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A Matter of Thought

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz

It's Time to Get on the Bus

Each generation has its own challenges.

y mother's generation was a generation that faced multiple hardships. There was World War II, the Holocaust, immigration and discrimination. This generation had to fight hard to succeed, and the bitter suffering they endured forced them to question their beliefs. A Greek survivor of the Holocaust, Shlomo Venezia, wrote a powerful memoir about his time in Auschwitz as one of the sonderkommando, the Jewish inmates whose job it was drag the bodies out of the gas chambers into the crematorium. When asked by a journalist "What was destroyed in you by that extreme experience?" his response was: "Life. Since then I've never had a normal life. Everything takes me back to the camp. Whatever I do, whatever I see, my mind keeps harking back to the same place. It's as if the 'work' I was forced to do there had never really left my head. Nobody ever really gets out of the crematorium." This horrific task of dragging hundreds of bodies (including the bodies of friends and family) scarred Shlomo for life.

Much like the biblical character of Job, my mother's generation had many questions. Their faith in God was certainly shaken; but so was their faith in mankind. How is it possible for human beings to act in such a cruel and sadistic fashion? How could the world stand by and do nothing? After the Holocaust, it's easy to wonder, as one author put it, whether or not poetry is still possible; whether this dark cloud of bitterness we call the Holocaust makes a mockery of a meaningful life. Like Job, my mother's generation had many reasons to question everything about life and everything about Judaism.

Like Job, many who lived in the generation of the Holocaust experienced a crisis of faith. But their response to this crisis was remarkable. Just like Job, the vast majority of the survivors of the Holocaust held steadfast in their attachment to Judaism. They refused to give up even in the face of overwhelming odds and painful questions. And what this generation has accomplished in the last 70 years is nothing short of remarkable. Their determination and heroic faith are profoundly inspiring.

My children's generation faces very different challenges. While it might sound ironic, they are actually challenged by their advantages bestowed by their comfortable 21st-century, middle-class upbringing. This generation, which seems to have had so much handed to



Shabbaton with Rabbi Stav: (from left) Sam Gewurz, Judah Aspler, Rabbi Stav, Rabbi Steinmetz, Louis Drazin, Nachman Rosenberg.

them on a silver platter faces its own existential crisis. Studies show that somehow people are less happy today, even though they have so much more. The existential struggles of this younger generation are reminiscent of the biblical king Solomon. In the biblical book of Ecclesiastes, Koheleth, Solomon confronts the challenges of wealth.

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President's Message

Judah Aspler

Families benefit from our synagogue life In so many ways.

about its president. When told by member after member that the president is lazy and useless, a shortsighted fool, and a corrupt goodfor-nothing liar, he turns to the president and asks, "After everything I just heard from your members, please tell me- why do you do it?!" Without any hesitation the president replied, "It's simple. I do it for the kovod."

Luckily for me, I don't do it for the *kovod* (honor). My family moved to Cote St. Luc in 1978 when I was six years old, and I recall entering this big and vibrant building full of adults and children (and all their noise), where the bountiful, albeit rough, kiddushes left their mark on you in more ways than one. From that point forward, TBDJ was a pillar in my life.

TBDJ symbolized Shabbat and Holidays, Junior Congregation and Youth Minyan. TBDJ symbolized learning to daven and read from the Torah, and stepping up when called upon to play a role. TBDJ symbolized the concept of "Make for yourself a rabbi, acquire for yourself a friend" - through invaluable relationships with the late Rabbi Shmidman z"I and Rabbi Steinmetz. TBDJ symbolized Purim, Chanukah, and Shavuot night when the building was filled with excitement and energy. TBDJ symbolized where all Jewish families came to unite and profit.

As I grew older, this pillar linked itself to family lifecycle events and produced constant reward through its Shabbatons, guest speakers, classes with the Rabbi, and special events like our Kiddush Cup and Sefer Torah Dedication in honor of Eddie Schachter. It also offered a lesson at what leadership is, seeing dedicated individuals like

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Layout and Design: Mark Lehberg www.latitudes-marketing.com Harry Karpman z"I and Howie Steinberg step up to ensure the next generation received from TBDJ more than they did. This provided me an opportunity to "get on the bus", as Rabbi Steinmetz correctly puts it, and play a larger role in ensuring that everything I took from the shul would be a preview of what my children and your children would take from it.

So why do I do it? So that my family, your family, and many more families around us can benefit from our synagogue and from our Rabbi in ways that simply cannot be replicated or replaced. There are numerous institutions in our lives today, all of them valuable and worthy, but our synagogue will always be where we anchor our Shabbat and Holidays, our prayers, our times of joy and our times of mourning.

Together with Rabbi Steinmetz at the helm, there is an incredible group of volunteers around us - our Executive, Board of Directors, and active committees - to help fulfill this vision. Executive members like Warren Greenstone, whose experience and guidance make my role (nearly) painless. Board members like Josh Orzech, who is invested in our youth's future (nearly) as much as he's invested in his own children's. Committee chairs like Meir Israel who is truly committed to making our building look (nearly) as magnificent as his own home.

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Synagogue Leadership

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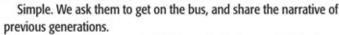
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Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz

Solomon has everything; he is a king, he has built an empire, he has wisdom and enormous wealth. But he becomes bored with life, and wonders what is the point of it all. And much like Koheleth, many of today's young have wondered where will they find meaning and purpose in life when everything seems to be served to them on a silver platter.

