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SHAVUOT SERVICES SCHEDULE

Erev Shavuot - Sunday, May 16, 2021

Mincha and Study Session - 7:00 PM (Pre-Yom Tov) Where: Zoom/Facebook

Candle Lighting - 8:18pm

Shavuot Day 1 - Monday, May 17, 2021

Morning Services- 9:30 AM Where: Livestream

Candle Lighting - 9:20pm (from preexisting flame)

Shavuot Day 2 - Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Morning Services - 9:30 AM (Yizkor recited) Where: Livestream

Reading of the Book of Ruth after morning services Where: Livestream

Havdalah - 9:27pm

Yizkor Service

Tuesday, May 18

Yizkor will be recited during the service
which begins at 9:30 on Livestream

RABBI HOWARD MORRISON

The following is my personal reflection at Beth Emeth's virtual L'Chaim on my twenty plus years with our synagogue.

I wish to offer some personal reflections by beginning with Hakarat Hatov - thanking and recognizing the good. I am grateful to the special events committee, the executive and board, the entire congregation, my family, and Hashem.

I wish to frame my remarks around a quotation from Pirkei Avot, The Wisdom of the Sages:
Da Ma'ayin Bata - Know from whence you have come
L'An Atah Holeich - (Know) where you are going
Lifnei Mi Atah Atid Liten Din V'Cheshbon - (Know) before whom you must give an ultimate accounting



KNOW FROM WHENCE YOU HAVE COME:

I was raised outside of Boston by two wonderful parents, Ruben and Helen Morrison, of blessed memories. I was surrounded by three amazing siblings - Reva, Mitchell, and Andrea. I was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1987. I served as rabbi for four years in Union, New Jersey, and nine years in Wantagh, New York. There, my two boys, Elie and Yonah, were born.

My life changed in November of 1999 when I received a call from Pearl Grundland, who co-chaired the rabbinic search committee with Gord Garshowitz and Avrum Gotlieb. A few days later, the four of us had a telephone conversation. In December, I flew here to meet with the search committee. In January of 2000, I met the congregation over a Shabbat weekend. In March, I accepted the position of senior rabbi, to start in August of 2000. The rest as they say is history.

In some ways, I feel like I just arrived yesterday. In other ways, I feel like I have been here forever. The reality sets in when I realize Elie and Yonah were six and two when I started here, and they are now twenty-six and twenty-two. You, the Beth Emeth community, helped to raise my two young gemstones. I will always remember the kindness you extended to a young Morrison family over twenty years ago. So many of you went out of your way to acclimate us to a new country, new culture, and a new beginning. The only thing I could not get used to was the notion of changing my sports loyalties. Sorry!

Beth Emeth is a vibrant spiritual and sacred community which has enabled me to teach, inspire, counsel, celebrate with, grieve with, and so much more. In turn, you have done the same for me. Remember that when I first came here I was a mourner myself, having lost both my parents in 1999. Soon enough, you celebrated the Bar Mitzvahs of my boys in 2007 and 2011.

While you may call me your senior rabbi, I am reminded of a Biblical statement - "Mi'Kol M'Lamdaï Hiskalti - I have been enriched by all who have taught me." I consider you all, some 1200 families, as my teachers and sources of inspiration.

How lucky am I to work with such an amazing clergy, Executive, Board of Directors, administration, and group of volunteers over the years.

I am blessed to call all of you my congregational family.
Ashreinu Mah Tov Chelkainu - How fortunate are we in what we share together.

KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING:

What will the future hold for us? On the one hand, we are taught, "Ain Navi B'Iro - There is no Prophet in one's immediate location." On the other hand, we are taught, "Eizehu Chacham? Ha'Roeh et Ha'Nolad - Who is wise? One who can anticipate what is yet to be."

Exactly one year ago, who could have envisioned what these last twelve months would have looked like? I am so proud of our shul from its leadership to the entirety of the congregation. We have exhibited resilience, strength, and courage while addressing the unknown and the anxiety surrounding it. As Jewish Law would put it, we are truly living "B'Sh'at Dchak - in an unprecedented exigent time." While being faithful to the tradition and practices which describe the character of Beth Emeth, we quickly mobilized. We first committed ourselves to everyone's safety, health, and security. Then, we quickly organized with your active participation - daily on line prayer, study, guest speakers, social programs, cultural enrichment and more. When our livestream equipment arrived in August, we began to hold Shabbat and Yom Tov morning services without a break. When Toronto guidelines permitted it, we were able to have anywhere from 20-50 people safely situated in our sanctuary. When Toronto guidelines limited attendance to no more than ten people in total, our clergy have come in every Shabbat and holiday to offer a meaningful worship experience, all directed to over one hundred livestream households which join us every Shabbat morning. We hope and pray very soon that we will be permitted to have a full service with a microcosm of our congregational family in the sanctuary.

In twenty years, you, the members of our Beth Emeth community have stood fast to the values of our traditional Conservative synagogue. Now, two decades later, we are a unique congregation within the religious landscape of the GTA.

God willing, when Covid ends, we will integrate the best synagogue practices of life before Covid and lessons learned during Covid.

KNOW BEFORE WHOM YOU MUST GIVE AN ULTIMATE ACCOUNTING:

I have defined my role as senior rabbi as facilitating spiritual growth for every person in his or her relationship with God, the Jewish people, and the world at large. I have accepted my duty with appreciation, responsibility, and humility.

An ancient interpretation suggests that when the Children of Israel encamped at Mount Sinai, each person heard the message of God in a uniquely personal way. It is my mandate to help each individual and the community as well to construct an authentic ladder of spiritual growth. We take one step at a time. Judaism is not an all or nothing proposition. Each step we take is filled with holiness and purpose.

I am thankful for the trust you showed in bringing me aboard over twenty years ago.
I am thankful for the trust you continue to show in me over twenty years later.
I am thankful to God. With God's help and with your confidence, I look forward to serving our community for years to come.

L'CHAIM!

Rabbi Howard Morrison

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RABBI DAVID GRUNDLAND

The Torah, in laying out the cycle of the Jewish year, describes three harvest festivals. Sukkot follows the High Holy Days and is associated with building a sukkah and waving the lulav, etrog, hadass and aravah. Pesach is associated with the Passover seder and the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Shavuot is the third harvest festival that Torah describes, but it has some major differences from the first two.



1. Shavuot is not given a specific date. Our sages understand from Torah that Shavuot comes exactly 50 days following Pesach, but if we didn't count the 49 days of the Omer from leaving Egypt on Passover to Shavuot, we would not know when Shavuot should occur.
2. While Shavuot is associated with the day we received the Torah, there isn't anything specific that the Torah proscribes for us to do to honour the event.

Traditionally, there is a practice of spending the night of Shavuot learning Torah. Whether studying a book, reading articles, or attending a lecture virtually, in advance, pre-recorded, or live (when and where safe to do so), as a nation we understand that “Lo Hamidrash Ha'lkar, elah hama'aseh - It is not the learning, but the doing that counts” (Mishnah Avot 1:17).

It is one thing to say “on this day we receive the Torah” but it is something else entirely to actually learn some Torah. It is one thing to learn some Torah, but it is something else entirely to integrate and live a Torah lifestyle.

Torah is only minimally concerned with what we believe and is majorly interested in the way we behave in the world. The Talmud (Makot 24a), in a discussion about the (traditionally) 613 mitzvot (directives) in the Torah, makes an allegorical deduction. There is a verse in the Torah that states “Torah Tzivah Lanu Moshe – Moshe directed us in the ways of Torah” (Devarim 33:4). The gematria (numerological value) of the Hebrew word Torah - תורה, is 611 (ת=400, ו=6, ר=200, ה=5). Our sages then explain that Moshe taught us 611 directives dealing with our actions in the world, while HaShem directly imparted the first two of the Ten Commandments, which have to do with our faith and belief: that HaShem took us out of Egypt and that we must avoid attributing independent power to anything other than God. That means that 2/613 have to do with faith and belief while 611 have to do with our behaviour.

