the steps we're set to take.

Journey 5779 contains reports and messages submitted by our clergy and dedicated committee chairs. To mark the launch of Journey, we also asked members of our leadership to weigh in with both their fondest memories at TBDJ over the years, and their aspirations for the future. What they shared helps represent both the past and future of the community, where we've come from and where we're going.

We've also published special stories recapping an inspiring lecture and book launch by former community member Dr. Daniel Mishkin, as well as stories on milestone moments for our members in the pursuit of Jewish

education at both Hebrew Academy and Herzliah. You'll also find a story on another wonderful initiative by member Sidney Zoltak, who released a CD of Yiddish songs and stories commemorating the losses of the Shoah and expressing the hopes of survivors.

There is a look ahead to an action-packed year of activities. They are all open to the public as part of a community spirit we embrace which allows us to provide valuable services to our members while also reaching many new families who join our shul each year.

Please keep the TBDJ Journey on your coffee table, as a symbol of the community you're a part of, and as a reminder for all that you can take part in. Please also share the online version with friends and family, and show them your community.

Please share your feedback with us at [editor@tbdj.org](mailto:editor@tbdj.org).

Each day, month, and year is part of a journey  
for us at TBDJ. *A Journey to Greatness.*



## Rabbi's Message

*Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich*

Every single one of our members makes a difference. Everyone contributes to the community in his and her own way.

Dear TBJ Family,

It has become a yearly ritual for Rifki and me. At some point during the summer, a chartered Nefesh B'Nefesh flight leaves New York filled with Jews fulfilling their dream of making Aliya. We usually know at least one family on the flight, often more. (In fact, our parents and siblings have been on flights three of the last six years). This year our own TBJ members Shayna and Aaron Weisz were on the August 13<sup>th</sup> flight with their children and 273 other new olim.

Nefesh B'Nefesh live-streams the entire event, so we can watch from our homes as another plane full of Jews returns to "Our Home". We cry every year watching them disembark. It's an amazing experience. Live music and spontaneous dancing create an exuberant environment, and the platoon of soldiers and dignitaries greeting them lends an aura of royalty. Friends and family gather on the tarmac to welcome them right off the plane. There are pictures and interviews and hugs and tears of joy as families are reunited in our homeland.

We have been watching this scene for at least 10 years now. But something struck me this year.

By all accounts, there are well over 6 million Jews currently living in Israel. This is close to, if not more than, half of the world's Jewish population. Israel is well established as a world power in almost every imaginable field. We are, thank G-d, a far cry from the early days of the fledgling Yishuv where every pioneer was counted and necessary for the survival of the State.

Given this reality, another 273 people in a



population pushing 7 million will not make that much of a difference. It's just another drop in the bucket from a numbers perspective. In fact, even as far as new olim go, there have

been much larger immigration operations. In one weekend over Memorial Day in 1991, for example, Israel famously airlifted over 14,000 Ethiopians. In total, over 3 million Jews have made aliya since 1948. It's really not that big a deal anymore. Why the music and dancing? Why all the pomp and circumstance?

But that is clearly not the case. And we all intuit why. It's because every single Jew matters. Every single Jew counts. We can talk about this conceptually, but how do we take a concept and transform it into reality? That musical celebration is how. There were no empty platitudes on that tarmac. It was the living, breathing embodiment of the notion that literally every Jew coming home is reason enough to celebrate.

Want to host a group at home or at work and learn Parsha, Tefillah, Mishna, Halacha or other topics with Rabbi Freundlich?



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My dear TBDJ Family, as Rifki and I begin our third year in this beautiful community, this is the message I share with you. We are, thank G-d, a large shul, but one big family. And every single one of our members makes a difference. Everyone contributes to the community in his and her own way.

But I don't want to just say that, I want us to live that. As our new title of this publication indicates, we are on a Journey together. It's a Journey to Greatness and it starts one step at a time, one person at a time. Since we can't really dance on the tarmac together (not yet, at least), we have made a specific effort to personalize this journey and to highlight the individual stories that make up this amazing organization we call the Baily Shul. I am thrilled to have published our inaugural edition of *Shema Koleinu*, a compendium of over a dozen essays penned by our members on what Rosh Hashanah means to them. And inside this publication you will find memories and recollections of many of our members on what this shul has meant to them. We have also highlighted this coming year's programming, which we hope will engage the mind and the soul, kindle friendships and facilitate many acts of kindness.

Join us as we Journey together!

On behalf of Rifki and our family, I wish you a Shana Tovah and a year of good health, happiness and abundant blessings.





## President's Message

*Jonathan Gal*

As President, I have taken steps on my individual journey as it relates to TBDJ, to learn and grow personally while hopefully benefiting the community at large.

To paraphrase and translate a famous quote by French author Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr, the more things change, the more they remain the same. That is certainly true for me. One year ago, I accepted the great responsibility of taking on the presidency here at Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem. I had some idea of what was involved in being President but until you actually are, you really don't know! Things have thoroughly changed for me at TBDJ. In reality, aside from the business class seat in between the Rabbi and Amiel, and dozens of daily TBDJ related emails, many things remain the same. 6519 Baily Road is a place that many (including myself) come to pray, learn, connect, socialize and eat. It is a place where child and adult alike are part of a greater community and feel a sense of belonging. I too feel part of that family, no matter what title and responsibilities I currently have.

A phenomenon I have noticed this year is that people really do feel an affiliation to TBDJ. That manifests itself in many different ways, particularly when a former Montrealer comes into town for a visit and is treated like they never left. It's fascinating to watch someone who left Montreal 20 years ago sit down next to an old friend, in their old seats, and pick up like they were there just a week prior. It's almost like there is some kind of TBDJ magic at play. The more things change...

We have re-branded our Annual High Holiday publication as Journey: Year In Review and Programming Guide as you read earlier. The title "Journey" fits perfectly from both an individual perspective as well as a community one. I have

heard different variations of the following theme over the years; Life's a Journey, not a Destination. Whether you personally attribute this quote to Ralph Waldo Emerson or to Aerosmith, it is profound. It is also difficult to remember that motto day in and day out. We are so often caught up in the moment, so focused on a goal that we miss the little things that make life so meaningful. This is not just a metaphysical notion, but a Jewish one as well. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks explains that the concept of Journey is a central metaphor for Jewish life. It means striving each day to be greater than the day before, both individually and collectively.

As President, I have taken steps on my individual journey as it relates to TBDJ, to learn and grow personally while hopefully benefiting the community at large. As a shul, we have taken steps to help beautify the building by revamping the upstairs lobby, redoing the Capital Campaign boards and past presidents wall, and repairing the tree of life.

We are also hard at work in establishing an endowment fund, to help make that journey smoother for the next generation. The first steps have been taken with dedications of the lower lobby in honour of Gary Pekofsky, and by the Kolomeir family who dedicated the Aron Kodesh in our daily chapel. You'll be hearing more about our endowment fund in the coming months and years. In addition, we have some new projects in the works that we hope to publicize in the near future... stay tuned!

Any of the wonderful things that go on here are never the work of one person alone. So many

people, both staff and volunteers, go above and beyond in ensuring both the short and long term success of TBDJ. We have the privilege and honour of being led by Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich. His leadership, guidance, intelligence, humour and humility demonstrate to me on a daily basis how lucky we really are to have him and his family with us. I am truly honoured to sit next to him each week on Shabbat and value being able to work closely with him. One of the perks of being President!

Of course, my other seat neighbour, Rev. Amiel Bender is a source of constant movement and energy. While he can't stay seated for long, his dedication to TBDJ and easy manner have endeared him to all. It's amazing to think he's only been here for four years as it feels like he's always been a TBDJer.

The office, led by Joyce Reinblatt, is ready, willing and able to work hard for TBDJ. Joyce, Brian and Tatyana continue to not only do their jobs, but to build real relationships with our Kehila.

Although mentioned many times, it bears repeating, Yakov Lev is the glue that holds TBDJ together and we are grateful for his dedication and his friendship.

It is important on any journey to lean on those who have been there before and whose experiences will help guide you. I am lucky to be in a shul with so many tremendous leaders whose skills I continue to draw from. So many of you have been generous to me with your time and I am grateful. I must give special mention to Judah Aspler, who promised to not disappear once his presidency was done. He has kept his word and then some. Many of the publications



you see at TBDJ are a result of Hudi's hard work. His passion and dedication are unmatched and I am thankful for his continued involvement, from which we all benefit.

I'd like to thank as well the weekly Gabbaim, Ian Widman and Steve Fitter, as well as the recently 'retired' Gerry Cartman, who do an admiral job juggling the handing out of honours. It truly is a thankless job and they do it with class and a smile. Thanks as well to all the 'runners' who play a crucial roll in making the weekly Shabbat service run smoothly.

A few other shout-outs to those I work closely with. Alain Matarasso has worked tirelessly to get TBDJ's books in order and is always a voice of reason and a trusted advisor. Yair Myers along with his team has made it their mission to make TBDJ not only a more inclusive place, but a place of chesed. Keren Ludvig has thrown herself whole-heartedly into our Youth programming as we embark on a new

journey with 'Kef Club'. Adina Moss has been an invaluable resource, helming our social media as well as helping in so many other different areas. Then there is Josh Orzech who will soon understand intimately what all of this means.

Last but certainly not least, I have to thank my wife Natalie who has been very understanding in the amount of time I spend on shul 'business'. Further to that, she has also dedicated herself to helping and volunteering in so many different aspects here at TBDJ.

At this time next year, things will change for me. But in so many ways, they will remain the same as I continue on this journey here at Congregation TBDJ with all of you.

On behalf of Natalie and my daughters Ella and Abigail, wishing you all a happy and sweet new year. May we all be *zoche* to continue on this journey together in good health.

# Leadership Team

TBDJ's Leadership Team is dedicated to managing the synagogue's assets, developing and delivering high quality programs and services, and ensuring a bright future for the shul, its members, and the community.

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## David Ettedgui

My wife and I joined TBDJ shortly after our wedding four years ago. We were drawn to the shul by its infectious warmth and hospitality and were made to feel as though we had found our home away from home from the very outset. We have since been blessed with two children and had the opportunity to celebrate our daughter's baby naming and our son's bris at TBDJ.

It is my hope that TBDJ continues to be a place where we can all raise our families with Jewish values and a sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves. That begins at an early age by engaging the shul's youth and ensuring that our youth programming, under the able leadership of Keren Ludvig, is up to the task. However, the same is true of the young adults. We must continuously seek, attract and encourage the new TBDJ leadership recruits to join the ranks. In doing so, we can rest assured knowing that TBDJ will continue its mission of being a warm, welcoming and inclusive home for all of our families.

# Memories & Goals

For this year's publication, we asked members of our Executive and Board what their fondest memories at TBDJ are, and what goals they have for the future of TBDJ. Here's what they had to say.

## Maxine Jacobson

Being education chairman was a very exciting time for me. I met scholars that I had known only by name, whose books I had read and studied. It felt like I was mingling with celebrities. There was Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Rabbi J.J. Schacter all authors and world renown in their fields. The enlightening and entertaining shabbatons and lectures brought us all together; we enjoyed and we learned. It was rewarding to be part of the planning and implementing of programs.

Our shul has a wonderful reputation; its warmth and chevra are unparalleled. My desire is for our synagogue to be a model and leader in the Orthodox world. To facilitate this we need more of you to lend your expertise, vision and energy. We will get there if we stand up and take part.



## Shira Vasilevsky

One of our favourite family memories from TBDJ was when the shul hosted Eitan Katz for Shabbat in November of 2014. He led a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat, and Adrienne & Shlomo Drazin hosted a lively tisch at their home Friday Night.

The highlight for us and our son, our only child at the time, was the incredible concert Eitan and his band gave on Saturday night. Our Nadav, who was 20 months at the time, and musically inclined, insisted on bringing his own microphone stand and guitar and jammed up front with Eitan the whole night.

My vision for our congregation is that it grows with its new vibrant generation of young children and continues to provide such wonderful, relevant and memorable programming.