We now live at a time when the generation of Job is passing the torch to the generation of Kohelet. And this younger generation, the generation of Kohelet, is searching for meaning, and wonder if they will ever measure up. As one of the younger members of our synagogue remarked to me after a funeral recently:"Rabbi, what will they say about me at my funeral? I didn't survive, I didn't go to war, I wasn't an immigrant." How do we transmit the heroic sense of purpose the generation of Job had to the privileged generation of Kohelet?



We ask them to become Jewish heroes in their own right by insuring our tradition is preserved in a bored and indifferent era.

Daniel Gordis tells a story about a woman he met on a cruise he was taking. As the ship was returning to Haifa, the passengers assembled on the deck to look at the approaching port. An older woman next to him remarked: "it's very moving, isn't it". Gordis asked her "why?" The woman explained she had come to Israel as a teenager during World War II. Her parents had managed to find a way to smuggle one of the family out of Europe, and so they sent their daughter to Israel to survive. She arrived in Israel illegally, and was interred by the British. Eventually she was released and she managed to build a life for herself even during an era of war, revolution and rationing.

Then came the powerful part of the story. She explained that for her 80th birthday she decided to take her family, her children and grandchildren, for a tour of the places she had been as a young woman upon arriving in Israel. So the plan was made for the family to meet one morning, presumably in a few cars, to follow her as she gave her family a tour of her youth in the early years in pre-state Israel. The morning of the tour, her son in law rang the doorbell. She looks outside but there were no cars; there was a bus. In her 60 years in Israel, she had built a large family, and they all wanted to come that morning to learn her story. So they rented a bus to accommodate everyone, her children and grandchildren who all wanted to get on the bus.

This is the lesson for my generation and my children's generation, the generation of Koheleth. We may not be called upon to perform



Rabbi Steinmetz with Steven, Ronda, Jeremy and Evan Schachter at The Kiddush Cup.

acts of heroism like the previous generation; but what we can do, is take part of their story. We can get on the bus.

And that is what we need to do as a congregation: we need to get on the bus. Our synagogue was founded over 50 years ago by pioneers who volunteered long hours and gave from the heart to build this institution. And now it's up to the next generation. And all we need to do is get on the bus.

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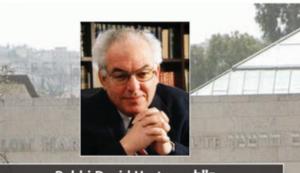
Judah Aspler

In this publication you'll get a look at the great ideas and enthusiasm these leaders have, and hear from many of them on how we plan to build on the great pillar that is TBDJ, with programming that suits all adults and children, and services that fill many of our needs. I'm especially proud of our Camp Ilan @ TBDJ plans, which will be an asset like none other for our community's youth, their parents, and grandparents. We'll work closely with our valued Executive Director, Rebecca Rosenberg, to be efficient in our finances and operations, and effective in our communications and decisions.

As we do it, we'll look to you to be our partners. Please join us. Please support us and volunteer where appropriate, and more than anything else - please participate in the programs and activities that are being designed and run for you (and please bring along your families and friends).

As we embark upon the year 5774, on behalf of my wife Rachel, and my children Nediva, Gavi, and Talia, I wish you and your families a Shana Tova- a year filled with good health, a year filled with simcha, a year filled with fulfillment, and a year in which TBDJ plays a role in all these aspects of your lives.





Rabbi David Hartman ז"ל

Rabbi David Hartman passed away on Rosh Chodesh Adar, the 30th of Shevat, 5773 - February 10, 2013.

Rabbi Hartman was TBDJ's founding Rabbi, and served our synagogue from 1960 until he made aliyah to Israel in 1971. During those years, he also founded the Akiva day school, and was a professor at McGill University.

His presence is still profoundly felt in our synagogue and around the Montreal Jewish community. He was a passionate and provocative spiritual leader who brought to our synagogue an approach that was both vibrant and intellectual, that engaged the heart and the mind. He will be mourned by our entire congregation, and by all of the other students and friends whose souls he touched.

May his memory be a blessing for his family, our community, and the entire world.



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Executive Director's Message

Rebecca Rosenberg

would like to take this opportunity to thank our membership and Board for the warm welcome and generous support I have received since

assuming the position of TBDJ Executive Director.

The past few months have been an eventful time at TBDJ. We moved forward with the renovation commitments flowing from the Capital Campaign. Following the installation of the new sanctuary and chapel carpets the House Committee, chaired by **Meir Israel**, finalised plans for the second phase. Jarell Construction Inc. was engaged as the contractor to upgrade and enhance the lower level classrooms, function rooms and office area. This phase will be completed during the next few months.

I'm happy to announce that TBDJ was one of the few shuls in Montreal to receive a grant this year from the Canadian government's Security Infrastructure Program. This generous grant will help ensure that TBDJ provides a safe and secure environment.

The summer months are traditionally devoted to preparing for the High Holy Days. The renovations this year have brought additional challenges as staff juggled events and services while managing seating adjustments, invoicing, collections and distribution of High Holy Day tickets, all while maintaining the day to day business of the shul. Kol Hakavod to our staff team who have gone beyond the call of duty to maintain the flow of services without disruption.

A special welcome to **Brian Torobin** who joined TBDJ as an administrative assistant in May. He is a valued addition to our dedicated staff team. A former Montrealer and a graduate of Bialik High School and McGill University, Brian brings to TBDJ his well-honed organizational skills and unfailing good humour. He comes well versed in the day-to-day administrative functioning of a synagogue, having served for 10 years as an administrative assistant at Congregation Darchei Noam in Toronto.

On behalf of the TBDJ family, I want to express our appreciation to Esther Hutman for her dedicated service as part of our office team. Her helpfulness, good cheer, and knowledge of the community have been a great asset, as has her long-standing commitment to Sisterhood and our congregation.