Even the Kabbalistic guide to meditation, the Sha'arei Kedushah (Gates of Holiness), says in the introduction that a person who believes all the “right” things but acts improperly will have a very hard time on their spiritual journey, where as someone who believes differently or not at all but behaves in an honourable and respectful way will quickly grasp the deep concepts being described in the text.

During Covid, we are trying to make sure that there is enough opportunity for everyone to get involved. We have built partnerships with other shuls to creating meaningful programming. Together with Adath Israel, Beth David, and Beth Tikvah we had pre-**Purim** and **Yom HaAtzmaut** for young families with kids 0-10 with Mark Weinstock. Over 40 families attended each of these events. There was also an amazing **PJ Library Author series**, where kids 8 – 12 got to meet published authors. They heard the authors' stories about how they wrote and developed their books; they explored creating their own characters and story lines and how to write and draw for different ages.

Before Pesach, BEBY NEXTgen hosted Bryna and Tikka's **Songs and Stories** for families with kids 0-5 and every Friday Debbie Pisarek is holding weekly **Shabbat Parties** for all the little ones.

We have just concluded our third and final unit of this year's **All NEW Bnai Mitzvah Experience: My Personal Jewish Identity**. I am so proud of all the participants, as it was truly a wonderful experience to watch them learn and grow from week to week and unit to unit. It was also an amazing opportunity for NEXTgen as we developed relationships and partnered with 21 different individuals and organizations, local, internationally, and in Israel over the course of this year's experience. Planning for next year's program is already underway and will be launched following the High Holidays.

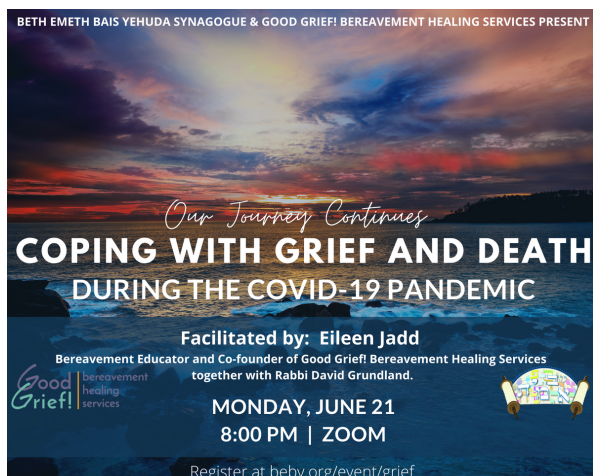
NEXTgen also ran **Simple Sustainability: An Earth Day Family Painting Experience**, together with the BEBY Greening Committee. It was fun, meaningful, engaging and educational. We also had the privilege of partnering with BEBY Brotherhood for a program **Real Estate Today: Saving Money and Staying Safe** with top real estate professionals offering guidance on how to enter the market, use existing equity to grow and/or support ourselves and others, and how to make sure that our families are well supported.

Finally, thanks to the initiative of NEXTgen community members, we sold hanging baskets of flowers for Mother's Day, to support and raise funds for future NEXTgen programs and initiatives and raised almost \$2000!!!

I continue to be amazed by the BEBY NEXTgen community and the amazing potential that keeps coming through. I have faith that as long as we stay united and keep working together, we will continue to build on our successes for many years to come.

Chag Samei'ach! Stay Healthy! Stay Connected!

L'Shalom,
Rabbi David
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By now, many of you know that I am a fan of quotations. There is always one printed and displayed on my office door- even when there's no one around to see it.

The quotation that is top of mind lately is: "the only constant in life is change".

Earlier this year our Ritual Planning team sent a questionnaire trying to gauge members' feelings about coming back to shul post-Covid. Right after Pesach, I sent out a questionnaire to all of our members asking one simple question: "How likely are you to recommend Beth Emeth to a friend or family member"?

Our Board recently held two Orientation sessions which were very enlightening and began a conversation about whether or not, and how, our Board reflects the current landscape of the shul. At the same time, it has become clear that our Constitution is in need of updating and a committee has been struck to review and undertake the necessary changes.

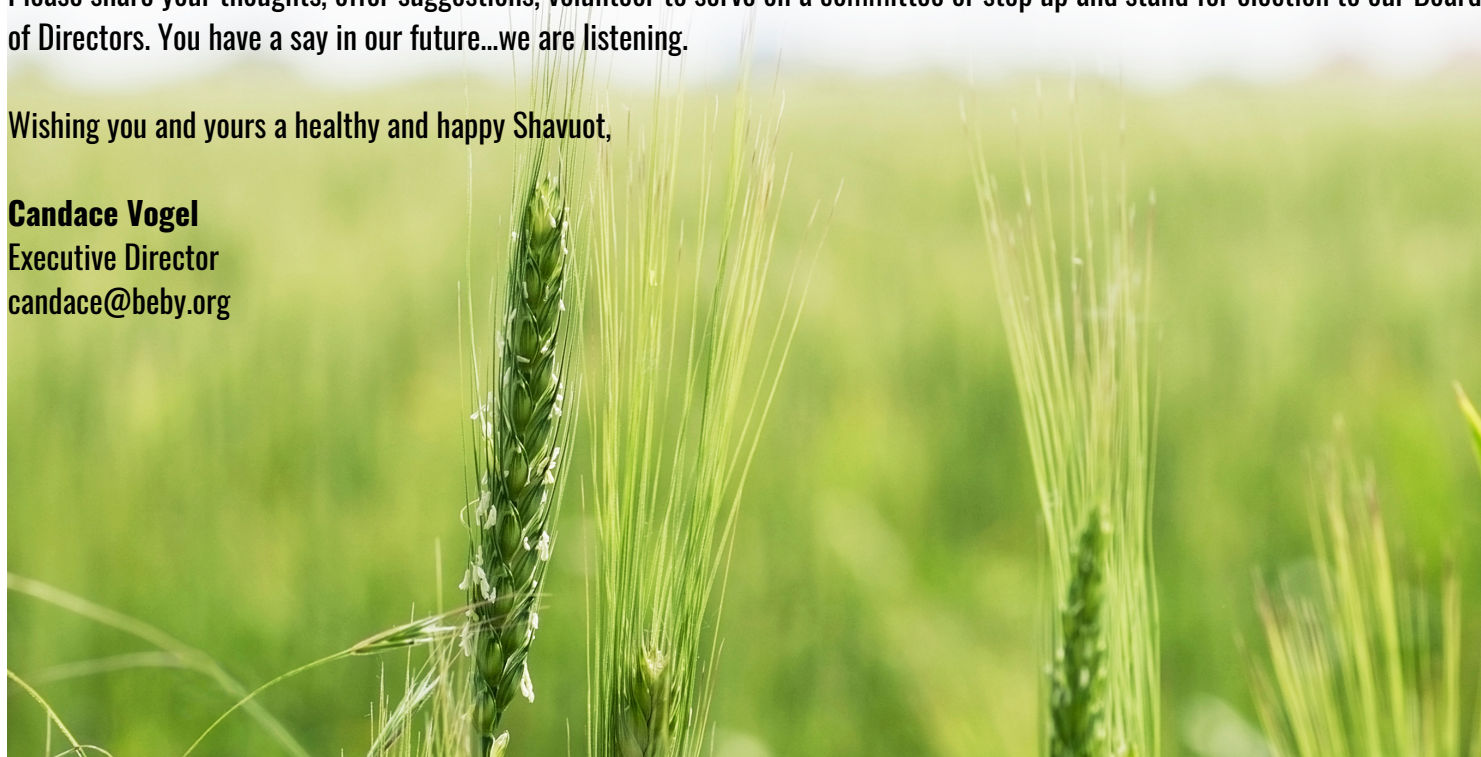
The comments and feedback that we've received as a result of these initiatives is of the utmost importance to me. I have and will continue to read every single email response, reply to comments and questions and wherever possible set up calls with those who have more to share.