## Yair Meyers

Since moving to Montreal and joining TBDJ, it has been an unbelievable experience and honour to assist in opening our doors to so many people. Last year we had the opportunity to welcome to our shul Aryeh Adventures, a high school summer program focused on integrating special needs students. The outpouring of love and togetherness really put a huge smile on my face. This year we had the opportunity to host a group of kids from Israel who were competing in an international robotics competition. The amount of people that came forward to help was so amazing.

With Mr. Isaac Alt as our project overseer we were able to complete a goal that has so much meaning to me, and we're working in the right direction to make our shul more inclusive.

וְאֶהְיֶה לְרֵעֵךְ כְּמוֹךְ - My goal is to make sure that we all work together and strive to uphold that mitzvah to its fullest potential.



# Memories & Goals



## Alex Halpern

The two programs that I enjoyed the most speak to the multiple ways TBDJ can service a diverse membership. The first was the super-successful Baily Road Diner on Shavuot. This family-friendly lunch brought smiles to all faces, whether young or old, through food, friends, and entertainment. The second was the innovative Jacko's Street at TBDJ where we were treated to an elegant restaurant experience; after the children went to bed, of course! These two programs were geared to very different groups of people, but that's what is so special about TBDJ; there is something for everyone.

My goal is to ensure that TBDJ continues to be the place where my children look forward to being on Shabbat, holidays, and everything in between. TBDJ isn't just a building. As a family, we view it as a place to enrich our lives with Torah values and community. I hope to be able to contribute by ensuring that TBDJ can continue to achieve its mission in a financially sustainable way.

## Lionel Rabinovitch

I am very proud that starting about five years ago, the younger generation of our membership decided to participate and dedicate themselves to TBDJ under the strong and capable presidency of Judah Aspler. New, younger faces were nominated to the Board of Directors and contrary to other Montreal synagogues, our membership has increased. The synagogue has been refurbished and renovated. New life has been instilled which I hope will lead to the longevity of existence of TBDJ far into the future.

When TBDJ was founded, our hope was that it would be a synagogue with a heart and a friendly social atmosphere. Today, it is even more so. I would like to see even more money spent to bring in well-known speakers who specialize in transmitting Torah and yiddishkeit to the non-committed, so that we will be able to say in the future, "Am Yisrael Chai".



## Judah Aspler

One of my greatest memories was the visit of Rav Yisrael Meir Lau in 2012. From the moment Shabbat entered with a festive Kabbalat Shabbat and group dinner, and continuing into Shabbat morning, there was a special vibe in the shul. The sanctuary was full, and silent, as Rav Lau mesmerized and inspired all present. The experience reached its peak on Shabbat afternoon at Seudah Shleesheet, when hundreds spontaneously pulled up chairs around Rav Lau in the middle of the room. He proceeded to captivate the room with Divrei Torah and stories that continued well past Havdalah time.

I have many great childhood memories as well. From monumental ones, such as my Bar Mitzvah, to reckless fun ones, such as playing football with a knotted 'Thomas rag' in the upstairs lobby (until he arrived belt in hand).

My goal for the shul is to help ensure every family in the community, both adults and children alike, see it as their home and routinely leverage it as the center of their Jewish life.

## Stephanie Steinman

No matter how cold it was, as a little girl I always got up early on Shabbat. I woke my parents up and made sure that they were going to take me to shul. There was no way that I was going to miss Arlo Gutner at Junior Congregation. He was an amazing youth director who captured the true imagination of the kids. Every Shabbat I sat quietly (which is very hard for me!!) and listened to his stories. This is my best memory and one of the main reasons I am committed to TBDJ. My aspiration for TBDJ is to be a synagogue where men and women are accepted no matter their level of religiosity. To be a place where community gathers to learn, to socialize in the spirit of community and to inspire the next generation.



## Keren Ludvig

I love the annual TBDJ Purim party. People come from across the city to experience the fun balagan of Purim with us, and it's the party of the year!

I am very proud of how inclusive TBDJ is. All kinds of people from all different backgrounds feel comfortable here, and I hope to continue to uphold our mission of being a warm Modern Orthodox shul. That feeling of belonging starts when you're a kid and you feel that there is a place for you. My husband and I were both very involved in our shul youth programs and have great memories of the friends we made and the activities we participated in. I hope to help today's kids feel the same comfort with and excitement about shul, tefillah, and the community. I strive to ensure that our atmosphere in TBDJ youth programs is warm and welcoming to all kids from all families.

## Michael Hollander

Best memory? Too many to count! My bar mitzvah, my aufruf, my son's bris, my daughters' baby namings, all of my major life events have happened in and around TBDJ, so it's impossible to choose just one. Some of my top memories center around all of the great relationships and friendships I've built here over the years, as well as the programs which we've put on and had so much fun participating in. I'd also have to mention our Shabbos morning kiddush club and how we've leveraged it over the years towards furthering our goal of growing the shul as a place that's welcoming to everyone, and especially newcomers.

Maintaining and growing our shul is such a gargantuan task that we need as many people involved, and most especially, engaged as possible. There's nothing better than donating that which is most valuable in life, your time, towards supporting a cause that you believe in. I'd like to be able to engage more people to join the TBDJ leadership so they can see what a rewarding experience it is.



# Memories & Goals



## Josh Orzech

Over the past six years that Yael, myself and our children joined the TBDJ family we have collected so many amazing memories. Year in and year out TBDJ continues to fill the synagogue with outstanding programs, events, speakers and much more! It's really hard to pick just one.

Three years ago I was part of a team that launched 'TBDJ Connect'. Our kickoff event was a powerful 'Ted Talk' with Joshua Prager, an individual with an incredible story. It was attended by over 200 people, many of which were new faces to TBDJ. Post kickoff we had an intimate Friday night dinner with over 50 young families, and additional programs. It was an experience to remember, and led to a program that has now been running successfully for three consecutive years.

My hope for the coming chapter is to help keep TBDJ active in a way where there's something for everyone. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of a team that is committed to the short and long term success and viability of the Montreal Jewish Community.

## Saul Deitcher

I have, thank G-d, been blessed with many experiences at TBDJ over the years. All our shul friends and memories are a large part of Estelle and mine.

I've been fortunate over the last few years to develop a new friendship with Raphi Benisti who leads the Sephardic Minyan at TBDJ. Raphi and I have sat side by side each morning learning Daf Yomi together.

Our families come from different parts of the world, and as a result we have some different minhagim and Halachic nuances that we follow, but sitting side by side has been a pleasure to find ways to reach the same conclusions together. It's meaningful to me how different ways can come together. Our closeness in learning has resulted in a special friendship as well. Our families are now very close, sharing our simchas and family news together.

My history at TBDJ, which has led me to this day and to these special friendships, are exactly what I wish for everyone at TBDJ into the future.



## Ruby Friedman

We moved to the neighbourhood in the fall of 1979. While Phil and I were engrossed in the Expos pennant run, our parents were more focused on finding a Synagogue for the High Holidays! They chose TBDJ, known then to be a "heimische" place. I recall very well Rabbi Joshua Shmidman ז"ל and raucous Hakafot in the street, children running about on Shabbat, and a very well attended kiddush! This place was for us! So many memories followed. Meeting my future in-laws Hala and Majer Goldstein and then my wife Adele! Eddie "The Candy Man" Schachter, Rabbi Steinmetz reminding us to say hello to new and old faces, walking home on the street with many others after Kol Nidre, Yom Hashoah commemoration, Dr. Mark Wainberg, friends and family coming from all over to be "home for the holidays"...

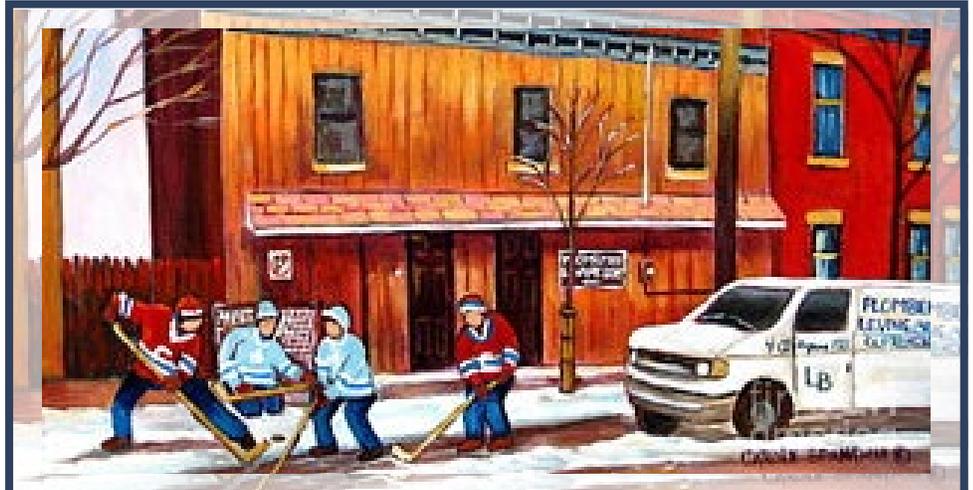
My responsibility as a board member is to continue to make those memories. Not only via photography but by spreading the word. Come to Baily. Come on Shabbat. Come anytime. Give it a try.... you'll see!

## Meir Israel

Even though I did not grow up in the neighbourhood, and my wife is from New York, my best memory at TBDJ was my wedding day 30 years ago, on October 16, 1988. In 1996 we joined TBDJ, where we had our baby namings, our daughter's Bat Mitzvah, and the Bar Mitzvahs of our two sons. We have met wonderful friends and a fantastic community. Through the years, the many lay leaders who have given and are currently giving their time and passion is beyond all imagination and words. I am truly impressed with our clergy and the life they bring to TBDJ, its members, and all its programs. I have noticed that we are attracting many new and young families to our shul, which is truly a place for everyone. Having a Sephardic Minyan in the building is now an added bonus for me.

I have been on the House Committee for many years, and my goal is to see a full renovation of our sanctuary, as well as our halls and bathrooms.

May we all go from strength to strength and be a true Am Echad.



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## From Our Chazzan Sheini

*Rev. Amiel Bender*

I would like to take this opportunity to share a highlight of my mornings at TBDJ- the daily morning minyan.

Yes, the daily minyan! Besides davening, there is amazing camaraderie. We shoot the breeze, we share news. We share Monday morning NFL recaps, kidding with one of our daveners about his perennial dismal team. We commiserate Habs losses on any given morning during the long NHL season. We adjust the air conditioning and heating to everyone's liking- not an easy task. We welcome mourners and encourage them to take their place at the עמוד to lead services. In all, it's a great place to daven and start your day- the Daily Chapel is cozy and warm and the sounds of תפילה are inspirational.

We wrap up the service with an enjoyable Dvar Torah by Moreinu Harav Freundlich, always in good humour, and you get the best of TBDJ!

This is what *my* TBDJ and what our wonderful shul is all about- feeling comfortable in the warmth of our house of prayer. It is why I chose to write about these small daily details.

They may be little things, but *Yiddishkeit* is all about small steps. There are beautiful things that occur at the daily service, small steps in our *mentchlichkeit* which may seem trivial or be taken for granted, but which are significant. These little things inspire me. Like the case of a young man at our minyan who has the privilege to stand by the Torah as a gabbai during the weekly Torah readings. You can sense what it means to him to be up there, helping out before, between and after aliyas. It inspires me when we call a member who hasn't been to shul for a while to inquire about his or her welfare. Or when we rush over to offer support to a mourner who has just completed a last Kaddish for their parent after 11 long months of devotion. Every small step leads us up a ladder of spirituality and it doesn't matter what each's individual pace is. The main thing is that we all get to where we need to go.

The daily minyan at TBDJ is there for us to do precisely this- to get to our spiritual daily

destination, to enable a right start to our day.