We have been privileged to work on our shul's multi-faceted agenda with our esteemed Rabbi, our inspirational president **Judah Aspler**, our dynamic Board of Directors and the many dedicated volunteers whose tireless efforts contribute so much to our community. My accolades would not be complete without a special one to you, our members, for your patience and understanding while we tackled numerous problems, including the repairs to our air conditioning system and the relocation of services during the renovation process. I know we can count on your support as we move to the next phase. Our Annual Raffle and Reception is scheduled for November 27th, the first night of Chanukah. Your ticket sales and purchases will fund the many exciting programs and initiatives planned for the coming months.

Finally, I wish you and your families a year blessed with health, peace and happiness. **Shana Tova U'Mevorechet.**

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Programming Committee Report

Jeffrey Steinberg and Rochelle Rein

The Programming Committee at TBDJ continues to plan and stage many different, exciting events in our synagogue. We're coming off an incredible year filled with great events, such as the 2nd annual Kiddush Cup at the Centre Bell, Shabbatons with Rabbi Benjamin Blech, Rabbi Steven Weil and Rabbi David Stav, fun family events such as Family Feud and Let's Make a Deal, as well as many other successful activities!

We look forward to seeing you during the coming year at our scrumptious Shabbat dinners and stimulating Shabbatons, as well as at our annual holiday events and other happenings, such as the 1st annual "Scotch in the Sukkah" Scotch tasting, a very original "Pastaopera" dinner, our Chanukah extravaganza featuring the TBDJ Raffle and "TBDJ's Got Talent!", a Pre-Pesach Wine tasting event, as well as other events too numerous to mention! Oh yes, get ready for Kiddush Cup III as well, as TBDJ looks to bring the coveted Cup back home. Our goal is to have everyone involved and participating, whether as a planner, volunteer, or most importantly- as an attendee!

We also plan on once again bringing the brightest and best speakers to TBDJ. Stay tuned for more information regarding Shabbatons and weeknight events featuring personalities you'll truly not want to miss.

Should you have any ideas of events you'd like to see held, speakers you'd like to see brought in, or any other feedback on our programming- please do let us know. Together, we can ensure that our synagogue remains at the core of our community, and remains the place to be.





Participants in the TBDJ Family Feud.



Rabbi David Stav speaks with congregants.

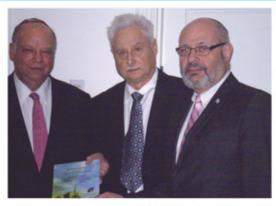
The TBDJ Kiddush Cup Pro team.



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Milestones



Donald Davis accepts his award.

JERUSALEM PRIZE: Donald S. Davis was presented with the prestigious Jerusalem Prize by the Canadian Zionist Federation Easten Region. This is given annually to a person who shows deep concern for the Jewish People and who shows great devotion as a volunteer, noted CZF Eastern Region president Arlazar Eliashiv.

HY AND SANDY
GOLDMAN: Congratulations to Dr. Hy
Goldman and his wife
Sandy for another
successful KlezKanada
event, the internationally renowned
festival of Jewish/
Yiddish culture and the
arts that recently once
again brought together

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Dr. Hy Goldman and his wife Sandy

over 400 campers and faculty at Camp B'nai Brith in the Laurentians. "When you come to KlezKanada you have a supermarket of activities to choose from," says Dr. Hy Goldman, who founded KlezKanada in 1996 with his wife . "You don't have to be a musician to attend this festival. KlezKanada makes Jewish music and the arts accessible to everyone. It gives people a chance to learn about Jewish history and their roots in a contemporary way, and discover who they are." The 85-year-old Goldman is an Associate Professor of Paediatrics and Biology at McGill University, and an Emergency Room pediatrician at the Montreal Children's Hospital. An advocate for Jewish cultural expression and outreach, Goldman introduced klezmer music to Montreal in the 1980s by bringing in international acts. This resulted in KlezKanada, which he and his wife continue to run alongside artistic director Frank London, their Board of Directors, and many volunteers. In recognition of his contribution to the Canadian cultural scene, Goldman received a Queen Elizableth Diamond Jubilee Award this year. KlezKanada's youth scholarship program has allowed hundreds of young artists and scholars between the ages of 16 to 35 and of all backgrounds to explore the Yiddish/Jewish cultural heritage. Graduates include international stars Josh Dolgin (So Called), Jason Rosenblatt and Michael Winograd.



Noah Cohen answers questions on live Israel TV.

TBDJ YOUTH AT BIBLE CONTEST. TBDJ was once again well represented in the **National and International Bible Contest** (Chidon HaTanach). **Noa Drazin, Yoni Drazin, Emil Hersson-Edery, Elyana Remer, Matt Shapiro, Jacob Laxer, Rebecca Nadler, Jack Rudski, AJ Jacobson, Max Laxer, Yossi Knafo and Benjamin Rudski all made their families, and synagogue, proud in the national competition. Noah Cohen** of TBDJ advanced into the final round of the international competition and live on Israel TV placed in the top 16 worldwide!

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: On Sunday, November 3, municipal elections will be held across Quebec. Locally, several TBDJ members will be on the ballots. **Mike Cohen** will be seeking his third mandate as the city councillor for District 2 in Côte Saint-Luc while **Dida Berku** will run again in District 3. In Hampstead. **Bonnie Feigenbaum**, who has been a councillor for eight years, is challenging incumbent Mayor William Steinberg. Seeking a return to council is **Harvey Shaffer**.