Like everything else over the past 14 months, shul life – and our relationship to shul life – has changed. Some of these changes were already underway and Covid has simply sped up the process. BEBY's leadership is committed to understanding what is working and what isn't for us as an organization and for you as our members.

Please share your thoughts, offer suggestions, volunteer to serve on a committee or step up and stand for election to our Board of Directors. You have a say in our future...we are listening.

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy Shavuot,

Candace Vogel
Executive Director
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My mother made the best cheesecake. I am certain that everybody says the same thing. But really, my mother made the best cheesecake, ever. My mom, Hilary ל"ה, passed away in 2012 and I have her recipe. Every year since then, for Shavuot, I bake my mother's cheesecake. It is still the best, but there is one ingredient missing my Mom. It is on Mother's Day that I start thinking about the cheesecake and the countdown to Shavuot begins. Last year it was 18 days, this year it is 7 days. The Torah teaches us that as important as Shavuot may be, equally important is the count toward the holiday.



In our tradition, the counting starts from Pesach, “seven weeks shall you count”, and culminates in the revelation of the Ten Commandments. The experience at Sinai and the giving of the Torah was a defining moment. Shavuot reminds us what it means to be one people, one community, devoted to a singular purpose.

Covid-19 has been with us for 14 months, and it is now time for all of us to evaluate and not only realize what the past 14 months have done to us, but what have we done with the past 14 months. Our services have moved online, as have our programs, studying and learning, communications and meetings. And where possible, we have had Shabbat and Yom Tov services in our sanctuary. I am proud and grateful that the Beth Emeth community has managed to make Torah and our Jewish tradition available to all of us during this time of staying at home and physically isolating ourselves from one another.

Membership statements, as usual, will be sent out in June. Now more than ever, we need your ongoing support to continue to provide the broad range of services and programs we provide to our community.

Chag Sameach!

Malcolm Weinstein

President

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BOARDROOM BANTER

Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. The gift of the Torah was an event of such awesome proportions that it stamped the Jewish nation with a unique character, faith and destiny.

One continual theme that we can observe from the study of Torah is that within every parsha there are multiple area of opinions and interpretations. Debate, disagreement and the seeking of a resolution is a lesson taught throughout the Torah.



As Chairman of the Board, I can state without hesitation that even with the restrictions forced on us by the pandemic, our board members and chairpersons of the numerous committees, have stepped up to ensure that as the lay leaders of our synagogue we continue to address the needs of our members. Our board meetings are engaging and challenging, we are fortunate to have Directors who are willing to participate in strong debates, on a variety of issues and policies that affect the day to day and future operations of our synagogue. Disagreements, debates and a willingness to compromise ensure that decisions are well thought out and ultimately benefit the synagogue at large not just a single group's interest.

Our Board of Directors are elected to serve the needs of our congregation in dealing with running of our synagogue. Members of our board have willingly taken on the mantle to assess challenging issues of great concern, in addressing how we fulfill our responsibility to manage the financial, social, administrative, synagogue services and spiritual needs of our members. It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that we have focused on the expectations of our congregants, to deliver the highest level of commitment to their lifecycle events and personal needs.

You will find within this Keshet, the Board Nomination Form. As we continue to address the restrictions of COVID, plan for a post-COVID environment and look to effects that the past 18 months have had on our day to day synagogue life, I would encourage you to consider running for the Board. Everyone, in some context, has been touched by the changes we have faced. Please think about getting involved, running for a position, becoming engaged as a lay leader.

I would like to thank our Board for their dedication and altruistic attitude, it is my honour to work with such a devoted group of individuals.

On behalf of my wife Lori and my family I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Shavuot.

Steven Greenwood
Chairman of the Board
Chair of GAASC
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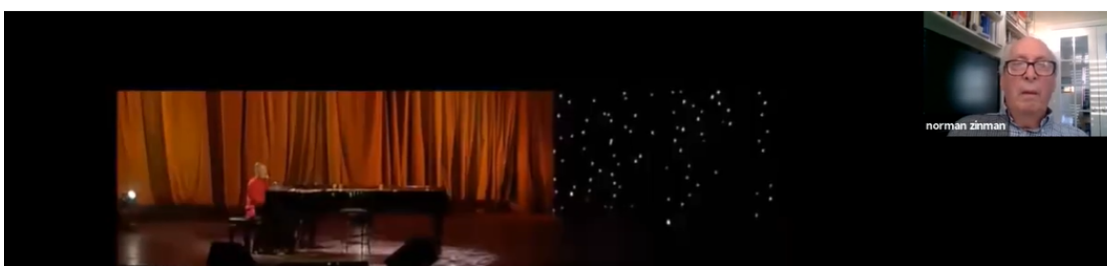
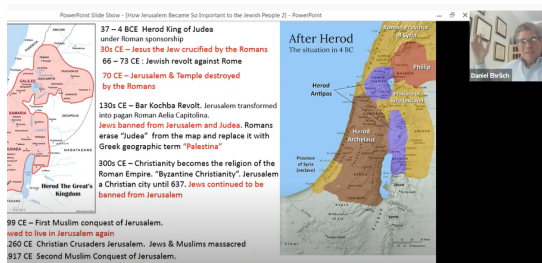
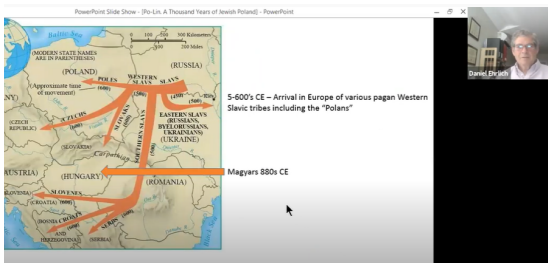
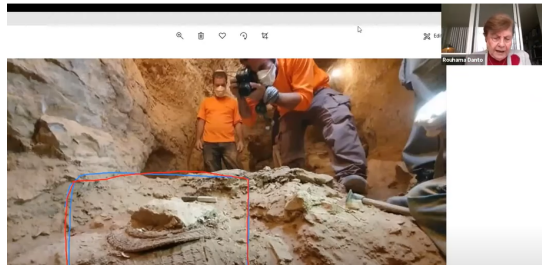
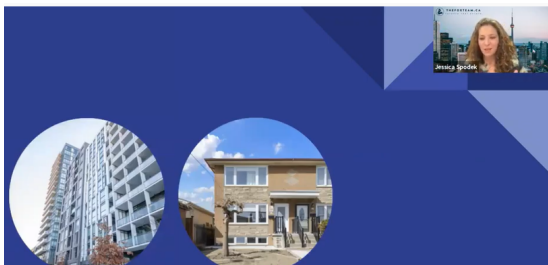
We hope you are enjoying the programs we are offering via Zoom while we continue to adhere to all health guidelines. This is a wonderful way to stay connected with your synagogue; visit and interact with your friends online or through audio on your phone. Please contact the office if you need assistance, they are there to help.

Our Out of the Cold Committee was honoured with a donation from the David Katz ל"ר Chesed Fund (from Kehillat Chaverim) for their continued efforts during the COVID-19 restrictions, One example is where they and members' neighbours made sandwiches for deliveries and distributions through a downtown site. We are so proud!

A synagogue community provides so much more than just seeing each other on the High Holidays. We become part of something much bigger. There are many ways to do this, programming is just one. Would you like to become a part of this story? Please contact Candace or me to discuss what opportunities are available.