We are in the awesome and holiest season of the year and the words of King David from Psalm 27, which are said during this season in our morning



*Jack Felder, morning minyan participant*



*Josh Saks with Jason and Micah Bowen at our morning minyan*

and evening prayers, are appropriate and support the beauty of our shul experience:

אַחַת שְׂאֵלָתִי מֵאֵת ה' אוֹתָהּ אֶבְקֵשׁ שְׁבִתִּי בְּבֵית  
ה' כָּל יְמֵי חַיֵּי לַחֲזוֹת בְּנֹעַם ה' וּלְבַקֵּר בְּהֵיכָלוֹ

*One thing I have asked of Hashem, this I seek: that I may dwell in the House of the Hashem all the days of my life, to behold the pleasantness of the Hashem, and to visit His Sanctuary.*

It is indeed a privilege for me to be at TBDJ and to combine עבודת הקודש and social interaction through תפילה and learning. Indeed it is what our lives are all about– living לשם שמים, for the sake of heaven, in many different ways, as individuals and collectively as a community.

I am happy to work on two special projects this year which I hope will benefit their target groups.

The first is the addition of a new Bat Mitzvah Program for our young women, on top of our Bar Mitzvah Program for the young men. We are happy to welcome young adults Bar/Bat Mitzvah age from TBDJ and the greater community to join the groups as we explore the exciting Jewish world that welcomes them as Bnei/Bnot Mitzvah.

The second involves inviting Bar Mitzvah anniversary celebrants of all ages to read the Maftir Torah reading of their Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat morning. (Haftara is also an option.) I will be happy to sit with anyone interested in order to help them prepare for their anniversary.

I would like to thank all of you out there who make my job so pleasant and enjoyable. To Rabbi Freundlich, Jon Gal, Judah Aspler, Josh Orzech, Joyce Reinblatt, Brian Torobin, Tatyana Brovarnik and Yakov Lev for their wonderful working companionship.

My wife Cheryl and my family join me in wishing one and all a Shana Tovah, a year of health, prosperity and good things for us and for all of Israel.



## ז"ל 30<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of Rev. Berl Lebovics

After surviving the Holocaust and escaping from Europe, Reverend Berl Lebovics, along with his wife Mrs. Mima Lebovics, served the young congregation of Eastern Cote Saint Luc and Hampstead in the late 1950's and continued to serve Congregation TBDJ after its merger with Tifereth Yerushalayim and Beth David.

Through the 1960's, 70's and 80's they gave our shul a warm family atmosphere, which many members attributed to the growing success of TBDJ. Rev. Lebovics taught many hundreds of Bar Mitzvah boys during that time, and together with his wife established close friendships with many. They never looked at their job description and never said no to something that needed to be done for TBDJ.

With true dedication, the beloved Rev. Lebovics served as Chazzen Sheini of the congregation for 30 years, from 1959 to 1988.

This upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> of מרחשון (October 19, 2018) will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> yahrzeit of Reverend Berl Lebovics

## ר' דוב ב"ר יוסף היים לעבאוויטש ז"ל

*A book about Rev. Lebovics is being prepared by the Lebovics family ahead of the yahrzeit. It will include memories, stories, and photos submitted by members of the community. Please contact our office should you wish to submit material.*



## Executive Director's Desk

*Joyce Reinblatt*

As we get older, we are all aware of how “time flies”, and so it’s hard to believe we are yet again at the dawn of a New Year for the Jewish World and for Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem.

Though some things change from year to year, many things do indeed remain the same – and thankfully much of what continues are great deeds of loving, kindness and charity right here in our community. TBDJ’s commitment to helping others in need continues to be a great strength of ours – a Jewish ethic greatly enhanced by the guidance and teachings of Rabbi Freundlich. We can truly be proud – and deeply thankful – for all we do: from planting trees in Israel and donating fire-fighting equipment for those in the south of the country, to personal financial donations to TBDJ and countless volunteer hours contributed by so many in support of our shul.

When speaking with so many of you on Shabbat, holidays and simchas, what has really stood out for me is the sense of pride we as a shul community take in our ability to stand strong and stand together, despite what is happening in the world. I am so proud of the work that our membership does to help those in need – whether overseas or right here in Montreal. I hope you will take the time on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to think of new ways to continue these acts of chesed and tzedaka in the coming year.

Along with my gratitude to all of you, I would like to once again thank my team of Yakov, Tatyana and Brian, and all of our support staff, for all their great work and dedication in the past year. As well, I think all of you will join me in expressing our collective heartfelt appreciation for the inspiring services and teachings provided by our wonderful Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich and Reverend Amiel Bender and our gabbaim, and for the long volunteer hours worked by our dedicated president Jonathan Gal and his Executive Committee and Board. I am confident that all of us together will be able to continue to serve TBDJ with excellence and with a smile as we have tried to do in the past.

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for their creativity, guidance, and assistance with  
our special marketing and printing projects throughout the year.

*THANK YOU!*

# Emet LeYaakov Minyan Sepharade

*Jessica Benmergui & Edouard Sabbah*

This past year can be summed in one word: Chavurah. In the lower level Chapel, Friday nights and Shabbat days can find over forty participants regularly gathering, singing and praying together. Memorable occasions such as Yom Kippur and Simchat Torah, when Rabbi Freundlich and Raphi Benisti joined together singing piyutim, remind us that we are all one big family.

Successful programming once again provided highlights, run by dedicated volunteers. Prayers, led by Raphi Benisti and Vidal Gabizon, are uplifting. Our Simchat Torah seudah was delicious and provided a joyous close to the Yamim norayim. A new initiative, the Chanukah party, organized by Yolande Bensoussan, showcased the shul in its best nightlife colours. This year we also joined forces with Kollel Torah MiTzion and threw a fun and memorable Purim Seudah for the young and young at heart.

Nous encourageons les nouveaux visages parmi nous de contacter le bureau de la synagogue pendant les heures ouvrables pour nous joindre en tant que membres officielles. Membership inclus des bénéfiques telles que des rappels des anniversaires et tous les kibboudim, aliyyot et petichot. Nous accueillons chaleureusement les nouveaux membres, les familles Tordjman et Gobert, incluant Moshe, Hila, Eden, Amelie, Ethan & Naomi.

De plus, nous recrutons toujours des bénévoles pour augmenter les activités de cette année, les quelles incluent un concert d'orchestre et une mimouna inoubliable.

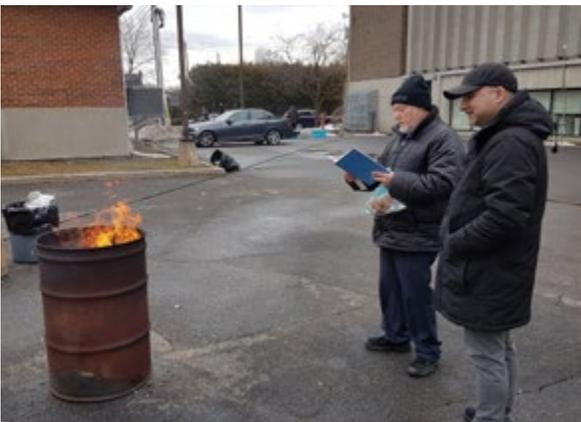
Shana tovah et chatima tovah.



*Mordechai Rehani and Gabriel Cohen*



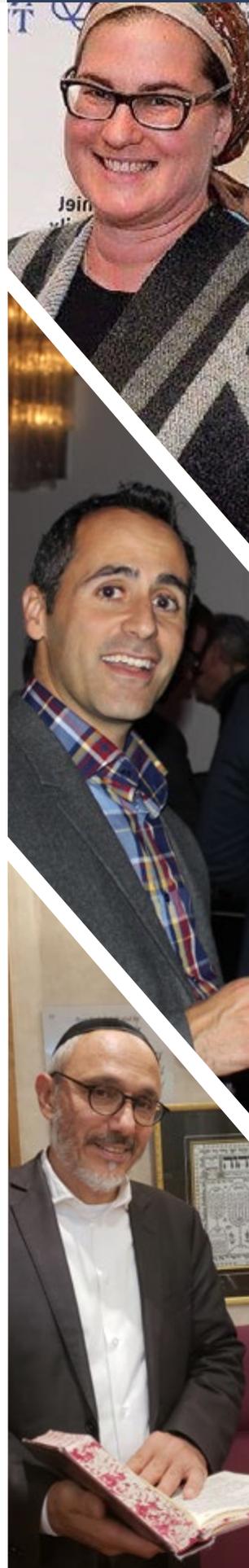
*Tefillah on Chol Hamoed*



*Joe Bensimon and Naftaly Naor burning chametz*



*Yoram and Karine Abenheim at Scotch Tasting*





## From our Chesed Committee

Yair Meyers

There are so many phrases that come to mind when thinking about the fundamental reason behind Chesed. One of them is Rabbi Akiva's famous teaching:

וְאַהֲבַת לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ, זֶה כָּלֵל גְּדוֹל בַּתּוֹרָה

*Love your neighbour as yourself (Leviticus 19:18);  
This is an essential principle of the Torah.*

We as a shul have a unique and privileged ability, and responsibility, to help those who are less fortunate or just need a helping hand. There are many ways we can open our arms for these people. Therefore, with the help of many of you we plan to once again make this another remarkable Chesed orientated year. As always, we will be focusing on being there for others in times of need and in times of joy, in health and sickness.

So what does the Chesed Committee do? It is simple things like helping new mothers or experienced mothers. Newborns cry, eat and cry again, and not exactly in that order every time. If it is tiring for the father, all the more so how tiring and exhausting must it be for the mother. We as a shul are there for the family with any needs they might have. Sending a meal or a meal train is a huge help.

Visitation and phone calls to those in need. Life brings its challenges and difficulties and we are there for anyone and everyone. Visiting people in the hospital and at home, or making a phone call, means the world to them. On a personal note, I try every Thursday to visit patients at the Jewish General Hospital. My stay with the patients is very brief but extremely rewarding. Ninety five percent of the time I do not know the person I am visiting, but when they see an unfamiliar face visiting them it means even that much more- that a stranger took time out of their day to visit. I truly feel like Patch Adams when I go through the hospital. I once read a saying about charity and it applies here: Charity benefits the giver more than the receiver. If you'd like to join our team of visitors and receive updates on people needing some care, please email [chesed@tbdj.org](mailto:chesed@tbdj.org).

Over the past number of years we as a shul and community lost many members and relatives. We all came together for each other and more

importantly, for the family. That is what makes our community so special. From providing support to the family during and after shiva, to making sure all the necessary supplies are taken care of for shiva, we are there for you.

We've been lucky enough over the year to receive emails from out-of-towners wanting to join our community for Shabbat. With the help of many of you, we were able to host them in our shul and at our tables, and in the process make them feel right at home. We have additional people within our shul who we'd like to connect with other community members. If you can host a meal or guest, please email [hospitality@tbdj.org](mailto:hospitality@tbdj.org).

The past year was filled with phone calls, hospital visits, baby baskets, hosting groups, and improving the physical building to make it more accessible to those who are handicapped. All of these are being done by our members and community to make TBDJ a caring and warm environment for all. There is not one item that is more important than another. They are all equally vital for our shul to become the loving and caring shul we all want it to become.

Over the next year there will be more opportunities for all age groups to get involved with various chesed projects. We are planning a Shabbaton focused on mental health and similar events focusing on other delicate topics that need to be addressed.

We now regularly assist the MADA Community Centre during the year, helping with food bank and special event preparation.

Our new Golden Ager Support team is taking shape and we require volunteers devoted to visiting senior members of our community who are aging, housebound or in failing health. If you are interested in giving a few hours of your time each month towards this important initiative, please contact me or Isabelle Punski at [chesed@tbdj.org](mailto:chesed@tbdj.org) - an email address that you can also use to reach out to us for any questions at all. Shana Tovah!



**Construction of new bimah accessibility ramp**

We recently installed a new accessibility ramp into our main sanctuary bimah. This work was done to accommodate anyone requiring wheelchair access to the bimah, whether for an aliyah or any other reason. The ramp is built in and conveniently stored underneath the bimah, easily retracting when needed.

Thank You to Isaac Alt, Yair Meyers, Andy Csillag, Rabbi Freundlich and Yakov Lev for all their work in pursuing and delivering this important project.

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**מזל טוב!**

# Community and Connect

*Natalie Hadida Gal & Josh Orzech*

This coming year TBDJ Connect is dedicated to establishing your engagement with Jewish programs on your terms. Through engaging, insightful and entertaining programs & events for young adults and families, you'll be able to share in meaningful Jewish experiences, catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. Our goal is strengthen our community - whatever your interests, TBDJ has something for everyone.