Mike Cohen



Dida Berku



Bonnie Feigenbaum



Harvey Schaffer

If you know of a TBDJ member who has reached a milestone, please email me at info@mikecohen.ca.



Youth Committee Report

Josh Orzech

t's always fun to look back at the year of youth activities, remember all the fun events, and see all the great photos.

This past year was no exception for our youth enjoying events like our annual Chocolate Seder, Purim carnival and Chanukah party. They also enjoyed a series of Saturday night movie nights, filling our floors with popcorn and snacks as they watched movies that they themselves chose. A big thank you to Tamar Eliashiv and our youth staff for their dedication and hard work ensuring our youth had a great time.

Last year was also the launch or perhaps the re-launch of our very successful Junior Congregation. After too many years in hiatus, "Jr. Cong" was once again the place to be for elementary school youth. Alyssa and Yair Meyers deserve all the credit for this success (with perhaps some kudos going out to "Rabbi Seuss" and his weekly Parsha poems). This program, and their commitment to it, set the stage for years to come at TBDJ, where our youth can both have a good time with their friends, while also participating in meaningful tefillah and learning about the Parsha... not to mention enjoying a great weekly kiddush.

TBDJ Youth also hosted a joint Shabbaton with BAYT of Thornhill, Ontario. A busload of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders came to Montreal and took part in a weekend full of fun. Once again, we thank Alyssa and Yair for all their hard work in organizing this event, and also thank Rachel Goodman Aspler and Rich Winkler (BAYT Youth Director) for developing this inaugural Youth Shabbaton.

It's fun to reminisce but what about the future???

Introducing CAMP ILAN @ TBDJ!!!

BREAKING NEWS! TBDJ has entered into partnership with the amazing Camp Ilan, providing our youth (and parents) the very best Shabbat and Holiday morning experience. For those not familiar with Camp Ilan, speak to some of the TBDJ families who sent their kids to the local day-camp this past summer. Run by Camp Director and Hebrew Academy educator Zack Isakow, year one at Camp Ilan exceeded everyone's expectations delivering everything a parent wants for their children - a fun, active, social and safe environment, where kids can enjoy time with new and old friends, while also growing intellectually and spiritually under the care of reliable staff.

Beginning this October in our renovated Youth rooms at TBDJ, Camp Ilan will be running our regular youth groups on Shabbat and Holidays. Trained and trustworthy counselors under the leadership of their dedicated Camp Director and armed with a curriculum specifically designed for this program, there is no doubt Youth groups at



Zachary and Benjamin Hutman at the Chocolate Seder.



Havdallah at TBDJ-BAYT Youth Shabbaton.



Josh and Hailey Orzech at Kiddush Cup free skate.

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Youth Committee Report

TBDJ will be the place every child wants to be - and should be. We look forward to beginning this relationship with a bang, and working together to once again make TBDJ a synagogue where Youth come first.

With all the excitement and opportunity it's not entirely about Youth. It's about parents and grandparents too. TBDJ will be investing significant resources into its youth programming, starting with but not limited to Camp Ilan @ TBDJ. We need you to be equal partners in building excitement and telling our youth about our weekly programs, and by encouraging our children and grandchildren to attend. Together we can make this a tremendous success.

Wishing everyone a Shana Tova. A year filled with happiness, health and good fortune.



TBDJ Youth go for a ride on Purim.

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Classes at TBDJ

The Early Class

Explore the weekly parsha with Rabbi Steinmetz in his office. Wednesday mornings at 6:15 A.M.. Advance notice is required – e-mail: rabbi@tbdj.org by Tuesday at 6 PM to let him know if you are coming.

The Young and the Restless Torah Group

Ages 22-35. Study issues in contemporary life in a relaxed home setting with Rabbi Steinmetz. Various Sunday nights at 8 PM. Advance registration is required – please e-mail rabbi@tbdj.org for details.

Lunch & Learn Parsha of the Week

With Rabbi Steinmetz. Wednesdays, lunch at noon, class at 12:30pm. Takes place regularly between October and June. See calendar for exceptions. Reservations required by 2:00pm Tuesday. There is a nominal fee for lunch.

Bagels, Coffee, Torah

—Join Rabbi Steinmetz for an in depth look at a topic in Halacha, Jewish law. 8 AM services. followed by breakfast and the class. Ends at 10:30am.

Fridays at Exception Café

Join Rabbi Steinmetz for a freewheeling discussion on a topic of interest. Questions, arguments and differing points of view are accepted. Every Friday, from 8 am to 9 am, at the Exception Café (5039 Queen Mary Road)

Shabbat Afternoon Learning

Check Shabbat booklet for times- in winter, 15 minutes before mincha, in summer, 45 minutes before mincha. Topics vary from week to week, but it will certainly keep you on your toes!!

Chumash Shiur for Men

With prominent Rabbanim, Thursdays at 8 pm. Conducted entirely in Yiddish.

Daily Daf Yomi

Talmud study for men, one page/day. Early Group, with Rabbi Dovid Rothschild. Sun. 7:15am, Mon.-Fri. 6:15am/ Saturday evenings in the summer the Daf Yomi class precedes Ma'ariv, and in the winter it follows Ma'ariv. **Consult the calendar for exceptions.**

Maftir Classes

'If you want to learn to chant Maftir or want to brush up on your skills, please contact Lionel at 488-2128 if you are interested.

Various Topics

Raphael Benisty gives a class Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in people's homes on various topics. He can be reached at 514-572-2469 for more information.