Stay safe, stay well. Chag Shavuot Sameach!

Susan Colomby
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Some Zoom programs we've enjoyed over the last few months

- Real Estate Today
- Rouhama Danto - The Hebrew Language
- Daniel Ehrlich - Israel and Poland Jews throughout history part 1 & 2
- Norman Zinman - Celebrities and their special Jewish connections

INTRODUCING...

Over the last few months we've welcomed two new faces to our Synagogue office team - we're excited to introduce you to...

MARILYN KAFTALOVICH joined us in February, after years in the financial services industry and it's her warm voice you'll hear when you call our office. Marilyn's strong affinity for Jewish communal life has made her a valued asset to our team.

She is keen to assist BEBY members with general inquiries, donations, information about upcoming programs and events.

Marilyn and her husband Rafi are the proud parents of two grown daughters as well as two beautiful grandchildren and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of number three later this spring. Marilyn also enjoys music, live theatre, the outdoors and beach destinations.

Marilyn can be reached at reception@beby.org or x233



DANIELLE SHOIHET recently assumed the role of Program Coordinator. She acts as a liaison with various committee chairs in ensuring that all aspects of their programs are carried out, from initial concept to delivery; coordinating with outside speakers and guests to ensure that events run smoothly. Danielle is a graduate of Western University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Media, Information & Technoculture. She is currently working on her Event Management Certificate from Humber College. She is experienced in managing schedules, coordinating programs, creating posts and flyers for all social media platforms, as well as collaborating and ensuring positive relations with key stakeholders.

In her spare time, Danielle loves to dance, do yoga, and read books. She also loves travelling and exploring new countries and cultures. Fun fact, Danielle was born in Petah Tikvah, Israel and is fluent in Russian.

She is excited to be a part of the BEBY team and looks forward to her role and to meeting more members. Danielle can be reached at programs@beby.org or x288

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS...

On February 28th of this year, an exciting and fun celebration was held thanking Rabbi Morrison for 20 wonderful years of partnership in our Beth Emeth family. Although we could not be there in person, the warmth and love for our Rabbi shone through. Rabbi Morrison's family - sons Elie and Yonah, his brother Mitchell and his sisters Reva and Andrea relayed childhood stories and memories, with great pride. We also learned many facts about our Rabbi by playing a game about his life to date.

After raising our glasses and wishing for a piece of the virtual celebratory cake, all present wished Rabbi Morrison the best and many more years with us.

Mazel Tov, Yasher Koach Rabbi Morrison, we wish you health and happiness in the years to come.

Your loyal congregants





**BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA SYNAGOGUE
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021
INVITATION FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS**

Dear Member:

May 2021

This is an invitation to Members with an interest in becoming a candidate for election as an Officer or Director of the Synagogue to indicate such interest to the Nominations Committee. The following positions will be voted upon: Five seats on the Board of Directors.

A nomination form is enclosed. This form requires the signatures of the proposed candidate and seven other synagogue members in good standing. **Deadline for submission of nomination forms to the synagogue office is 2:00 pm Friday, October 8, 2021.** Nomination forms should be returned to the attention of Allan Snow, Chair-Nominations Committee.

The qualifications for holding office of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue are as follows:

- Directors: All directors and officers must be members in good standing, and must have been a member for not less than one year prior to the date of election and otherwise be lawfully entitled to act as director of a corporation.

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If more information or clarification is required, please contact Allan Snow, Chair-Nomination Committee by e-mail at pastprez@beby.org.

Yours truly,

Allan Snow
Chair, Nominations Committee

BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA SYNAGOGUE – NOMINATION FORM

This document or any facsimile thereof shall be used as a nomination form for Members in Good Standing of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue ("BEBY") who wish to run for a seat on the Board of Directors or run for the office of Vice President of BEBY at the 2021 Annual General Meeting to be held on November 14, 2021. A nomination will require the signatures of the proposed candidate and seven (7) other Members in Good Standing. The deadline for submitting nomination forms to the Nominations Committee (Allan Snow, Chairman) in respect of a candidate for the elections is 2:00 pm. October 8, 2021

The undersigned Member in Good Standing of BEBY wishes to put his/her name forward as a candidate for the office noted next to his/her name at the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Synagogue. The undersigned hereby confirms that he/she qualifies to run for such office given the prerequisites for such office as set out in the BEBY Constitution.

_____	X
Date	Name of Candidate
	Office: _____

Each of the undersigned is a Member in Good Standing of BEBY and by signing below is indicating his/her willingness to nominate the above named candidate to run for a seat on the Board of Directors or run for Vice President, of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

_____	X
Date	Name: _____

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS



The article below was published in the Toronto Star on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

Both Frances Sacks and Jordana Sacks are BEBY members, and Frances is a Wierzbniaker Society member.

A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR RECEIVED THE COVID-19 VACCINE FROM A VERY SPECIAL DOCTOR: HER GRANDDAUGHTER

By Lucas Meyer

A few decades ago, in her North York bungalow, Frances Sacks' arms churned out batch after batch after batch of French fries for her grandchildren as they laughed and played in the kitchen. A few decades before that, those arms moved however they had to in order to survive the Holocaust.

Then last month, those 98-year-old arms were in the hands of a doctor administering Frances' first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Most of the doctor's face was covered by a surgical mask and face shield, but a printed photo helped remind the senior — who suffers from dementia — of who the physician was.

"Jordana! Jordana!" Frances cried at the realization that it was her granddaughter at her side.

Over her mask and through the shield, Dr. Jordana Sacks' eyes welled.

"She gave my dad life and then he gave me life and now I'm helping her to survive," Sacks says of her bubbe, who is affectionately known as "Fela." "That's not lost on me."

Sacks, a family doctor and professor at the University of Toronto, hadn't planned on giving the vaccine to her own grandmother. At the start of the pandemic, Sacks had continued working in her family practice and, as the winter wore on, she decided she wanted to contribute more. When York Region Public Health put out a call to physicians to assist with vaccinations in the new year, it was an easy call of duty to answer.

One of the facilities Sacks was assigned to happened to be the seniors home where Fela lives. You could consider it luck, but the Sacks family thinks of it as "beshert" — Yiddish for "destiny."

Sacks says that Fela understands that there's a virus but doesn't comprehend its full significance or how it's connected to why people don't visit her like they used to. Last spring, residents in Fela's home were allowed outdoor meetings, but with Sacks' busy work schedule, it had been difficult to coordinate a visit. Then there was a COVID outbreak at the facility, so Fela's family moved her to a relative's apartment with a caregiver. When it was safe for Fela to return, Sacks would stand outside and wave to her grandmother in the window. "I've only seen her in person three or four times in the last year," says Sacks. For her, the window may as well have been a canyon.

So in mid-January, when Sacks found herself on the other side of the window, she made the most of it. She told her colleagues about the family connection and quickly found the consent form Fela would need for her vaccination to ensure that she would be the one to administer the shot. The printed photo was a suggestion that Sacks' sister Jennifer had made the night before.

Sacks knew she wouldn't have much time with Fela during the actual vaccination — due to the timing needs of the Pfizer dose, there would be a queue of other seniors who needed it just as much as her beloved grandmother. Most of their time together took place before the vaccination, when Sacks managed to FaceTime her parents, whom Fela sees often virtually and recognizes well despite her dementia.