Last year's events included a successful Shabbat dinner. Over 150 people celebrated with an intimate, festive minyan, followed by a delicious dinner, relaxing conversation for the adults & fun kid's activities for the little ones. Another memorable highlight was had at the Escape Room. Teams attempted to free themselves from locked rooms in which they had to solve puzzles and crack codes. The evening also offered a great casual social aspect that allowed participants to connect and mingle.

However TBDJ fits into your lifestyle, come out and try something new. You are always welcome. For more information, to participate, or to help us deliver new Connect programming, please contact us at [connect@tbdj.org](mailto:connect@tbdj.org).

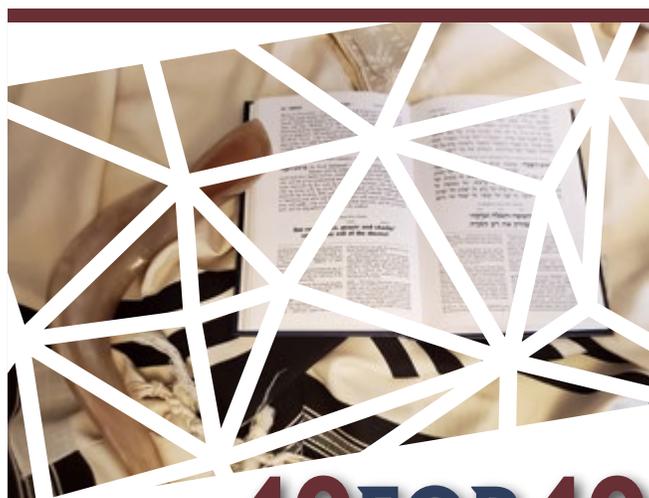


## TBDJ Shabbat Experience

**Friday Night**  
**October 26, 2018**  
**5:30pm**

To register, visit [TBDJ.org/Connect](http://TBDJ.org/Connect)

A warm Shabbat experience, including a song-filled Friday night service, entertainment for the kids and great company for the adults.



## 40FOR40

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We know. Davening is long and difficult.

Our **40 For 40** program aims at providing meaning and relevance in under 40-minutes for anyone under 40(ish) years of age in an interactive and engaging environment.

**40 For 40** will once again meet with Rabbi Y & Rebbetzin Rifki Freundlich during Mussaf on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

# From our Programming Committee

*Michael Hollander*

Our programming was as strong, eclectic and engaging as ever this past year.

We once again held our annual Simchat Torah and Chanukah celebrations, as well as our Purim program during which the shul was filled with dressed up children and adults, fun and games, inflatable rides and featured DJ produced music and a photo booth.

We held our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Scotch Tasting last December, featuring our VIP pre-tasting class titled “Blends Are Your Friends” and during which we again raffled off a trip to Scotland (congratulations to Robert Schwartz on winning!). We easily beat our previous year’s record for fundraising and can’t wait to shortly do it again. Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual scotch tasting will be held on November 22, 2018 and registration will soon be open at [TBDJ.org/events](http://TBDJ.org/events). If you haven’t yet been to it, it’s not to be missed.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual “Baily Road Diner” luncheon on Shavuot once again packed the social hall to capacity for a dairy, 50’s-themed lunch. We once again thank Natalie and Jonathan Gal (and Natalie’s sisters Dahlia and Jessica!) along with Brian Harris & Luxe Rentals for the work they do and help they provide in producing this amazing event each year!

This past June, as part of our Israel @ 70 celebration, TBDJ welcomed Jacko’s Street, a renowned restaurant situated in the heart of the shuk in Jerusalem, for an exquisite meal. It featured an authentic Israeli dining experience made from the freshest ingredients, all cooked on site, and what I assume was most attendees’ first time sampling of a tehina-based cocktail (which was amazing!).

I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention the Traveling Chassidim, who kicked off the year of activities just prior to last Rosh Hashanah, just as they are doing once again this year. Their musical Selichos service is truly a special and uplifting experience, and one the community looks forward to each year.

For 2018-19, your programming committee is planning a full slate of events, including:

- Oktoberfest in the Succah
- A SIGD (Ethiopian Jewish holiday) celebration, featuring Naftali Akium and an authentic Ethiopian dinner
- The next dinner in our popular “*Tastes of the World*” series
- A black-tie orchestra evening

...and much more!

If you would like to get involved with our programming committee, or if you have an idea for a great event and would like to pilot a program yourself, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [programming@tbdj.org](mailto:programming@tbdj.org).

Shana Tovah to all!



*Baily Road Diner is set up and ready for over 400 diners!*





## From our Youth Committee

*Keren Ludvig & Andrea Szlamkowicz*

TBDJ youth is excited to announce some wonderful changes we have been working hard on for the 2018-2019 year. We welcome the Veresh family - Eli and Sivan, and their daughters Doron and Renen - who will be joining us from Israel to help us take our youth programming to the next level. Make sure you drop into the youth rooms to say hello!

We will launch our new Kef Club on Shabbat mornings, incorporating tefillah challenges, great games, parsha stories and a healthy and tasty kids' kiddush. The kids will come for the prizes and snacks but stay because of the ruach and friends.

All kids are invited to the upcoming succah decorating party, our junior hakafot, a Chanukah activity... don't miss out on these fun events!

An enormous thank you goes out to current members of our Youth Committee, who have been working hard to make the youth programming interesting and meaningful for your kids. Thank you to Alyssa Grunstein Myers, Dahlia Guttman, Sharon Hecht, Noa Kohl, Adina Moss, Estee Rossdeutscher, Andrea Szlamkowicz, Assaf Simchon, Amanda Singer, and Zachary Steinlauf. It's so great to see all your hard work and dedication pay off! Thanks also to Rabbi Freundlich, Yakov, Joyce, Brian and Tatyana. It's so clear in all that you do how important our youth are to you, and we are so grateful for your constant support.

Shana tova u'metukah!



### Introducing The Kef Club!

The Kef Club is TBDJ's new Shabbat morning youth program! Kef is the Hebrew word for fun and The Kef Club aims to connect with Jewish kids within our community, designing engaging, accessible programs focused on what children and their parents want and need from the synagogue. Each Shabbat morning kids can join the Kef Club for great games, dynamic tefillah, Parsha stories and tasty snacks. With Eli and

Sivan at the helm, families know that each and every week, their children will have fun and learn something new and feel awesome about what it means to be a Jew. All kids are welcome and we'll make sure they know it!!

**We need your feedback!** Kef Club and all TBDJ youth programs are organized through a cooperation between youth staff and volunteers who are parents and grandparents within the shul. If you'd like to get involved, or you want to share your thoughts on what your children would like to experience at TBDJ, please email [youth@tbdj.org](mailto:youth@tbdj.org). We look forward to hearing from you!



## Welcome Sivan & Eli!

*We welcome the Veresh family, our new shlichim*



Sivan grew up in Haifa and is a social worker for youth. Eli grew up in Netanya and is a math teacher and graphic designer. They were both in Bnei Akiva from the moment they took their first steps.

Sivan and Eli met during their army service, where they were both officers. They got married in 2008 and lived in Shima (24km northeast of Beersheva) for almost 5 years, managing the youth activities there. In 2012 they moved to Haifa.

The Veresh family has two amazing daughters, Doron (8) and Renen (6).



## Welcome Tomer!

*We welcome our new 'Shinshin'*



Tomer Orzel was born and raised in Petach Tikva, and studied in Yeshiva high school in Ramat Gan. He loves his youth movement "Ezra" and hiking. Learn more from his video at [TBDJ.org/shinshin](http://TBDJ.org/shinshin).

Tomer will be volunteering this year at TBDJ as well as at Solomon Schechter Academy, prior to his IDF service. At TBDJ, he'll contribute to our youth programs and youth minyan, and help infuse a taste of Israel across our programming.

As we welcome Tomer, we also say goodbye and thank you to Tomer. Tomer Zalkiver, that is (*bottom right photo*). Our super poised and talented shinshin last year is now back in Israel and joining the IDF. We look forward to hearing great updates from him in the future.

You can stay in touch with Tomer via Facebook at [facebook.com/tomer.zalkiver](https://facebook.com/tomer.zalkiver).



## Welcome to our new members!

On behalf of TBDJ's Membership Committee, its Board of Directors, Executive Committee, staff and clergy, we welcome all our new members who joined the TBDJ family this past year!

TBDJ offers a lot to the community, but only because of its members participation on both sides. We hope you will be blessed to both receive from the community and give to it. Congregation TBDJ is proud to serve its members. Membership is a vital part of a synagogue's vitality. With each new member comes innovative and fresh ideas, passion and energy, and the building blocks for a lasting, remarkable community.

In the Year 5778 we welcomed 10 new members to TBDJ, including:

Enid & Carl Backman

Devora, Simon, Maya, Mickey & Eytan Berman  
Karen, Abba, Yosef, Batsheva & Benny Brodt  
Rabbi Eric, Karynne, Ezra & Max Grossman

Stuart, Jennifer, Naomi & Jacob Miller

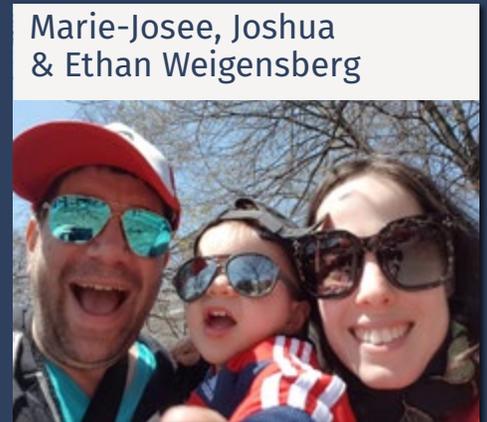
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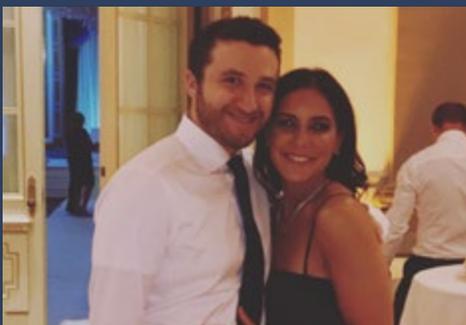
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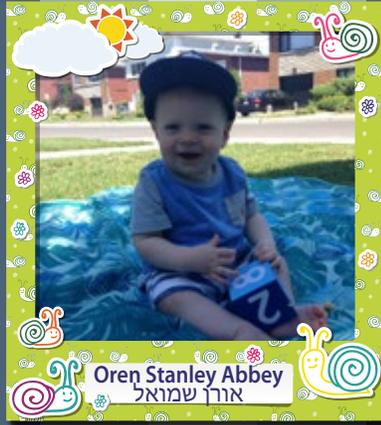


Julia Corcos  
& Stephen Simon



Karen, Abba, Yosef, Batsheva & Benny Brodt

Welcome to the new babies of our community  
& Mazel Tov to their families!



Oren Stanley Abbey  
אורן שמואל



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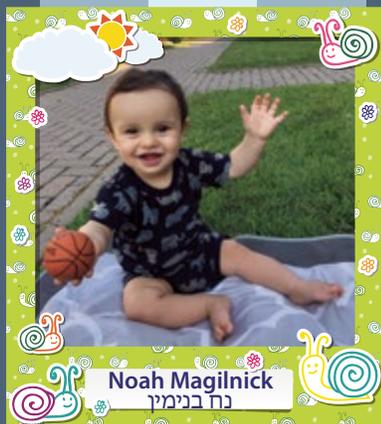
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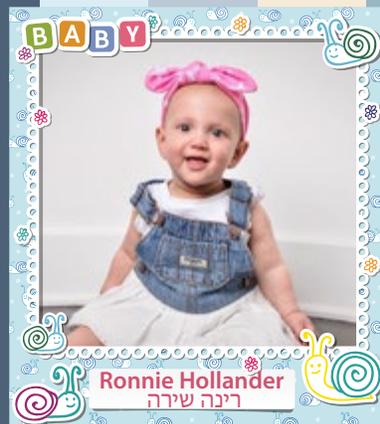
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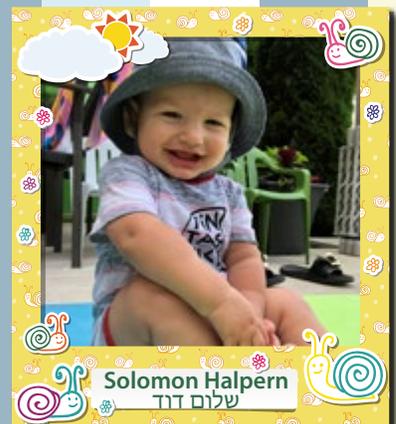
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Ethan Hasen  
דוב לב

Isadora Hasen  
דבורה

James Garber  
ישעיהו



## Amudei HaBayit Leadership Circle

The Directors, Clergy, and Members of Congregation TBDJ sincerely thank our Amudei HaBayit Leadership Circle members, and welcome those who joined the group over the last year.