Join the TBDJ email list: office@tbdj.org



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Chessed Committee Report

by Lorne Lieberman

TBDJ will be taking a major step to connect with its members, and others in the community, over the coming year. We will be launching a Chessed Committee program that touches four common areas of our lives that all tie directly to the Synagogue and connections with other members.

Assisting the Families of Newborns

How many of us have received baskets sent to our house when a child is born, or prepared meals delivered during the hectic days that follow? We've certainly appreciated those gestures, and so should others in our TBDJ community. A group at TBDJ will be standing by to assist the parents of a newborn, whether new parents or veterans, by providing ready-made meals for their family over the couple of crazy weeks that follow their return home from hospital.

Visiting and Helping the Sick

How many of us have received visitors and support from friends when in the hospital or at home facing illness? We've certainly benefited from these acts, and so should others in our TBDJ community.

A group at TBDJ will be standing by to visit anyone who is in the hospital, or at home, during their long days of recovery. Should the family have other needs, such as help with meals at home, TBDJ's group of providers can be mobilized as well.

Assisting at Shiva Houses

How many of us have seen shiva homes where unfortunately there is not always a minyan, or not always sufficient help in preparing meals for those in mourning? We'd all like to help those in mourning by assisting in these easy aspects. A group at TBDJ will be standing

by to visit Shiva houses when needed, to help with a minyan, leading services or reading from the Torah. TBDJ will also be ready to assist with providing food at meal times.

Shabbat and Holiday Hospitality

How many of us come to shul on Shabbat or Holiday and are interested in spending some time sitting at the lunch or dinner table together with a fellow member we either don't know or who we barely know? There are certainly enough chairs in order to accommodate another guest or two. TBDJ will maintain a list of families who are happy to have additional guests at their table, and will seek (both publicly and discretely via the Rabbi) anyone looking for such a meal. TBDJ will also work to connect families new to TBDJ with veteran families, by way of this program.

You can help.

- Step up to be a captain of one of these groups, and help ensure it is launched properly and sustained.
- B. Volunteer to be on the call-up list for any or all of these groups, so that you can lend a hand when one is needed.
- C. Support these efforts with a gift to TBDJ's Chessed Fund. Your support will go directly towards providing the above services when meals or other material is needed.

Please take this brochure home with you to remind yourselves to contact the shul and get involved. As a community that wants to be there to help one another, let us be the intermediary between the people who want to help and the people who need help. Please include this project in your new year's resolutions, and help us help you. **Shana Tova!**



Membership Committee Report

Jonathan Gal

A s someone who literally grew up across the street from TBDJ, having a vibrant membership at the Shul is something that was always very important to me. Whether it was Sunday morning story time, Shabbat morning Junior Congregation or weekly floor hockey, TBDJ was always present in my day-to-day life and responsible for countless memories and friendships. With the start of the new year, we are launching a membership drive looking to attract new members to our TBDJ family to give them that same experience. With new and innovative programs as well as some favourites, TBDJ has a tremendous amount to offer and we are committed to spreading that message.

We'd especially like to ensure that membership at TBDJ is something that continues from generation to generation. While we have many 2nd and 3rd generation members, we're eager to work with the many children and grandchildren of longtime members, in order to demonstrate the mutual value that TBDJ membership brings. Towards that effort, we're currently reviewing our membership tiers, and plan to make some changes that will entice new and specifically young people to join and get involved. This is an exciting time at TBDJ and we can't wait to share it with new faces!

Shana Tova U'Metukah!



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Emet L'Yaacov Report

Alex Benmergui and Edouard Sabbah

Sanctuary within a sanctuary.

s active members of the Emet L'Yaacov Congregation our family Ahas enjoyed the rich traditions and melodies of both the Sephardi and Ashkenazi minyans.

Having the spiritual guidance of both Rabbi Steinmetz and Mr. Raphi Benisty has given us the benefit of being exposed to a broad perspective of both ancient and current issues which affect Judaism. We'd like to especially thank Raphi for all his dedication to Emet L'Yaacov. Day in and day out, his hard work, and that of his wife Martha, is always on behalf of others and results in pure joy for a growing number of families and their children. As a new Sephardic congregation within a larger existing synagogue, we have been extremely well received by the members of TBDJ. We look forward to a bright future together with the members of all the congregations which form the wonderful TBDJ family.

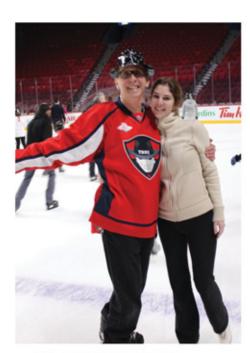
From our family to yours, Shana Tova and G'mar Chatima Tova.

Fidèle au poste.

Depuis la fondation d'Emet l'Yaakov voilà plus de 5 ans, il existe une personne qui a donné plus que quiconque ne l'a fait; qu'il s'agisse de mener la tefila, préparer la parasha, orchestrer nos soirées de fêtes, être présents aux 3 services du shabbat, offrant des cours de guémara, halakha et de moussar à la synagogue comme dans les maisons de ses fidèles ou encore prodiguant nos fabuleuses coutumes marocaines, et tout cela avec une chaleur et une attention toute particulière - il s'agît bien sûr de notre cher "leader" Raphy Benisty. Aux noms de tous ceux qui ont eu le plaisir et la chance de prier dans ta synagogue, nous te le disons pas assez, merci milles fois pour ton dévouement sans bornes, pour tout les sacrifices que toi comme ta famille endurez au nom de notre congrégation et pour tout le coeur que tu investis dans ce merveilleux projet que nous appelons chaleureusement Emet l'Yaakov.