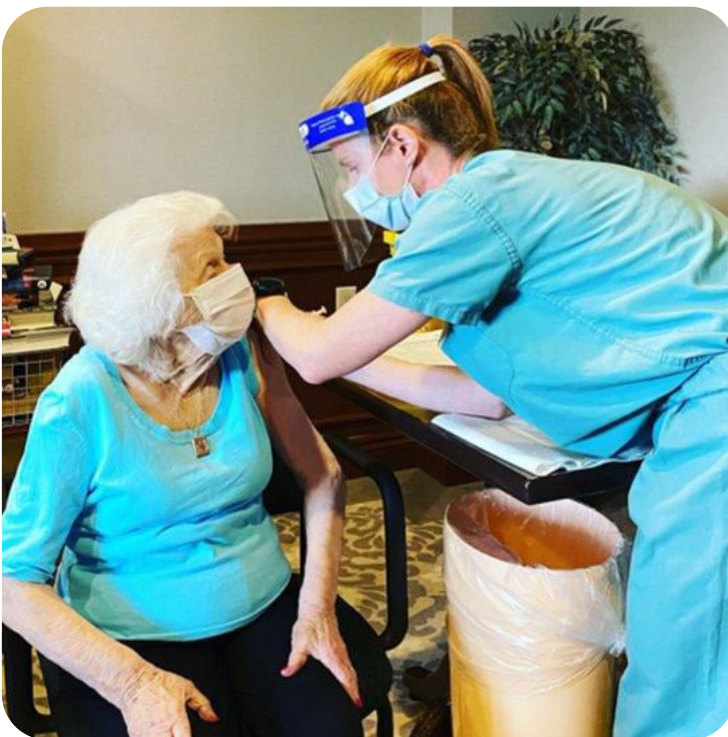
The time it took to administer the needle was short, but Sacks says its impact will stay with her forever.

“As a kid, she's Bubbe — you don't necessarily realize the survivor aspect of the story. My parents didn't love to speak about [the Holocaust] when I was a kid. Only when I became an adult and became more conscious of these things did I really realize and appreciate what she went through.

Sacks says Fela opened up about surviving the Holocaust to one of Sacks' three boys a few years ago on the anniversary of her liberation. Sacks filmed the conversation on her phone through tears as she watched the two ends of the family tree sitting side by side.

Today, it's hard to imagine a bigger career highlight for Sacks. How do you measure providing this gift to someone who paved the path of your life?

“It's unbelievable,” she says. “If we could teach that same resilience to our children, it would be amazing.”



Mazel Tov on the following:



BIRTHS

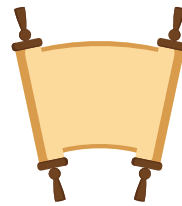
Mazel Tov on the birth of **Max Evan**, son of Samantha Fleisher & Adam Hammerschlag, grandson of Corinne & Mark Hammerschlag and Sheri & Allan Fleisher, brother of Zoey

Mazel Tov on the birth of **Rylan Nova**, son of Laura Wilchesky & Joshua Litwin, grandson of Arla & Zvi Litwin and Shelley Cobrin & Marc Wilchesky, great-grandparents are Goldie & Manuel Litwin, Bernice & Nate Leipziger and Bronee Cobrin

Mazel Tov on the birth of **Lyle Robert**, son of Elyssa & Mitchell Kideckel, grandson of Karen & Paul Seidman and Carla & Marshall Kideckel, great-grandparents are Donna & Abe Seidman, Syd & Ellen Lerer, Sandy Lerer, and Liane Piltz

Mazel Tov on the birth of **Goldie Danielle** (גטל־דעוואַראַה Gittel-Devorah), daughter of Melissa & Howard (Yechial) Izraelski, granddaughter of Lori Markus, Tom Markus and Michael Izraelski, sister of Samuel. Lovingly remembered at this time are Gloria Izraelski ל"ה and Gertrude Korn ל"ה

Due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many simchas were cancelled or postponed. Others were held in backyards or living rooms and "zoomed" for family and friends. As such, the shul may not have been advised. If you have a lifecycle celebration you'd like to share, please contact the office.



B'NAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to **Zoe Gutfreund**, daughter of Jay Gutfreund & Gaela Mintz, sister of David and Toby Gutfreund, granddaughter of George & Penny Gutfreund and Jack & Eleanor Mintz

Mazel tov to **Raphael Bernhard**, son of Caroline Cohen & Roy Bernhard, brother of Marlon, grandson Merita & Jacob Cohen and Hana & Ricardo Bernhard

Mazel tov to **Zachary Koifman**, son of Melissa & Rolan Koifman, brother of Jonah, grandson of Mila & Lev Koifman and Barbara Urman, great-grandson of Ida Koifman. Lovingly remembered at this time is David Urman ל"ה

ENGAGEMENTS



Mazel tov to David & Renee Stier on the engagement of their son **Brandon Stier** to **Sonya Yosopov**, daughter of Geula and Raffi Yosopov of Ramal, Israel



NACHAS

Mazel Tov to **Ben & Julia Golinsky** on their recent 93rd birthdays! With much love from their family

Mazel Tov to **Kenneth & Esther Berger** on their recent 44th wedding anniversary! With much love from their family

BEREAVEMENTS

We mourn the loss of:

Judy Smulewicz ל"ד

Harold Rotman ל"ד , husband of Rebecca Rotman, father of Gary Rotman

Betty Generich ל"ד , sister of Jerry Weinper

Pearl Steinberg ל"ד , mother of Lillian Cherun

Morris Leider ל"ד , husband of Dina Leider, father of Sandy Leider

Frank Fleisher ל"ד , father of Allan Fleisher and Howie Fleisher

Arie Cymerman ל"ד , father of Bluma Heimlich

Hanna Drukmaler ל"ד , mother of Gary Drukmaler

Syma Forberg ל"ד , mother of Esther Michaels

Sylvia Soicher ל"ד , sister of Miriam Crystal

Robert Rose ל"ד , brother of Elaine Rubinoff

May Sand ל"ד, mother of Gloria Gordon

Roslyn Kagan ל"ד, mother of Shari Singer

Ana Itzcovici ל"ד mother of Edith Levy

Rhina Brooker ל"ד, mother of Michael Brooker

Rose Greenspan ל"ד, mother of Brian Greenspan

Howard Driman ל"ד, husband of Sharon Driman, father of Julia Glowinski

Freda Estrien ל"ד

May their memories be a blessing

ALEPH BEIT CHADASH SCHOOL



This past year was most challenging for our Aleph Beit Chadash Hebrew School, but our wonderful teachers worked to ensure that our students remained engaged through their virtual lessons. They even delivered packages of curriculum material and supplies to each household! We thank them for their dedication to the students and to our school.

We are hoping that come September we will once again be able to offer our program in person in the shul. Final decisions will be made closer to the time and in accordance with Health and Safety regulations. Rest assured that we will offer a full program regardless of the method of delivery.

We are proud of our school and especially of our innovative curriculum, which ensures that all learners, through discussions and activities that encourage critical thinking and mindfulness, develop a strong, Jewish identity and understand the importance of Jewish values in their own lives. Students learn to appreciate their heritage and the traditions that are rooted in Conservative Judaism, as well as to pray, read Hebrew and develop their Hebrew vocabulary. Students are inspired to advocate for and support Israel and the Diaspora.

We used many online games, videos, tours and tools throughout the term, including having an Israeli "Zoom pal" who popped into our classes each week to share some news from Israel. To celebrate Pesach, students decorated their own Kiddush cups for the seder.

Our program, which runs from Grades 1 to pre-Bar and Bat mitzvah, starts in September and continues until May. Register the children in your family now to ensure that they will have a spot in this exciting, engaging and enriching program. Call the shul office to speak with Shauna Small, the Director of Education or email her at schooldirector@beby.org. Note that tuition is fully tax deductible.

We look forward to meeting your family early in the fall. We wish everyone a Chag Sameach and a safe and healthy summer.

Shauna Small
Education Director
schooldirector@beby.org

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2021-2022 SCHOOL
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BEBY BOOMERS

On behalf of the BEBY Boomer's Committee, we would like to extend a Chag Sameach to all our congregation. We wish you and your families a season that is blessed with peace, joy, and good health always! With most of us confined to our homes not only due to Covid but winters blustery weather as well, the Boomer Committee featured two programs in March, aimed at helping us cope with these stressful times in a healthy and safe way.