Thanks in large part to the generosity of our Amudei HaBayit members, Congregation TBDJ is able to be a place of connection and is able to offer important services to our community. Our synagogue is a true community, one that we are all proud of. In the last handful of years, we have welcomed over 125 new families, and more importantly, we have received everyone who has entered the door from near and far with a warm TBDJ welcome.

We have an exceptional array of programs. Programs that include Torah study, prayer and social action. Our synagogue is filled with exciting inspiration and is a pillar of the spiritual life of the Montreal Jewish Community. But our synagogue needs pillars as well. Our programming and initiatives, which make such an enormous impact, come at an increasing cost, and we need more help.

It is for this reason that we recently introduced the Amudei HaBayit membership level. Amudei HaBayit means “the Pillars of the House”, because every strong house needs a strong foundation. This new tier is a voluntary commitment for members who want to help us continue to offer the highest possible level of educational, religious, social and youth programming. We are fortunate to have a growing number of members in our community who give above and beyond, year after year, and the Amudei HaBayit Leadership Circle allows these individuals to support our synagogue and community in a significant and structured manner.

The Amudei HaBayit Leadership Circle consists of an annual membership of \$5,000. Members of the group receive two High Holiday seats along with their membership, as well as recognition for an annual \$1,800 Kol Nidre Appeal donation.

*Adrienne & Shlomo Drazin*

*Aviva & Ami Drazin*

*Malca & Louis Drazin*

*Mrs. Ruth Drazin*

*Karen & Lionel Dubrofsky*

*Lisa & Jason Farber*

*Edie & Phil Friedman*

*Adele & Ruby Friedman*

*Brenda & Samuel Gewurz*

*Elizabeth & Meir Israel*

*Karen & Eric Laxer*

*Nadine & Ben Lieberman*

*Renee & Marty Lieberman*

*Chaya & Lorne Lieberman*

*Susan & Alain Matarasso*

*Barbara & David Zukor*

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# A Look Back at 5778

The Year 5778 saw lots of activity in and around TBDJ. Guest speakers, lecture series, shiurim, social events, chesed activities, celebrations, and youth activities filled our calendar and building.

Over the next few pages we'll share some of the highlights, along with photo memories.



*Have any good photos from past or future TBDJ events?*

*Please share them with [photos@tbdj.org](mailto:photos@tbdj.org)*

September

Shabbat with The Traveling Chassidim



October

Introduction of monthly The Kaddish Circle program for mourners  
Joe Hyams, CEO of HonestReporting.com



Mad Science Succot Youth Program (not in the rainy Succah)  
First Edition of "Ask Me Anything, Live with Rabbi Freundlich", hosted by Adrienne Drazin



Shabbat Project Young Family Dinner  
Weekly Lecture Series - Great Controversies, Part 3: The State of Israel



The Other Side of the Bed book launch with Dr. Daniel Mishkin



8 days of finding the *Mensch on a Bench* around shul



### Youth Chanukah Carnival and Concert with Rabbi Jake



### Dedication of Menorah made from rockets fired into Israel

### Rabbi Freundlich's Ask Me Anything, Chanukah edition, hosted by Billy Finkelstein

### Menorah lighting at The Waldorf



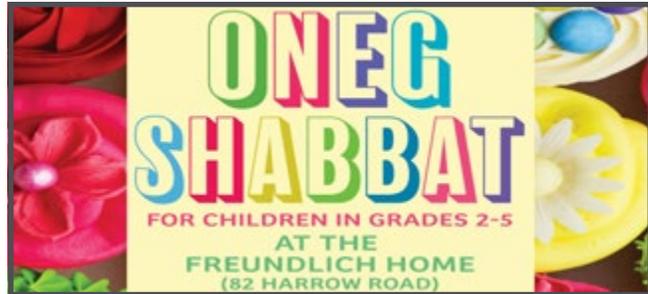
### Chanukah Melave Malka at the Freundlich home

### Family Volunteer Day #3 at MADA Community Center

### TBDJ Chanukah Party hosted by Le Minyan Sepharade



Elementary School Oneg Shabbat at the Freundlich home  
Shiur for Snowbirds - Live in Florida, hosted by Judy & Gary Pekofsky



Tribute to Diane & Prof. Hal Waller, with guest speaker Professor Csaba Nikolenyi  
5<sup>th</sup> annual Scotch Tasting event



Pre-Purim Shiur: Removing The Mask - Purim, The Land of Israel, and Redemption  
Film release: "A Quiet Day", starring Rabbi Freundlich and a cast of characters  
Celebrating Purim at The Waldorf



TBDJ Purim Celebration



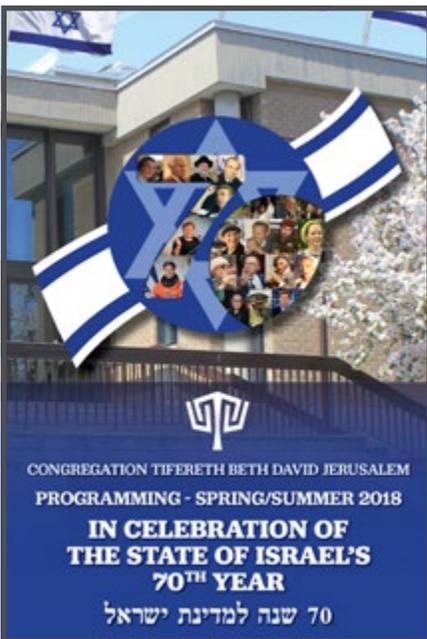
Purim Mishte & Kollel Torah MiTzion Purim Seudah



TBDJ Connect: Escape Room  
"Parenting Can Be A Pleasure" series for young parents, with Rabbi Freundlich  
Rabbi Freundlich's Ask Me Anything, Youth Pesach edition, hosted by Talia Aspler



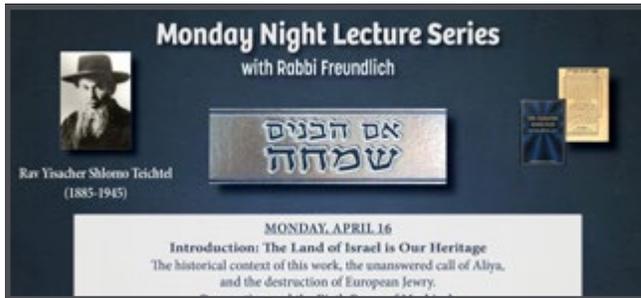
Launch of Israel @ 70 Programming, celebrating The State of Israel's 70th anniversary  
Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration at TBDJ



March

April

- Participation in worldwide “Le’Kedoshim” learning day for Yom HaZikaron
- Lecture Series on Eim HaBanim Semeicha and lifting the Jewish people out of despair
- Oz V’Hadar: Dedication of Sefer Torah to the IDF



May

- Launch of Israel Emergency Fund to help battle the flames of terror kites and balloons
- Shabbat of Inclusion with Rabbi Menachem Penner
- Celebrating Yom Yerushalayim with outdoor Shuk Kiddush



June

- Jr. Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Baily Road Diner (with over 400 people!), and Women’s Learning
- An evening with Hillel Neuer of UN Watch
- Shabbat with Steve Gar, Israel’s Counter Terrorism Specialist
- TBDJ plants an Orchard in Israel as part of our Israel @ 70 activities



July

- Israel Edition of Tastes of The World: Jacko’s Street (see next page)
- Donation of fire-fighting trailer to community of Nir Am, Israel (see opposite page)
- Tisha B’Av with Rabbi Shalom Hammer

# Extinguishing the Flames of Terror

Since late March 2018, communities surrounding the Gaza border have been under attack by kites and balloons equipped with incendiary materials. On a daily basis, numerous fires are burning across the region. As of early August, over 1100 fires were documented, destroying over 30,000 dunam (7500 acres) of land, including crops, fields, nature reserves, and much of their wildlife. Damage is estimated at over \$10,000,000, and it is expected to take years, or possibly decades, for the land to fully recover.



In May, Congregation TBDJ reached out to the leadership of affected communities in the region, offering our support and asking how we could help. Their top priority was purchasing fire-fighting equipment that allowed local security teams and volunteers to quickly battle the flames rather than having to watch the flames spread prior to the arrival of over-burdened fire-fighting crews. We immediately set out to help the affected communities by raising funds for the purchase of fire-fighting trailers (\$10,000 per unit). Response to the campaign was swift, including additional Montreal synagogues joining in the effort.

We have so far facilitated the purchase of three mobile units. In July, a first unit was purchased and delivered to the community of Ibim, in the Sha'ar HaNegev Region. In mid-August, funds were transferred for an additional two units, and also used to provide relief to fatigued security teams who were in need of time off, together with their families, and away from the region, to regain physical and mental strength.

While we pray that no further fire-fighting efforts will be needed, we're continuing to stay in touch with the communities of the Sha'ar HaNegev, S'dot Negev, Hof Ashkelon, and Eshkol regions, and continuing to strengthen them through both emotional support and acquisition of needed equipment.

To contribute to these efforts, please visit <http://TBDJ.org/IsraelFund>. All donations are directed through Federation CJA and full tax receipts are issued.



# JACKO'S <sup>ST</sup>

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As part of our Israel @ 70 celebrations, we hosted our greatest Tastes Of The World Dinner ever! Direct from Machane Yehuda in Jerusalem, Chef Zakai Hodja, Rafi Revivo, and the crew from one of Israel's top



# TASTES OF THE WORLD" DINNER

FROM JERUSALEM'S MACHANE YEHUDA

restaurants delivered an unforgettable evening for 200 guests. Jacko's Street at TBDJ was complete with gourmet Jerusalem & Kurdish dishes, original Jerusalem cocktails, and authentic Israeli spirit.



# Programming Guide

## *Moving Forward*

We are very excited to present a full array of programming for the upcoming year. Our educational programming will be highlighted by The Great Jewish Books Course, a 20 week survey of some of the most important works and authors that have shaped the Jewish world as we know it today. The class will meet Monday nights beginning in October, and we are honoured to have several local Rabbis present some of the classes. The Program has been generously sponsored in memory of Dr. Mark Wainberg ל"ר, by his family, and I'm sure you won't want to miss it.

We are also launching a winter month Film Festival, as well as a full slate of Scholars in Residence. Amiel and Cheryl Bender are initiating a Night Lights Study Program for adults, and our popular Gemara shiurim and Wednesday Lunch n' Learn will run through the year.

In addition to learning and educational programs, there will also be many exciting social events. They include the next installment in our Tastes of The World dinner series, and other opportunities to enjoy the community alongside some good food, music, and fun.

Please note all of the happenings in the pages that follow – from youth activities to Holidays and everything in between, there is something here for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich*  
Rabbi

*Jonathan Gal*  
President



### Special Programs for Elul

Please see our special Elul Programming Guide for details on all our programs, lectures, and shiurim during the month of Elul and through Yom Kippur.

# ROSH CHODESH

## WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Each month we host a special Rosh Chodesh Program for Women, focused on learning and sharing, together with some fun. The event is hosted at different homes each month and features a variety of topics and speakers.