Bonne continuation et que cette nouvelle année soit porteuse de bénédictions pour toi et tes proches. Amen.

Stay tuned for Kiddush Cup III... coming to a Bell Centre near you.



Billy and Stephanie Finkelstein.



The Punski line with Avi Milgram and Mike Langburt.



The Levy and Widman boys.





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Fundraising Committee Report

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Capital Campaign Report

As a consequence of the generous response of our membership to TBDJ's 2010 Capital Campaign, with \$1.7 million pledged to upgrade and improve the facility, the Board of Directors initiated a long-term plan to renovate major areas of the synagogue and replace deteriorated essential equipment. Renovations flowing from the Campaign included the roof repair, elevator repair, installation of wood flooring in the upper social hall, and purchase of new office computers and software. Both the lower community hall and upper social hall were repainted and new window coverings were installed in the upper social hall thanks to the generosity of the Sisterhood. The Sisterhood also funded this year's purchase of a new sound system for use in the Sanctuary and halls.

This year the Sanctuary and Chapel carpets were replaced, following which the last four rows of pews were not reinstalled, to allow for greater flexibility in the use of that space. A generous donation from Reuben Dubrovsky enabled the purchase of new, very comfortable congregational seating to replace these pews. In August, the Board approved an extensive renovation of the lower level classrooms, function rooms and office area. Details of this plan can be found in our House Committee Report.

The Capital Campaign also allowed us to pay off a loan and transfer another one to a yearly-decreasing credit line. Both of these actions immediately resulted in significant interest fee savings.

Following the completion of renovations to our lower level in October, plans will be finalized for the next phases of renovations, which include the upstairs and downstairs lobbies, as well as our next enhancements in the main sanctuary- details of which can be also be found in our House Committee Report.

The Board of Directors will ensure that a commemorative board acknowledging donations to the 2010 Capital Campaign will be mounted in the coming months, and that donors will be recognized

for their generous gifts.

We encourage those who have yet to fulfill their Capital Campaign pledges to kindly do so, and help us ensure that all our plans come to fruition as quickly and optimally as possible.

2013-14 Fundraising Report

over the coming year we will once again ask you, our members and friends, to be our partners in helping both maintain everything that is TBDJ today as well as grow into what we would all like to see TBDJ be tomorrow. As we are all aware, costs of living and costs of running a large organization like ours, are always on the rise, yet we have done our best in maintaining our membership rates. We ask all those who can go above and beyond, to kindly do so, and to be an integral part of all that we accomplish.

We're extremely proud that our Kol Nidre Appeal has been renamed "The Harry Karpman Memorial Kol Nidre Appeal". This important fundraiser is currently in full stride. Please be sure to receive our related message on Kol Nidre night, and please consider supporting us accordingly.

Our 2013 Raffle will take place on the 1st night of Chanukah, Wednesday November 27th. It will feature a special Chanukah program that you simply do not want to miss- "TBDJ's Got Talent". Stay tuned for details.

Finally, our Fundraising committee is currently working with the Board of Directors on a program that will allow members to dedicate certain facilities of TBDJ in memory or honor of their loved ones. Additional details will be unveiled in the near future. Please contact our president, Judah Aspler, should you be interested in discussing this program.

Thank you for your continued support.



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TBDJ is partnering with Camp Ilan to bring our Youth the very best in programming

TBDJ Shabbat and Holiday youth groups will be led by Camp
Ilan Director **Zack Isakow** and his trained camp counselors.

Featuring a curriculum designed especially for them, our program will be both fun and educational, and the place to be for our youth and their friends.

TBDJ will offer Youth programs for all ages:

- From Oct 19 to Winter Break:

Camp Ilan @ TBDJ will run groups for youth in Grades 1-5. Additional staff will run our Nursery & Kindergarten group.

- Following Winter Break:

Camp Ilan @ TBDJ will expand to include youth in Nursery & Kindergarten.





House Committee Report

Meir Israel

Our House Committee has been one of the most active groups at TBDJ over the last year. Between what you have seen delivered to date, and the plans we're sharing with you here, we hope that you are confident our building will operate efficiently and be a pleasure to enter- both for our members and for our anyone looking to host an event. Here are some details on what we've accomplished and what we have planned:

Roof Repair: The water leakages into the building's upper level made it critical that roof repair be the first order of business. In addition to the roof itself, our drainage was repaired and also expanded with new drains, and perimeter soffits were replaced.

Sanctuary Renovation: This summer saw us start the first phase of our interior renovations, with the installation of new carpeting in the Sanctuary and Chapel. The Aron Kodesh and the walls behind the women's sections were also brightened with fresh paint. For our next phase, the interior design team is finalizing designs for a new Aron Kodesh, a renovated backdrop behind our Aron Kodesh and dais (currently dark brick), and Bimah. All of these elements, together with our new carpet and touch-ups to our wood seating, will modernize, brighten, and enhance our magnificent Sanctuary.

Replacement of Windows: For several years, there has been considerable condensation and heat loss from our lower level windows (which are older than most of our members). In October, they will be replaced with double-paned thermal windows, providing greater energy efficiency and improved insulation. The new windows will also serve to update and enhance both the interior and exterior of the building.

Lower Level Renovation: The second phase of interior renovations was initiated in August and includes the lower level classrooms, function rooms and bride's room. In addition to the removal of wall-paper, painting of walls, installation of new flooring and ceiling tiles, and replacement of light fixtures, the parking-lot side function rooms were opened up to create one large multi-purpose space. While this function room will host our weekly Youth Minyan, with two new double-entrance doors it is also elegant enough to be used for cocktails, receptions, and perfect for a wedding's "Tisch" that opens up into the downstairs hall. The office areas will be similarly transformed, with work starting in October, and the work area will be refurbished with new workstations. A supplementary A/C unit will be installed in the office area, also serving a renovated Rabbi's office, offering all our staff a more comfortable working environment.