On March 3rd, we had Sandra Corrado as a guest speaker. Sandra, an Integrative Wellness Coach and Certified Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer, spoke about practical approaches to dealing with stress. The program was very informative and was followed by "FLORFIT" - a weekly dance fitness program which we held Monday afternoons throughout the month of March. FLORFIT was led by one of our own shul members and fellow BEBY Boomer- Florene Moskowitz, who generously donated her payment for the program, back to the Shul. Thank you, Florene!

Our next program is scheduled for **May 20, 2021** with guest speaker Anne Balaban, who will talk about "The Power of Laughter." Don't miss this program!

We hope to announce some new programs in the coming months. Happy Shavuot and all the best!

Marlene White and Ruth Gilbert
Co-Chairs, BEBY Boomers Committee

THE POWER OF LAUGHTER

As a coping mechanism during stressful times



WITH GUEST SPEAKER ANNE BALABAN

- Author of "Common Sense is Uncommon"
- Award recipient from the Brilliant Minded Women of Canada
- International expert in human potential

THURSDAY, MAY 20 7:30 PM ZOOM

VISIT [BEBY.ORG/EVENT/THEPOWEROFLAUGHTER](https://www.bebysynagogue.org/event/thepoweroflaughter) TO REGISTER

MUSIC

Greetings from the Music Committee!

We hope that you are all well and keeping safe. Once again, our committee has been meeting to plan virtual programs for your viewing pleasure. Some of the presentations have been in cooperation with the Continuing Education Committee.

We had the pleasure of presenting Martin Shaw – the Yiddle mit'n Fiddle, on Chol Hamoed Pesach. This event was well attended and received. We will have the opportunity to see him again on **July 1st** when we have been invited by Kehillat Chaverim to join them for their 5th Anniversary celebration. He will be presenting his program "From Brahms to Broadway". Watch the shul blasts for more information.

Also in the planning stage is a program with Cantor Beny Maissner tracing the history of the Shaliach Tzibur/Baal Tfillah, as it evolved into the sacred calling of Hazzanut. His vast knowledge will surely promise an informative and enjoyable event.

Our Synagogue blasts have been announcing musical presentations from other Synagogues. We are invited to participate. On behalf of our committee, we wish you and your families Chag Sameach as we look forward to celebrating Shavuot.

Bernice Levine and Ilene Kuchinsky
Co-Chairs, Music Committee

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Here we are approaching another celebration in the Hebrew calendar and the synagogue is empty. For the last year and more we have followed major holidays and major events in our personal lives from afar and continue to stay involved in Beth Emeth. This mirrors our relationship with you and the Continuing Education Committee as we offered a wide range of programs and speakers that you have enjoyed from the comfort of your own home.

We thank you for your commitment to our programs and appreciate the emails that have come our way expressing your satisfaction for the education and information we have sent your way. In some respects the pandemic has provided us with many more opportunities to reach out beyond our borders to find our speakers and have them talk with you. Some have come from Israel and some have come from the U.S.. On many occasions we have brought you programs from members of Beth Emeth which have enriched our insights on the talents and interests of those amongst us who share in the joy and closeness of our mutual membership.

There will be more coming your way from our members as we will soon have another program on the Celebrities of Hollywood and their attachment to Judaism. On **June 13** a joint program with the Greening Committee and Continuing Education will present Rouhama Danto and her well researched talk on Water and Wells in the Bible and Today. Coming **August 18** we will be bringing back a wonderful speaker, Avi Benlolo, who will captivate us with his talk. Please follow your weekly email blast which keeps us all informed about upcoming programs so we can all gather together via Zoom to explore more interesting speakers and subjects that enrich our Jewish ideals and beliefs.

Any time you find a subject and speaker which might appeal to you and our members please send us an email through the office and we will be happy to make the connection and bring the program to our members. You have been watching us over the last year and are now familiar with the type of programs we all enjoy. Lend a helping hand and do your part to enhance our programming and we will make sure to mention your contribution when we present your program.

From Marlene White, myself and the Continuing Education Committee we hope you continue to enjoy our offerings and look forward to seeing you soon.


Chag Sameach,
Perry Davis and Marlene White
Committee Co-Chairs

Beth Emeth's Continuing Education + Greening Committee and ONEIG Presents


Water and Wells in the Bible and Water Challenges Today

Sunday, June 13th
11 AM | Zoom

With





Rouhama Danto
Beth Emeth's very respected,
knowledgeable scholar and
educator on the Bible



Susan Munro
Ontario Nurses for the Environment
& past Board member on current
water challenges

Register at: beby.org/event/water



GREENING COMMITTEE

“All who are thirsty, come for water.” (Isaiah, 55:1). Hashem has sanctified us with His commandments which we have translated into environmental traditions and holiday customs that enable and entrust us to be stewards and protectors of our earth. Rouhama Danto, our beloved educator and scholar will enlighten us and elaborate in her presentation on June 13th on how Torah and water are vital and intertwined as indispensable and essential sources of life. Torah is frequently compared to the life-giving properties of water in so many of our traditions and customs. We also learn of the negative outcomes of having too much water such as when Hashem flooded the earth during Noah’s time or too little water such as the drought which brought Joseph’s brothers to Egypt where they initially sojourned and prospered until an unfriendly king transformed this prosperity into slavery. Drought described in the opening of the Book of Ruth read during Shavuot describing too little water and drought when the waters are hiding.

In Israel, Shavuot, is also considered a holiday of water. Prior to COVID-19, massive crowds of people in city centers engaged in water fights and water games such as throwing water balloons at each other or by spraying a passerby, each other and loved ones with powerful water guns from rooftops. Or they took hikes along a trail that leads to a waterfall or around a lake stopping to have lunch at a nearby stream. At the start of the hot season, taking relaxing baths or frolicking and having fun and games outside with water makes sense.

Susan Munro, past Board member of the Ontario Nurses Environmental Interest Group and a champion advocating for water protection against environmental injustices, is our second presenter on **June 13th**.

Totally in sync with Beth Emeth’s focus on community outreach by fostering a culture of collaboration and transparency, Susan Munro, a representative of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario and specifically the Ontario Nurses Environmental Interest Group, has collaborated with the Canadian Environmental Law Association regarding water concerns in her community and has taken her advocacy work to the provincial level to have acts changed to address rural water. She will enlighten you about the uphill battle to bring to the forefront the need for sustainable, clean water. This will include legislation as an outcome of the Walkerton Inquiry as well as addressing Indigenous concerns.

For many, water means turning on a tap. However, for countless citizens worldwide, including many rural Ontarians who rely on wells for water supply, it is not that simple. Consideration needs to be given to balancing industry with rural land owners to ensure both quantity and quality of water, which is a basic human right.

Join us as Rouhama Danto and Susan Munro share their historical and current knowledge of political actions and journeys to ensure preservation of clean, drinkable water from water sources including wells in rural and urban communities in Israel and in Ontario.

Rabbi Morrison frequently reminds us: Better days are coming. Mel and I wish you and your families improved, healing days ahead and a joyful Chag Samaech staying safe by wearing your masks, keeping your distance, washing your hands frequently and getting the vaccine when it is available.

Hilda Swirsky, RN,BScN, MEd
Chair of Beth Emeth Greening Committee

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

We are very pleased that we have been able to grow our programming for the Library this year and have extended our sessions beyond last year's dates.

On **March 4**, Cynthia Good helped us dive deeper into the many nuances of *Lear's Shadow* by Claire Holden Rothman. Not only did we focus on the book itself, but we explored the connections to Shakespeare's *King Lear* and learned that Lear probably suffered from Louie Body Dementia, which explains a lot about the King's behaviour and about the actions of one of the characters in *Lear's Shadow*. Many thanks to 147 Elder Street and to Susan Colomby for their generous sponsorship.