- **Shabbat, August 18 - Program for Rosh Chodesh Elul**
- **Tuesday, October 9 - Program for Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan**
- **Thursday, November 8 - Program for Rosh Chodesh Kislev**
- **Tuesday, December 4 - Program for Rosh Chodesh Tevet**
- **Wednesday, February 6 - Program for Rosh Chodesh Adar I**
- **Thursday, March 7 - Program for Rosh Chodesh Adar II**

# Scholars In Residence

The upcoming year will feature a series of Scholars in Residence who cover a wide range of topics. We'll take part in an inaugural Shabbat of Mental Health Awareness, hosting a leading researcher and lecturer in the fields of education, parenting, and child mental health. As part of Israel @ 70 programming, we'll examine take a closer look at the excitement of Start-Up Nation with one of its top advisors and personalities. We'll hear about the life-changing and life-saving efforts of Renewal, and also learn from leading Torah educators of our times. Each Scholar in Residence will be with us for Shabbat and will have multiple speaking opportunities. Look out for detailed schedules and programs.



October 26-27, 2018 / Shabbat Parshat Vayera

## Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz Rabbi, Beis HaKnesses of North Woodmere

If there is a contemporary halacha question that you want addressed in a clear, concise and practical manner, Rabbi Lebowitz has probably already covered it. With over 7000 (and counting) shiurim posted on YUTorah.org, Rabbi Lebowitz has become one of the most popular and sought after speakers to address all areas of contemporary Jewish life.

Rabbi Lebowitz is an alumnus of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh, Yeshiva University and the Sy Syms School of Business. Besides serving as the Rabbi of Beis HaKnesses of North Woodmere (New York), a position he has held since its founding in 2004, he is a Rebbe at Touro College; prior to that position he was a Rebbe at DRS high school and director of Yeshivat Lev Shlomo, the post-high school Beis Medrash program.

Sponsored by the Drazin Family in memory of Avrum Drazin ז"ל  
אברהם יצחק בן שמואל שלמה וגיטל ז"ל



November 23-24, 2018 / Shabbat Parshat Vayishlach

## Hillel Fuld Technology Advisor, Israel

Presented by the new TBDJ Technology Group  
& The Consulate General of Israel in Montreal

Dubbed Israel's top marketer, Hillel Fuld works with leading tech entrepreneurs, investors, and visionaries to accompany them on their journey from idea to revenue. His work has been published on some of the world's top tech publications including TechCrunch, Venturebeat Inc., Entrepreneur, The Next Web, Business Insider, and more, bringing Israel's energetic tech scene to life.

Hillel collaborates with leading global brands including Google, Oracle, and Huawei, and is a strategic advisor at some of Israel's leading startups, working with them on all things growth.

*"Hillel brings this incredibly enthusiastic and positive energy into every conversation. After meeting Hillel, all you want to do is to go and change something about your work or about your life. Make it better. Hillel is true inspiration par excellence."*

Joseph Essas - CTO, Opentable



December 14-15, 2018 / Shabbat Parshat Vayigash

**Rabbi Joshua Sturm**  
**Director of Outreach, "Renewal"**

Founded in 2006, Renewal is an organization dedicated to assisting people suffering from chronic kidney disease. Renewal facilitates and coordinates live donor kidney transplants while providing guidance and support to patients and their families. Renewal recently celebrated their 500th transplant!

**Sponsored by Elaine & Leon Monaker**



May 10-11, 2019 / Shabbat Parshat Kedoshim

**Dr. David Pelcovitz**  
**Chair in Psychology and Jewish Education,**  
**Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration**

*Presented as part of the inaugural Mental Health Awareness Shabbat*

Dr. Pelcovitz is without question the preeminent authority of Mental Health Issues as they impact the Orthodox world. He is a world renown speaker who has consulted extensively with the Jewish community in the United States, Europe and Israel on a wide range of issues facing children and adolescents.

Dr. Pelcovitz holds the Gwendolyn and Joseph Straus Chair in Psychology and Jewish Education at the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration of Yeshiva University.

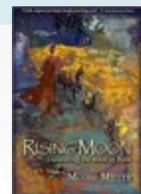
He has researched, published and lectured extensively on a variety of topics related to education, parenting and child mental health, including family violence, the impact of domestic violence, stress management, transmitting values to children and adolescents and coping with trauma and loss. His most recent publication was "Balanced Parenting," a book he wrote in collaboration with his father, Rabbi Raphael Pelcovitz, on parenting from a Jewish perspective.

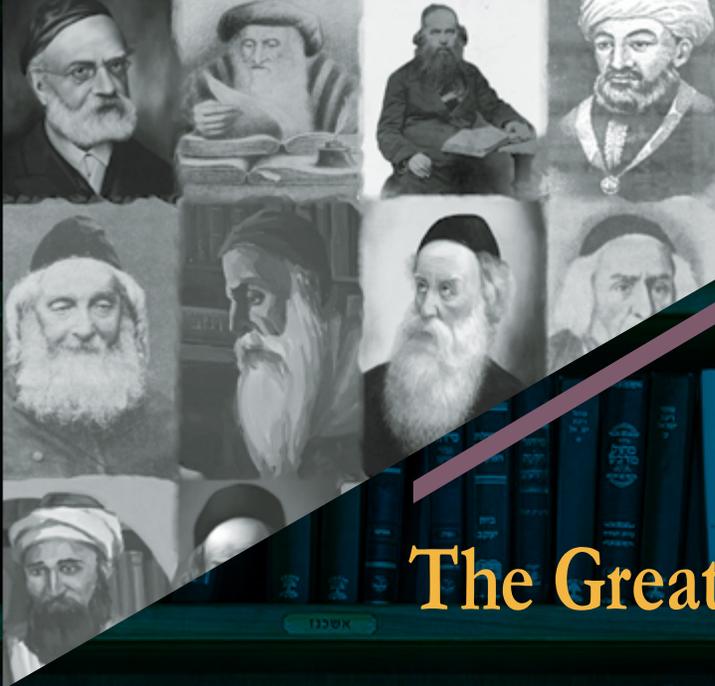


May 24-25, 2019 / Shabbat Parshat Behar

**Rabbi Moshe Miller**  
**Author and Teacher, Jerusalem**

For the past thirty-five years, Rabbi Moshe Miller has served as a premier Jewish educator. He has held the position of Principal in schools in Santa Clara, California; Providence, Rhode Island (where he earned an MA from the department of philosophy at Brown University); Atlanta, Georgia; and Miami Beach, Florida. He has also lectured at Michlalah Jerusalem College and was the Rosh Kollel of the Boca Raton Community Kollel. "Rising Moon: Unraveling the Book of Ruth" is his first book and will be highlighted as we prepare for Shavuot. Rabbi Miller and his wife Grizy have lived in Jerusalem since 2010 where he writes and teaches.





# The Great Jewish Books Course

In memory of Dr. Mark Wainberg ז"ל

## OVERVIEW

### Explore the Lasting Impact of Monumental Jewish Works

This course will survey 20 of the most influential Rabbis and their Works that have shaped the Jewish world as we know it. Starting with "Teacher of all of Israel" - Rashi, and continuing through Modern Times, each individual class will focus on excerpts of major themes, biographical sketches and historical context of the books and authors that have forged the link between the Torah itself and our lives today.

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Outstanding Teachers:** We are excited to present a wide-ranging slate of noted Rabbis and educators to join Rabbi Freundlich in presenting these sessions (see schedule). Every weekly session will cover one work.
- Every session will be accompanied by a handout that includes a class outline, selections from that week's Book, and other relevant charts. Binders will be available for purchase.
- Classes will involve studying traditional texts (available in Hebrew and English), the investigation of key themes and the presentation of avenues for further study.
- Classes will be recorded and available online to make up missed sessions.

## TIME & LOCATION

The Great Jewish Books Course will take place at TBDJ on Monday nights at 7:45pm and end at 9:00pm. Maariv will follow.

6519 Baily Road, Cote St. Luc

## DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Individual classes are available for sponsorship in honour or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will provide light refreshments for that week's class and will be listed in the weekly Shabbat Bulletin and announced at each class. Sponsorships are \$180 per class. Please contact Rabbi Freundlich or the TBDJ office for availability.



Dr. Mark Wainberg was a beloved figure at TBDJ, in the Montreal Jewish Community, and worldwide. A well educated and learned man whose thirst for knowledge could not be quenched, Mark left a lasting impact on our community and helped shape the world in its entirety. His greatest source of pride was his family, and it is a fitting tribute therefore that his family has dedicated the learning in this course to his memory.



## Schedule

All lectures are on Monday nights at 7:45pm

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|-------------------|---|---|
| October 15        | INTRODUCTION                              | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| October 22        | RASHI                                     | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| October 29        | RAMBAN (NACHMONIDES)                      | Rabbi Reuben Poupko, Beth Israel Beth Aaron     |
| November 5        | RAMBAM (MAIMONIDES)                       | Rabbi Eric Grossman, Akiva School               |
| November 12       | DUTIES OF THE HEART & GATES OF REPENTANCE | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| November 19       | R' YEHUDAH HALEVI - KUZARI                | Rabbi Yedidya Noiman, Kollel Torah MiTzion      |
| November 26       | R' YOSEF KAIRO - SHULCHAN ARUCH           | Rabbi Michael Whitman, Adath Israel             |
| <b>December 3</b> | <b>SPECIAL CHANUKAH CLASS</b>             | <b>Rabbi Freundlich</b>                         |
| December 10       | R' YITZCHAK LURIA - THE ARIZAL            | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| January 21        | THE MAHARAL OF PRAGUE                     | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| January 28        | R' MOSHE CHAIM LUZZATTO                   | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| February 4        | BAAL SHEM TOV                             | Rabbi Boruch Perton, Cong. Beth Zion            |
| February 11       | BAAL HATANYA - FIRST CHABAD REBBE         | Rabbi Asher Jacobson, Chevra Kadisha Bnei Jacob |
| February 18       | VILNA GOAN & R' CHAIM OF VOLOZHIN         | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| February 25       | REB YISRAEL SALANTER                      | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| March 4           | R' SAMSON RAPHAEL HIRSCH                  | Dr. Kalman Stein, Hebrew Academy                |
| March 11          | CHOFETZ CHAIM                             | Rabbi Freundlich                                |
| <b>March 18</b>   | <b>SPECIAL PURIM CLASS</b>                | <b>Rabbi Freundlich</b>                         |
| March 25          | RAV AVRAHAM ISAAC KOOK                    | Rabbi Mark Fishman, Cong. Beth Tikva            |
| April 1           | RAV YOSEF DOV SOLOVEITCHIK                | Rabbi Freundlich                                |

At the conclusion of the series, on Shabbat April 6<sup>th</sup>, Rosh Chodesh Nisan, the Wainberg family will host a siyum to mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> yearzeit of Dr. Mark Wainberg ל"ט

# Daily & Weekly Learning Opportunities



## Daf Yomi

Led by Rabbi Dovid Rothschild, Rabbi Cheski Buchinger, and members of the Daf Yomi learning group.

### Weekdays:

6:15am with Rabbi Rothschild

Following shacharit with Rabbi Buchinger

### Sundays:

7:15am

### Shabbat afternoons:

Before Mincha or following Maariv (see weekly schedule)



## Learning with Rabbi Freundlich

### · Weekly Gemara Shiur

A lively gemarah shiur, with incorporation of halacha and related issues. For all levels. Topics change every few weeks, so join at any time. Following the High Holidays we will be learning topics in Masechet Bava Metzia regarding obligations to hired workers

The shiur is given twice each week:

Wednesdays at 6:15am and Thursdays at 8:00pm

### · A Mishna for the Morning

Every day following Shacharit stay for an extra 5-10 minutes and learn a Mishna together with Rabbi Freundlich. After completing Kiddushin, Bava Kama, Bava Metzia, and Rosh Hashanah, the group is currently learning Masechet Makot.

### · Mincha/Maariv Learning: The 613 Mitzvot

Following the 13th Century work Sefer HaChinuch, each night we will focus on a different mitzvah- studying its relevant details, applications and some suggested philosophical underpinnings behind them. We will begin the mitzvot of Sefer Vayikra after the High Holidays

Weeknights between Mincha & Maariv

### · Parsha & Coffee with Rabbi Freundlich

Each Shabbat morning we get together to truly understand an element of the weekly parsha, and uncover deep meaning through the commentary of Rashi, Ramban, Maharal, Rav Shimshon Rafael Hirsch, and others.