A/C & Heating: During the week before the 2012 High Holy Days, a severe windstorm caused a Hydro pole to fall on a power line leading into the building. This seriously damaged the synagogue's electrical system and shorted the motor that powers our air conditioning system. Electric system repairs were performed immediately

on an emergency basis and the burned out HVAC motor was replaced this spring. These costs are covered by our building insurance.

Security Grant: TBDJ was one of the few synagogues in Montreal to receive a 2013 Government of Canada grant under its Security Infrastructure Program (SIP). This allocation will cover half the cost of upgrading our security equipment, including the installation of seven new security cameras, enhanced lighting around the outside perimeter of the building, and security film on all windows. TBDJ would like to acknowledge the Canadian government's SIP program for funding this important mandate and helping public institutions provide a safe and secure environment.

Installation of LED Lighting: Members have commented that the lighting in public areas throughout the building is brighter, including in the Sanctuary, Chapel, social halls and hallways. Incandescent bulbs and flood-lights throughout the building were recently replaced with high intensity, energy-efficient LED lighting. This project was funded by a Hydro Quebec program which encourages the installation in public buildings of extended life LED bulbs that reduce kilowatt consumption.

Lobby Renovations: Our design team is also finalizing plans to renovate both our upstairs and downstairs lobbies, which will result in a clean modern look throughout every area of our building. Dates for this work have yet to be finalized, but please stay tuned for more details.

I'd like to thank a few people for their special contributions to this work. The time commitment and professional expertise of committee member Frank Fried helped us in every project we touched and was a huge asset. Committee member Warren Greenstone was also always available, and his experience with managing buildings and handling large projects was a big benefit. Our Executive Director Rebecca Rosenberg helped every step along the way and made it possible for volunteers to have their work translate into desired results. Lastly, Yakov Lev, TBDJ's Superman and at times MacGyver, who takes care of our building and helps in our projects both with his hands and with his heart.



Meir Israel works on some of the renovations.



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The Harry Karpman Memorial Kol Nidre Appeal

We are pleased to announce the renaming of our annual Kol Nidre Appeal in memory of **Harry Karpman z"I**, a long standing and dedicated member of the Synagogue, a Past President and a person who has been synonymous with fundraising in support of Synagogue activities and facility expansion. Over his 51 years of involvement with TBDJ, Harry has played a role in every facet of Synagogue activity. He is most remembered for the lead role that he played in expanding

the facility 25 years ago and for his fundraising efforts in support of the expansion. He was in the lead in introducing the annual Yom Kipper Appeal in support of youth and adult programming and he was its most active canvasser. In recognition of his dedication and his commitment in support of Synagogue philanthropy, the Board of Directors has named this annual appeal in Harry's memory.



Message from the Immediate Past President

Mayer Diamond

Time is an illusion. What we think is yesterday is actually tomorrow.

Time flies by, very quickly.

Just over two years ago, I took the position of president of the shul and it feels like this was only yesterday. Many exciting things have happened during this time, but these events and ongoing administrative work were not accomplished by one person. It took a team of very hard working, energetic and devoted people to accomplish all that was done.

I was only the manager of the team. I would like to thank the executive, the board and the office staff for all the work that they put in. Without their foresight and dedication, the work would not have been accomplished. I'm particularly proud of the Torah Dedication in

honour of **Eddie Schacter**, which was spearheaded by my successor as president **Judah Aspler**.

We were successful in reducing the shul's debts, improving our youth activities and our communications with our membership through email, bulletins, an enhanced website and our electronic board.

I am happy to report that the functioning of our office has been considerably improved, with new software and the new efficiencies undertaken by our office staff. I would also like to give a large thank you to my sounding boards, **Warren Greenstone** and **Howie Steinberg**, whose tremendous knowledge and patience helped me steer this team to many successful events.

I want to express my deep appreciation to **Rabbi Chaim Stein-metz** for his guidance and support throughout my term. Last, but not least, I'd like to thank my dear wife for her endless patience and support.

I wish the new executive and board much success and continued dedication to the continued growth and survival of our shul.



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Purim at TBDJ

Holidays are always memorable at TBDJ, but there is nothing like a Purim Celebration on Baily Road. Below are some photos from our Purim festivities this past year. Be sure to be a part of them on Saturday night, March 15th, 2014.















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Religious Services Committee Report

Ami Drazin

As one can imagine, the Religious Services Committee, under the leadership of our Rabbi, is vital to the functioning of the Shul. It affects every aspect of religious activities, and is responsible for the preparation and management of all services on Shabbat, Holidays and weekdays. In addition, there are certain special mandates that the Committee would like to share with the entire TBDJ family.

Youth Minyan: The Shul has had a Youth Minyan in place for many years. It takes place every Shabbat and serves as a place where our high-school and university students, both boys and girls, can daven in a minyan created for them and led by them. We will also work to gradually introduce our Grade 6 students into the minyan, so they can be a part of it ahead of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The students lead the services, be it davening or leining, or delivering short Divrei Torah. For the last several years, Charlie Friedman has been the leader of the Minyan and without him the Minyan would not have been able to run as smoothly as it did. The Shul owes him Hakarat Hatov (a debt of gratitude) for all his hard work, and would like to publicly thank him. We wish our new Youth Minyan leaders, Nathan Miller and Yossi Friedman, much success in the upcoming year. They both have been

attending the Youth Minyan for a number of years, and becoming the next leaders was only a matter of time.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program: There are so many kids in our shul that are going through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and we are in the process of developing a program that will provide educational and spiritual guidance during the time leading up to this event. TBDJ currently has a number of members that can either learn or teach your child, in order to prepare them for their milestone. Please contact the shul office for further information.