Sidura Ludwig, a local author, joined us on **April 18** to share insights about her newest novel, set in Thornhill and entitled *You Are Not What We Expected*. Her very human portrayal of the characters and her references to local sites will be appreciated by all readers, especially those who live in the environs of the shul. Thank you to the Synagogue Brotherhood who sponsored this event.

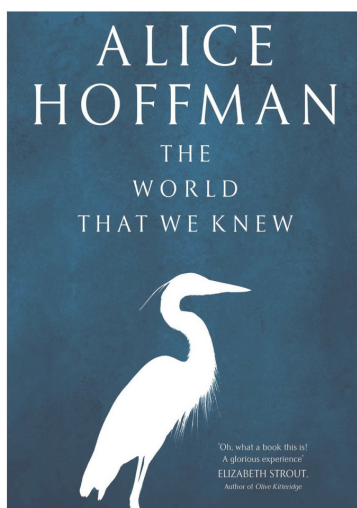
On **Sunday, April 25**, Debbie Zimelman joined via Zoom from Israel to share with us her photo journal about women on the front lines of the IDF. We were also afforded a personal viewpoint from a soldier who serves in one of the four battalions where women and men fight side by side in the IDF. We appreciate the generous sponsorship by the Israel Fund of the shul for this event. *Women on the Front Lines: Inside the Combat Units of the Israeli Army* can be purchased through Amazon.

Rachel Maizes Zoomed us from the United States on **May 9** to talk about her collection of short stories called *We Love Anderson Cooper*. Her important book brings to light the diverse groups of people from a variety of backgrounds who must be included in any discussion of who is a Jew and how we can better serve the needs of all Jews. Many thanks to the Brotherhood for their kind sponsorship.

Sheli Meyers is returning to our group on **May 13** to review Alice Hoffman's *The World That We Knew*, set during the World War II years and enhanced with touches of magical realism. As a way to protect her daughter, Lea, Hanni conjurs up a golem. The supreme bounds of a mother's love are explored in this beautiful story. Kensington Place sponsored this event and we deeply appreciate their continued support of our book events.

We close off our year on June 6 with an Ottawa based author, Daniel Goodwin, who will be reviewing his book *The Art of Being Lewis*.

Lunch & Literature



THURSDAY, MAY 13

1:30 PM - ZOOM

The World That We Knew

by Alice Hoffman

Reviewed by: Sheli Meyers

Sponsored by: Kensington Place
Toronto's Finest Kosher Retirement Residence

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Having lost his job and with a lot of time on his hands, Lewis' insecurities cloud his perspectives on a variety of events – some humorous and some less so. In the end, we as readers are witness to a very human protagonist who must face and struggle with his own demons. Thanks again to the Brotherhood for sponsoring.

If you have a book that you would like to have reviewed for next year or if you are interested in sponsoring one of our upcoming events please contact me at secretary@beby.org. As well, if you are interested in helping to plan future book events, we would be pleased welcome you to Library committee.

Chag Sameach on behalf of the Library Committee,
Eleanor Minuk

**BOOKS
AND BAGELS**

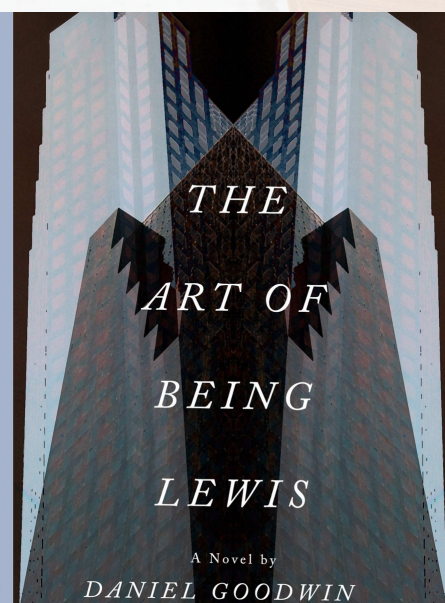
Sunday, June 6
10:00 AM • ZOOM

WITH
DANIEL GOODWIN



Register at beby.org/event/June6

SPONSORED BY THE BEBY BROTHERHOOD



CHESED KNITTERS

The pandemic has forced everyone to look at things a little differently and try to solve issues in innovative ways. One of the problems we were facing was how to get our knitted hats to the IDF who need them. We were very fortunate to receive a large donation from Steeles Memorial Chapel and we decided to use a portion of it to get the hats to Israel. We also figured that if we were having trouble getting hats to heads, then other Jewish knitting groups from around the city would be having the same problem. We contacted those in Toronto who knit for Hats for Israeli Soldiers and we collected 25 pounds of hats! The cost to ship them turned out to be exorbitant, so Ken Bodenstein, CEO of Steeles Memorial, stepped in again and offered to get the hats to Israel for us. Thank you to Allan Snow for getting the hats to Steeles just before the start of Pesach.

This is such a good news story on so many levels – various groups who may not have worked together in the past now coordinating for a common goal, and Steeles Memorial leading the initiative on helping us fulfill our mandate of supporting Israel. Many, many thanks again to Steeles Memorial Chapel and especially to Ken Bodenstein for their ongoing help and support of the Chesed Knitters.

The Krinkle Project, who receive our knitted blankets, are preparing to make another delivery to emergency shelters for women and children in August, so we have more time to work on blankets. At this point we have more than 70 blankets to give them. Please contact the office if you would like to knit blankets with us, if you need patterns or would like to donate either funds or acrylic yarn.

We love what we do and we feel honoured to be able to help others. It's a real positive during this difficult time.

Wishing everyone a good Yontuf this Shavuot,

Eleanor Minuk

On behalf of the Chesed Knitters

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood has been busy! In January we held an amazing Beer Tasting with Kensington Brew Co. and a delicious dinner from Apex.

Our Yellow Candle program went virtual, with a meaningful online service on April 7th. You can still make a contribution to the candle program - online or by calling the office.

We are looking forward to the FJMC Regional Wine Tasting on **May 20**, with another creative and tasty menu from Apex. Make sure to join us and register by Sunday, May 16!

Lastly, we're excited about our upcoming FJMC International Convention which will be going virtual this year. The conference runs from **June 6 -13** and is open to everyone.

Allan Snow

President, BEBY Brotherhood

Bruce Martin

Immediate Past President, BEBY Brotherhood

The Ansh-eh Zafon Region of the FJMC in conjunction with the Men's Clubs of

- Beth David Synagogue
- Beth Emeth Synagogue
- Adath Israel Synagogue
- Beth Tzedec Congregation

Invite you to a **Virtual Dinner, Tapas and Wine Tasting**

Join us for a wine, dinner and tapas evening hosted by **Michael Grammer** of Beth Tzedec. Michael will discuss a number of topics of interest to the novice and the experienced oenophile as well as some "just for fun" presentations, as he has with a number of cultural associations in the past.

Featuring

White: Italy: 2019 Cantine Leuci Chardonnay
Red: Israel: 2017 Binyamina Cabernet Sauvignon
Red: France: 2019 Chateau Les Riganes (Bordeaux)

Thursday May 20 at 7:00 PM
Register online by May 16
beby.org/event/wine or call 416-633-3838

Wine Tasting & Tapas - \$95
Tapas only - \$53

Catered by Apex Kasher Catering (COR)
Vegetarian Option Available

The Wine & Tapas order comes with three half-bottles of wine. Couples may want to purchase one Wine & Tapas order and one Tapas Only order.

The Federation of Jewish Men's Club presents...