Shabbat mornings at 8:40am

### · Contemporary Halacha

Explore various relevant topics in Halacha as they apply to our everyday lives.

Shabbat afternoons 20 minutes before Mincha

### · Lunch & Learn

Lunch is served at noon, followed by Parsha class with Rabbi Freundlich starting at 12:30pm. Reservations each week can be made with the TBDJ office or by emailing programming@tbdj.org. Nominal fee for lunch.

Wednesdays at 12:00pm

# The Kaddish Circle



The “Kaddish Circle” is designed for people who are within their year of mourning the loss of a loved one. This group meets once a month with Rabbi Freundlich to study a short but relevant Torah teaching about mourning and grieving, and to allow people to share their experience in a constructive, meaningful and comforting way.

*Please email [rabbifreundlich@tbdj.org](mailto:rabbifreundlich@tbdj.org) with any questions or to discuss the program.*

- Sunday, October 14, 2018
- Sunday, November 18, 2018
- Sunday, January 20, 2019
- Sunday, February 24, 2019
- Sunday, March 31, 2019

## INTRODUCING NIGHT-LIGHT!

A NEW  
EVENING TORAH PROGRAM  
FOR ADULTS

with  
Cheryl & Rev. Amiel Bender

Wednesday, Oct. 17 @ 8:00-9:15pm  
Twinkles and Stars in ספר בראשית

Wednesday, Dec. 5 @ 8:00-9:15pm  
Chanu-Torah: Holiday Flames



*Classes feature independent learning followed by discussion. Refreshments will be served.*



# SATURDAY NIGHT FILM FESTIVAL 2018-19

## INTRODUCING THE TBDJ SATURDAY NIGHT WINTER FILM FESTIVAL!

Featuring 3 thought provoking critically acclaimed documentaries that will be followed by a brief discussion. Popcorn and light refreshments will be available.



### RABIN IN HIS WORDS

Israel, 2016  
Hebrew with English subtitles, 100 minutes

Rabin In His Own Words is an "autobiography" of sorts, the story is told entirely in Rabin's own voice. Through a combination of rare archival footage, home movies and private letters, his personal and professional dramas unfold before the viewer's eyes - from his childhood as the son of a labor leader before the founding of the State of Israel, through a change of viewpoint that turned him from a farmer into an army man who stood at some of the most critical junctures in Israeli history, through his later years during which he served as Prime Minister and made moves that enraged a large portion of the public, until the horrific moment when his political career and life were suddenly brought to an end.

**Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 7:00pm**



### HEADING HOME: THE TALE OF TEAM ISRAEL

Israel, 2018  
English, 91 minutes

A stirring story of sports, patriotism and personal growth, Heading Home charts the underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of defeat, Team Israel is finally ranked among the world's best in 2017, eligible to compete in the prestigious international tournament. Their line-up included several Jewish American Major League players- Ike Davis, Josh Zeid and ex-Braves catcher Ryan Lavanway- most with a tenuous relationship to Judaism, let alone having ever set foot in Israel. Their odyssey takes them from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where they are greeted as heroes, to Seoul where they must debunk their has-been, wannabe reputations. With their Mensch on the Bench mascot by their side, the team laughs, cries, and does much soul-searching, discovering the pride of representing Israel on the world stage.

**Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 7:30pm**



### ONCE IN A LIFETIME

France, 2016  
French with English subtitles, 105 minutes

A dedicated history teacher at a French high school, Anne Gueguen, is determined to give the best education she can to her underprivileged inner-city pupils. Overcoming their apathy, however, is proving to be more difficult than expected. Frustrated but undaunted, Anne tests her multicultural classroom with a unique assignment: a national competition on the theme of child victims of the Nazi concentration camps. The project is initially met with extreme resistance, until a face-to-face encounter with a Holocaust survivor changes the students' attitudes dramatically. Despite their long-shot odds of winning, these once-rebellious teens soon begin to see one another - and themselves - in a whole new light. Once In A Lifetime demonstrates the enduring impact of the Holocaust in transforming future generations.

**Saturday, February 23, 2019 - 8:00pm**



# AIPAC POLICY 2019 CONFERENCE



MARCH 24-26 • WASHINGTON, D.C.



## JOIN TBDJ IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Rabbi Freundlich will be leading a delegation to the upcoming AIPAC Policy Conference!**

Through demonstrations of groundbreaking Israeli innovations, keynote speeches by Israeli and American leaders, inspiring moments on stage, and intimate educational sessions, Policy Conference delegates experience the full scale of pro-Israel activism in three powerful days.

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



*In conjunction with Federation CJA's Israel Engagement Office*



Join us in celebrating the **HOLIDAY OF SIGD** with guest speaker

**NAFTALI AKLUM** and special Ethiopian cuisine

**Wednesday, November 7 @ 7:00pm**

Naftali Aklum was born in Ethiopia in 1979. His parents were among the first group to make Aliyah to Israel via Sudan in what later became known as "Operation Moses". Naftali is an Israeli-Ethiopian community leader, educator and lecturer.



## Light up The Community on Chanukah!

Last year's Chanukah activities showed us what we're capable of. This year, Chanukah is early (December 2-10), so unless you've taken off to Florida early, we look forward to having you join us in spreading the light!



### LIGHTING OF TBDJ CHANUKIAH

**Our Chanukiah is made from rockets, fired into Israel from Gaza. From it we will spark a message of miracles, light and yearning for peace and redemption.**



### CANDLE LIGHTING AT SENIOR RESIDENCES & GROUP HOMES

**with Rabbi Freundlich  
& Rev. Amiel Bender.  
Bring your children.**



• Sunday, December 9 at 6:30pm •

## CHANUKAH CELEBRATION!

### GAME SHOW BONANZA

### & TBDJ GRAND RAFFLE

## Returning for Shavuot 5779!

*(Our Spring 2019 Programming publication will contain more programs and details.)*

**Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Junior Tikkun Leil Shavuot  
Shavuot Night Dinner & Learning**

On Erev Shavuot  
Shabbat, June 8  
FREE - For Grades 1-6 of all schools

**Shavuot Afternoon  
Women's Learning Program**

on the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Shavuot  
Monday, June 10, 2019**

The **BAILEY ROAD** Diner

JOIN US FOR A  
**50's ROCK N' ROLL  
DAIRY SHAVUOT LUNCH!**

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**Save the Date  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019**



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We wish the community a happy & healthy New Year!

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## 2018-19 Youth Calendar

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday, September 23, 2018   | Sukkah Decorating Crafts Programs |
| Thursday, September 27, 2018 | Sukkah Party - After School       |
| Saturday, September 29, 2018 | Sukkah Hop w/ Bnei Akiva & Adath  |
| Monday, October 01, 2018     | Junior Hakafot (before Mincha)    |
| Monday, October 22, 2018     | Ped Day Program                   |
| Friday, November 02, 2018    | Tisch at Rabbi Y's House          |
| Saturday, December 08, 2018  | Special Chanukah Kids Activity    |
| Sunday, December 09, 2018    | Chanukah Party                    |
| Friday, December 14, 2018    | Tisch at Rabbi Y's House          |
| Sunday, January 20, 2019     | Tu B'shvat Program                |
| Friday, February 01, 2019    | Tisch at Rabbi Y's House          |
| Saturday, February 09, 2019  | Saturday Night Program            |
| Wednesday, March 20, 2019    | Purim Carnival                    |
| Sunday, April 14, 2019       | Pre-Pesach Kids Program           |
| Monday, May 20, 2019         | Victoria Day Program              |
| Saturday, June 08, 2019      | Jr. Tikkun Leil Shavuot Program   |
| Sunday, August 11, 2019      | Tisha B'av Kids Afternoon Program |



TBDJ'S TASTES OF THE WORLD DINNER SERIES  
KICKS UP A FIESTA!



# MAXIMO

FINE MEXICAN FOOD  
WITH AN ATTITUDE!

COMING SPRING 2019

Want to be a table captain and sit with friends?  
Let us know at [programming@TBDJ.org](mailto:programming@TBDJ.org)



# Bar Mitzvah & Bat Mitzvah Programs



Our aim is to bring our Bnot and Bnei Mitzvah together in exciting programs which feature learning, fun activities, and acts of chesed in the community.



Our programs are designed to be complimentary to other programs and celebrations offered by schools and other institutions. The program is an opportunity to bring our boys and girls into a yearlong relationship, and celebration, with their synagogue and community.

**TBDJ IS EXCITED TO OFFER TWO WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AIMED AT ENHANCING YOUR CELEBRATION AND BRINGING ADDITIONAL MEANING TO THESE MILESTONES.**

**2018-19**

**תשע"ט**

## BAR MITZVAH PROGRAM

- Tuesday, October 30th, 6:30-7:45pm  
Introduction to the Bar Mitzvah year  
...with Rabbi Freundlich and Rev. Amiel
- Thursday, December 6th, 6:00-8:00pm  
Illuminating the light. Chanukah candle lighting with elders of our community. Followed by supper at Chez Benny's
- Saturday Night, January 12th, 6:30-8:00pm  
The number 10 in Judaism  
Bowling at Rose Bowl Lanes
- Sunday, February 17th, 9:00-11:00am  
Shacharit & Breakfast @ TBDJ followed by Nerf Floor Hockey
- Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30 -7:45pm  
Tzedaka Project – Packing Mishlochei Manot
- Tuesday, April 30th, 6:30 – 8:15pm  
Yom Hashoah outing to the Holocaust Center

## BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

- Sunday, October 21st, 6:00-7:45pm  
The Evolution of Jewish Women through Fairy Tales and Jewish History  
...with Cheryl Bender
- Sunday, November 25th, 6:00-7:45pm  
Tzedaka session & preparation of gift baskets for Chanukah
- Sunday, January 20th, 6:00-7:45pm  
Looking up to our Matriarchs & Celebrating women in our families  
...with Rifki Freundlich
- Sunday, March 3rd, 6:00-7:45pm  
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## Hebrew Academy honours beloved TBJ members in 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala



Over 500 Hebrew Academy parents, alumni, faculty and staff celebrated the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June at an elegant gala dinner. Guests of honour included Jewish community pillars and Hebrew Academy builders Louis and Malca Drazin – who were recognized with the Keter Shem Tov (Crown of a Good Name) Award – and Alvin and Lauren Suissa, recipients of the Nedivut Lev (Generosity of the Heart) Award. Both Mr. Drazin and Mr. Suissa are past presidents of Hebrew Academy; the Drazins' grandchildren now attend the school as do the Suissas' children.

Hebrew Academy was founded in 1967 as a result of the merger of two Orthodox congregational day schools, the Adath Israel Elementary and High School and the Young Israel Elementary School. The Adath Israel School, situated on 1500 Ducharme Street in Outremont, was founded in 1941, and was the first Jewish day school in Montreal to graduate a Grade 11 class. The Young Israel School situated on Hillsdale in Montreal was founded in 1951 as an educational outgrowth of the Young Israel Movement, under the guidance of Rabbi Mendel Lewittes. Prior to the merger, the Young Israel School was in dire need of a high school for its children, and its elementary school had limited facilities. The Adath Israel School, meanwhile, had the physical facilities but diminishing enrolment. Combining the resources and populations of both schools made good sense, and Hebrew Academy was born.

"We are so fortunate in Montreal to have the Hebrew Academy," said Brenda Gewurz, co-chair of the gala along with her husband Sam. "It is the only Modern Orthodox school and is also so Zionist. Parents, alumni and all professionals are all so involved and dedicated to the school – this is an excellent indicator of a school with an excellent education for its students and amazing *ruach* (spirit). I am so proud to be associated with Hebrew Academy."