Decorum: A sub-committee has been established to address "proper" decorum during both Tefilah and the Rabbi's sermon. After speaking with many members of the synagogue, it is clearly in all our interests and hopes to treat our times of prayer and inspiration with the utmost respect, while also creating a comfortable and friendly environment for them. Over the coming months, the Shul will be adopting several policies to help in this endeavor.

We'd like to also take this opportunity to thank a few individuals. Thank you to Haim & Adriana Kotler for their sponsorship of new benchers for the shul. Thank you to David & Roslyn Guttman for their sponsorship of new Kiddush Levana cards. Thank you to Baila Aspler for crafting our new Parochet and Shulchan cover for the high holidays. Lastly, thank you to our Gabbaim, Gerry Cartman and lan Widman, for their hard work week-in and week-out to ensure our services run smoothly.

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Upcoming Events at TBDJ

Make sure you're on our email list to receive further details.

Taste of the World **Dinners**

Join us for a series of dinners, with a different flavour than the usual.

Featuring cuisine from different regions of the world, these fun-filled dinners will be cooked by head-chefs of local restaurants.



Wednesday October 30th



Friday, January 24th

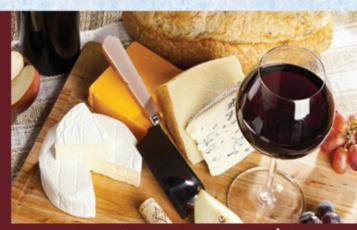
Acapella Shabbat II

Back by popular demand! A Shabbat dinner that features a special ongoing lyrical performance as you dine on a magnificent meal.

Sure to warm any cold winter Friday night.

Wine and Cheese

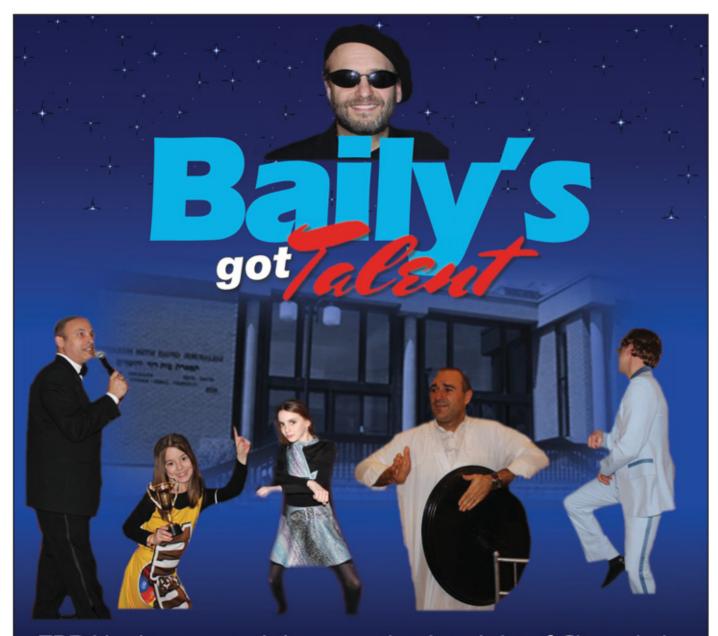
Tired of the same old routine for ordering your Pesach wines? Join us for our 1st annual TBDJ Pre-Pesach Wine and Cheese event! A professional sommelier, will show us all of the subtleties of kosher wine right in time for the holidays.



Sunday, March 23rd



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TBDJ invites you to join us on the 1st night of Chanukah,

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 at 7:30 PM

for our annual Raffle & Reception featuring everyone's favorite Reality TV show!

Raffle Grand Prize: \$13,000!

For tickets, or if you think you have Talent, please contact the office at 514-489-3841. Tickets are required for entry.

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Jewish and Widowed

Jewish and Widowed is a community wide endeavour supported by many local synagogues aimed at addressing the issue of socialization of those in the Montreal area who have lost a spouse or significant other.

This ongoing group is designed to provide a common basis from which to begin a friendship and social circle, specifically being Jewish and widowed.

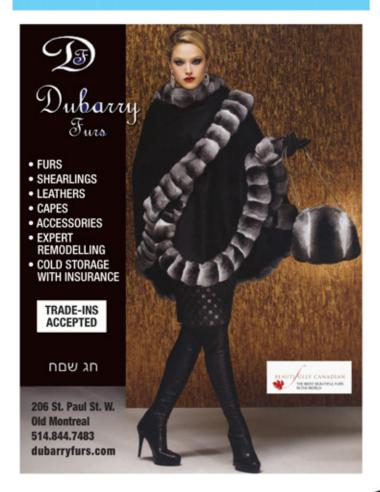
This is NOT a dating service!

Beginning from this safe space organizers hope to provide a larger monthly event at a "neutral location." These would include activities that the group itself would help decide, whether it be a theatre event, a hike, a day trip or such.

In addition, organizers hope to set up a weekly gathering place where people could "drop in" and be with others for a casual meeting such as a coffee shop, restaurant or wine bar.

Organizers hope to create a panel of interested individuals to assist during the first year, with the goal of having the group self sustained next year and beyond.

Please call Susan Sitcoff at 514-844-1490 All welcome women and men aged 25 to 95 are welcome.















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