FJMC Annual International Convention
Sunday, June 6 - Sunday, June 13
Zoom

Keynote Speakers

Micah Goodman  Leading voice on Judaism, Zionism, the Bible, and the challenges and opportunities facing Israel and world Jewry.	Rabbi Sharon Brous  Senior and founding Rabbi of IKAR, and a leading voice in reanimating religious life in America. Led the Seder at The White House this year.
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MARTY KESHEN CHESD

Helping Shul Members and the Community

The pace of vaccination against Covid-19 is increasing, but until we are fully vaccinated, along with many others, we are still dealing with social distancing measures in the community.

Members of the Chesed Committee continue to reach out to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda seniors to keep in touch and to see how they are coping. The Chesed Committee, on behalf of Beth Emeth, acknowledges individual birthdays and anniversaries with a personal phone call.

Virtual Coffee and Conversation on Zoom is an initiative of the Chesed Committee and BEBY as a place for members to get together and connect and chat. We continue to meet twice weekly and hope to see you at one of our sessions.

We have a group of dedicated volunteers who are available to provide much needed support to our members at all ages and stages of life.

Please contact the shul if you would like a member of the Chesed Committee to contact you:

- In times of illness
- In times of bereavement
- In times of loneliness
- Who need emotional and social assistance

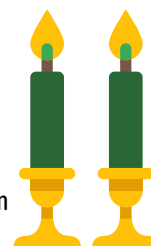
You can call the shul office or email us at chesed@beby.org

Helen Katz

Marty Keshen Chesed Committee Chair

SHABBAT TIMES

Friday, May 14 - 8:16 pm	Friday, June 11 - 8:41 pm	Friday, July 9 - 8:42 pm	Friday, August 6 - 8:16 pm
Saturday, May 15 - 9:24 pm	Saturday, June 12 - 9:48 pm	Saturday, July 10 - 9:48 pm	Saturday, August 7 - 9:21 pm
Friday, May 21 - 8:24 pm	Friday, June 18 - 8:44 pm	Friday, July 16 - 8:38 pm	Friday, August 13 - 8:06 pm
Saturday, May 22 - 9:31 pm	Saturday, June 19 - 9:50 pm	Saturday, July 17 - 9:44 pm	Saturday, August 14 - 9:11 pm
Friday, May 28 - 8:24 pm	Friday, June 25 - 8:45 pm	Friday, July 23 - 8:32 pm	Friday, August 20 - 7:55 pm
Saturday, May 29 - 9:38 pm	Saturday, June 26 - 9:51 pm	Saturday, July 24 - 9:38 pm	Saturday, August 21 - 9:00 pm
Friday, June 4 - 8:36 pm	Friday, July 2 - 8:44 pm	Friday, July 30 - 8:25 pm	Friday, August 27 - 7:44 pm
Saturday, June 5 - 9:43 pm	Saturday, July 3 - 9:51 pm	Saturday, July 31 - 9:30 pm	Saturday, August 28 - 8:49 pm



WIERZBNIKER SOCIETY

Cemetery Memorial Service and Annual Memorial Meeting - Sunday August 29, 2021 11:00 AM

The gathering place for this annual event will be at the Wierzbniker Society memorial monument erected at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery in 1955. The "aroisfur" to the cemetery occurs annually before High Holidays. This year it will be held at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery Wierzbniker Section on August 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Society members, friends and family will gather to remember those buried in the cemetery, those inscribed on the monument, and those murdered in the Holocaust. Rabbi Howard Morrison will officiate. This event will take place rain or shine. **We welcome Beth Emeth members to join us.**

For the second year in a row, because of Covid-19, our annual memorial meeting (usually held in conjunction with Holocaust Remembrance Week) will likely not be held as a separate event again this year. More details will follow when a final decision is made in the early summer.

On behalf of the Wierzbniker Society, we wish you a Chag Sameach.

Stay staff and be well.

Helen Lepek

FARBAND SOCIETY



Best wishes and Chag Sameach!
The Farband Society

SCHOLARSHIPS

Beth Emeth Member Scholarships

Beth Emeth offers many scholarship opportunities to our members:

Karol Family Scholarship for Limudai Torah

Adults and teens of Beth Emeth who have an interest in engaging in advanced Torah study are welcome to apply.

Joseph Smith Sports Achievement Award

This scholarship supports our congregants' children and grandchildren in their extra-curricular sporting activities.

David and Sandra Anisman Israel Fund

These are available to members studying or attending programs in Israel. Applications are accepted and scholarships awarded on an ongoing basis but applications. MUST be submitted prior to departure.

Rabbi Kelman Endowment Fund

This fund offers scholarships to members for programs they will be attending which support Jewish continuity.

All applications and deadlines can be found online: beby.org/scholarships or by contacting the Synagogue office.

Beth Emeth is proud to be able to support our members of all ages through our various scholarship funds. Our four scholarship funds last year supported over 25 youth and young adults in their various endeavors from studying Limudai Torah, to Jewish summer camps, to Israel gap year programs, to high level sporting activities.

Over the years, our four scholarship funds—the Karol Family Scholarship for Limudai Torah, the Joseph Smith Sports Achievement Award, the Rabbi Kelman Endowment Fund and the David and Sandra Anisman Israel Fund—have assisted 100s of Beth Emeth members. We have supported future Rabbis, community leaders, teachers and more.

We continue to encourage all members to apply to our scholarship funds. Full descriptions of the funds and applications are available online at beby.org/scholarships

Please remember, the sustainability of these funds is dependent on your support. When contributing to the Synagogue, please consider donating to one of these funds to allow the Synagogue to award scholarships to more of our deserving members.

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

RABBIS' STUDY CLASSES

JOURNEY THROUGH JUDAISM

WEEKDAYS 12:00 PM • FACEBOOK LIVE / ZOOM

MONDAY with Rabbi David - A "How-To" Guide to Jewish Prayer

TUESDAY with Rabbi Morrison - Pirkei Avot - A Journey into Rabbinic Literature

WEDNESDAY with Rabbi David - Delving Deeper into Jewish Prayer

THURSDAY with Rabbi Morrison - Journey into the Weekly Torah Portion

VIRTUAL COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3:30 PM • ZOOM

Join us on Zoom to chat in our virtual cafe! Grab your tea, coffee or other beverage of choice. A piece of cake would be nice. Maybe a cookie or two. Relax.

What have you been up to? Did you watch any good movies? See anything good on TV? Did you make a great recipe? How are you feeling? Say hello and connect with your friends,



VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY 1:30 PM • ZOOM

what are you reading now?

Join us for an informal Zoom chat about what you're reading.

Share the author, title and a few words about your book. If you're not reading anything, you can still join us for inspiration.



RECIPES

Zucchini Pie

- 3 cups thinly sliced zucchini
- 1/2 c shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup Bisquick
 - If you do not have ... you can make it!
1 cup flour mixed with 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 4 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup thinly chopped onions
- 1/2 cup shredded parmigiana cheese divided in half
- 1/2 tsp salt

1. Mix everything in order as they appear
2. Place in greased pan
3. Sprinkle the second portion of parmigiana cheese on top and a handful of mozzarella
4. Bake 45 -50 minutes til golden brown
5. Enjoy



From my family to yours,
Chag Sameach and stay safe!
Reni Euperfain



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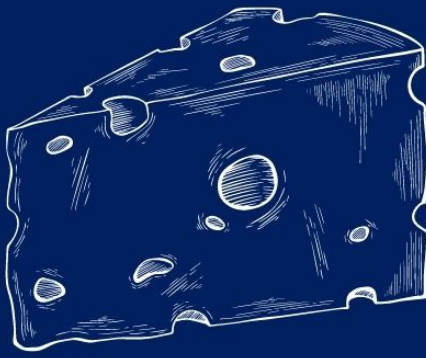
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021



HAPPY SHAVUOT!

Wishing Everyone a
Joyful Shavuot
this year and
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