The shift of the Jewish population to the West End of Montreal forced Hebrew Academy to look for new facilities. In 1990, Hebrew Academy purchased the YM-YWHA (Davis branch) building on Kellert Road. A beautiful new facility was completed in 1992 on that site. That same year, the school launched its Section Française, which extends to Grade 6. "My all-time favourite memory was the culmination of several years of hard work as our dream of moving into a new facility came to fruition," said Linda Lehrer, who has served as Hebrew Academy's sole Executive Director since 1987. "The cherry on top was of course the Hachnasat Sefer Torah with all the HA parents, students and staff. We paraded from our old building to our present building on Kellert and brought in new Sifrei

Torah. Now, all these years later, it is so exciting to be part of another milestone as we celebrate HA's 50th!"

"We are extremely proud to have maintained our commitment to academic excellence and innovation, fostering intellectual curiosity and inspiring leadership over the past five decades," said Hebrew Academy Head of School Dr. Kalman Stein, who will begin his third year at the school in August. "We are equally proud of our alumni's warm associations with Hebrew Academy as their second home and their choice to send their children to the institution that played such a pivotal role in cultivating their own identities."



*Lauren & Alvin Suissa, and Malca & Louis Drazin*



*Gala chairs Brenda & Sam Gewurz congratulated by Hebrew Academy President Shlomo Drazin*

## Monica Mendel Bensoussan helps lead new Herzliah project

Herzliah High School marked a new era in Jewish education at the end of August as a brand new state-of-the-art building opened its doors on the Sylvan Adams Campus.

Lead donors Sylvan Adams, Naomi Azrieli, CEO and Chair of The Azrieli Foundation, and Jonathan Goodman cut the ceremonial ribbon in the presence of over 250 onlookers. Yasher Koach to TBDJ member Monica Mendel Bensoussan, Chair of the Building Project and the whole team involved in bringing this dream to reality.

Herzliah, which has English and French sections, has the capacity to accommodate 100 more students than the approximately 450 who were enrolled in the 2017-18 school year.

In recognition of the Azrieli Foundation's seminal \$15-million donation to the project in 2016, Herzliah and its elementary Talmud Torah were renamed Les écoles Azrieli Schools. Talmud Torah remains on nearby St-Kevin Avenue, where the high school had also been.

The school, whose main entrance is on Mountain Sights Avenue, boasts 130,000 sq. ft (12,000 sq. m) of usable space and was built on the Y's former parking lot. The construction, which was in the hands of Benjamin Sternthal of the real estate development firm Kodem, was a complex engineering feat because much of the structure is right above the Y's underground garage.

The building's exterior corners are indented, rather than sharp, and announce Herzliah's four "pillars": academic excellence, Jewish ethics, arts and athletics, and community connection.

A defining element, according to Mendel Bensoussan is the elevated passageway that connects Herzliah to the Y and the rest of the campus beyond. The architects strived to harmonize the new building's look with that of the Y, which dates back to the 1950s. The Jewish community campus now encompasses Herzliah, the Y, the Segal Centre for Performing Arts, Cummings House, the Jewish Public Library and the Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors. "From the inception, this was about more than a high school building," said Mendel Bensoussan.

Students will have ready access to the campus and its agencies. "Strategically linking Herzliah's new home to the Jewish Community Campus will bring the next generation of leaders into the epicentre of Jewish life," said Mendel Bensoussan, "This will help ensure that the entire Jewish



community is stronger, more vibrant, and infused with the enthusiasm, creativity and energy of our Jewish youth."

With the gift from the Azrieli Foundation, Talmud Torah and Herzliah have been rebranded under the umbrella "Les écoles Azrieli schools" while still retaining their individual names.

Talmud Torah | Herzliah has stood at the forefront of Jewish education in Montreal for over a century. The school engages students in learning about the rich traditions, history and experiences of the Jewish people, while instilling within them pride in their Jewish heritage.



*Sylvan Adams and Monica Mendel Bensoussan*



*(L to R): Dean Mendel, Rabbi Freundlich, Joe Mendel, and Leonard Mendel at the Aug. 14 ribbon cutting ceremony*

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## Dr. Daniel Mishkin by Mike Cohen

Inspired by his late brother, Montreal born G.I.'s book provides lessons learned from "the other side of the bed"

Dr. Daniel Mishkin, a native of Côte Saint-Luc and presently the chief of Gastroenterology at Atrius Health in Boston, a consultant for new technologies and medical therapies and a professor at Harvard Medical School, spoke at TBDJ last December about his book called *The Other Side Of The Bed*.

Some 16 years ago Dr. Barry Mishkin ב"ר, Daniel's older brother, passed away from A.L.L., Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. At the time Daniel was undertaking residency and fellowship while Barry was the chief resident of Internal medicine and then a Gastroenterology Fellow at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center. Barry's family stood by his bed from the moment of his diagnosis to his last breath. Through that harrowing experience, Daniel internalized lessons of empathy and compassion that guide his work to this day. Not only is that the central message behind the book, which was published in July, but it has been incorporated into the curriculum at Harvard and outreach is underway to others.

Daniel Mishkin grew up in Montreal, graduated from McGill University Medical School, and completed his residency at the Jewish General Hospital before moving to New York to complete his fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Both Daniel and Barry came by their specialization in Gastroenterology honestly; their father, Dr. Seymour Mishkin, has been a Montreal gastroenterologist for more than 45 years. The family are members of TBDJ.

Throughout the journey at his brother's bedside, Daniel said he witnessed facets of medicine that were both positive and negative. This book is essential reading for caregivers seeking support and solace from someone who has truly been there. Overnight, Barry, a brilliant and beloved chief resident with a newborn son, found himself fighting for his life against an aggressive form of leukemia. Rushing from teaching rounds to his brother's bedside, Daniel witnessed the toll it takes on the patient and their family while assuming the unfathomable task of advocating for Barry's care, a responsibility he shouldered from the moment his brother was diagnosed until he passed away more than three years later.

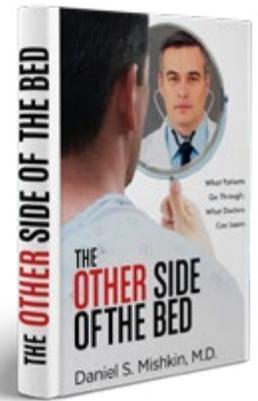
*The Other Side of the Bed* chronicles Daniel's experience at his brother Barry's bedside and the lessons he learned there. Through the long journey of chemotherapy, remission, a failed

bone marrow transplant, and countless daily tests of morale, Daniel witnessed facets of medicine that

can be difficult for doctors to comprehend. Daniel shares his brother's story, recounting anecdotes from his medical career to illustrate crucial principles of patient care. From giving a difficult diagnosis to confronting institutional hierarchy to facing death with dignity, Daniel's story offers insight into the human relationships at the heart of medicine

"This kind of experience can be difficult for any patient, family member or even a physician to comprehend," he says. "I am incredibly lucky to have known my brother Barry and cherish the many great memories we had together prior to his passing. In his memory, and at his request, he wanted others to hear his story and hoped it would help others in the process. Barry tried to write the book himself, but ended up putting it on my bucket list. This was my third go around and I think the entire experience really molded me. As physicians we need to focus on treating the patient, not necessarily the diagnosis."

For more information, visit [theothersideofthebed.com](http://theothersideofthebed.com). The book is available on Amazon. A portion of the proceeds are being donated to Gift Of Life, a bone marrow and blood cell registry headquartered in Boca Raton, FL.



Dr. Daniel Mishkin speaking about his brother Barry ב"ר

## Launch of Yiddish Ghetto Songs CD sends powerful message by Mike Cohen

Born in Poland, Sidney Zoltak was eight years old at the outbreak of World War II but, thanks to the bravery and kindness of a family of strangers who hid them in their barn, his family survived to the end of the War. In Montreal today, he remains one of the foremost spokespersons about the Holocaust while continuing to work towards the preservation of the Yiddish language.

Zoltak recently initiated a most unique event: the launch and concert called *Remember! Gedenk! Yiddish Ghetto Songs*. The CD project featured vital contributions by members of the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre. It took place in June at The Segal Centre, in partnership with the Montreal

Holocaust Museum and featured singing by Raizel Candib, Fishel Goldig, Aron Gonshor, Bronna Levy, Burney Lieberman, Lisa Rubin, Sam Stein, Judy Strauber, and Zoltak, with Music Direction by Nick Burgess.

"I really got started on this project 25 years ago," longtime TBJ member Zoltak told me. "A few friends and I recorded some 20 Yiddish folk songs on a home sound system. We did it to keep for our grandchildren. It turned out really well and some people even suggested that we sell it. I promised that I would do something with this one day. Well it took me over 20 years to make good on that promise."

The concert featured 16 songs and stories from the CD. When ordinary language fails, poetry and song find expression. In the songs of the Holocaust, the poets who crafted the words and the people whose voices gave life to these songs, expressed their deepest despair and their brightest dreams, their resilience and resistance, their loves and their losses. Zoltak emphasizes that these songs were written in the midst of suffering and horror and were created and sung in the ghettos, the forests and the camps. He adds that they are a testament to the human spirit, and to enduring humanity and creativity in the maelstrom of an inhumane world.

Zoltak said it took him almost three years to get to this point. First there was the matter of financing. "I decided to make

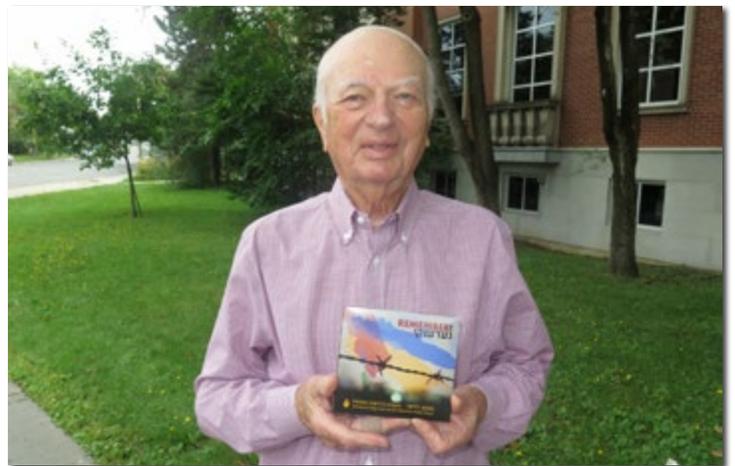
this a legacy project and I approached the survivors for donations," he explains. "The response was overwhelmingly positive. I was able to bring in \$20,000 and with that we produced a very professional CD. Now we have a documented legacy of the bravery and resilience of those who actually wrote the lyrics to these songs"

There is also a 56 page insert of the stories behind the composers and lyricists.

"Through the lens of these songs and the accompanying written material, one is able to get a very important understanding of what those individuals were living through and how they tried to cope," said Gonshor. "It is a very sobering realization for all those who are interested in trying to come to terms with the enormity of the disaster that the Shoah represents.

"We are all excited about the launch because it represents the public completion of the project. It also heralds in a new phase in this project, which is to have this concert performed in different cities for a myriad of different events, including the various gatherings of Holocaust survivors and Second Generation groups. The Segal Centre needs to be commended for its continued support of Yiddish language programming, which is an important part of its ongoing commitment to Jewish programming for the community"

Bravo once again to Sidney Zoltak.



Sidney Zoltak, with his newly released CD

# Facts & Figures from 5778

4,960



...litres of **soft drinks** were consumed at TBJ kiddushes

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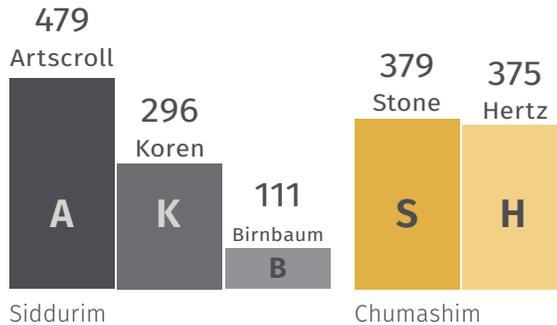


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1,100

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- 56% used a PC/Mac
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- 235 accessed yahrzeit information

3,002

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533

or 8.3 Aliyot per Kohen



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or 9.8 Aliyot per Levi



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or 3.6 Aliyot per Yisrael

856



...recitations of *Misheberach for Tzahal*

9,849



...financial transactions

...5,036 payments

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67% of our members received communications via email

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257,309 emails sent

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