

Kesher



Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue

קשר

Your Connection to the World of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda

Chanukah 2022 • 5783



ABOUT CHANUKAH

Chanukah begins on Sunday, December 18 and concludes Monday, December 26, 2022.

Observances & Traditions

The menorah, in many designs and forms, has been used by Jews wherever they have settled. Its light has become a symbol of G-d's presence, of joy, of spirituality, of righteousness. The Chanukah menorah reminds us of a heroic past and sustains faith in the future. In its reflection, adults forget their fears and children hear the tale of the miracles and valour of the heroes who had died for the faith of their people. Its lights are a symbol of liberation and of the inalienable right of human beings to live and worship in freedom.

Kindling the Menorah

Kindling the lights each night of the chag (festival) is the central religious observance of Chanukah.

The lights are to be lit after sundown, or as soon thereafter as the entire family has gathered. On Friday night, the menorah is lit before the Shabbat candles, even though it is not yet sundown. On Saturday night, the menorah is lit after Havdalah.

The candles must be large enough, or oil sufficient enough, to burn for at least half an hour. The candles are added to the menorah from right to left. On the first night one candle is lit, on the second night two, and so forth on each consecutive night until all eight are lit. The new candle is always lit first, so the candles are lit from left to right. An extra candle, the Shamash, is placed apart from the others. It is used specifically for kindling the other candles.

The lighted menorah should be placed near a window so the burning candles may be seen by all. The light of the Chanukah menorah may not be used for reading, work, or any other purpose. All the candles must be allowed to burn out completely.

We kindle these lights to commemorate the miracles and the miraculous victories wrought through the holy priests for our forefathers in ancient days at this season.

These lights are sacred through all the eight days of Chanukah. We may not put them to ordinary use, but are to look upon them and thus be reminded to thank and praise G-d for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

"In the days of the High Priest Mattathias, son of Yohanan of the Hasmonean family, a cruel power rose up against the people of Israel, demanding the abandonment of the Torah and the violation of G-d's commandments. In Your abundant mercy, You stood by Your people in their time of distress. You championed their cause, vindicated their rights, and avenged their suffering. You delivered the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the corrupt into the hands of the innocent, the wicked into the hands of the just, and the arrogant into the hands of those devoted to Your Torah. Thus, You revealed Your Glory and holiness in the world, while bringing a mighty deliverance to Your people Israel. Then Your children came into Your Temple, purified Your sanctuary, kindled the lights in Your sacred courts, and established these eight days of Chanukah in gratitude and praise."

(From the Siddur)



Traditions At Chanukah

Game playing is an integral part of the Chanukah tradition. It is said to have originated during the Maccabean struggle as a method of subterfuge. A decree of Antiochus forbade the study of Torah and was enforced by inspections of homes of those suspected of disobedience. Therefore, while studying the Holy Books, cards were dealt out before each student – ready to be played when and if the need arose. The dreidl also provided the excuse of a friendly game of chance in the event of a surprise inspection.

Several types of foods are prepared traditionally to celebrate Chanukah. The tradition of eating cheese delicacies goes back beyond the 14th century. Latkes (pancakes) made with cheese were used which developed into the custom of eating latkes of all kinds. During the Middle Ages, the tradition of eating cheese was associated with the Story of Judith. Fried foods for Chanukah are popular. In addition to potato latkes, which are a favorite food of Jews of an Eastern European background, pancakes, fritters, and fried pastries are also popular. In Israel the favourite food for Chanukah is sufganiyot (donuts).

RABBI'S COLUMN

Dear Congregational Family,

This year Chanukah begins on Sunday night December 18th. Simultaneously, Beth Emeth will hold its annual Chanukah party on the same night. Several years ago, I noted that when I was driving into the shul parking lot for the annual Chanukah celebration, the car in front of me had a license plate containing "167 SOV." I took it as a God wink, given the fact that my parents were married on the first night of Chanukah in 1954, that "167" is the number of my childhood address, and that "Sov" refers to the spinning dreidel. Yes - I believe that Chanukah is truly a time of miracles.

In antiquity, our ancestors understood that miracles (in the plural) took place on Chanukah. In the daily liturgy, we recite the words, "Al Ha' Nisim - For the miracles." When we kindle the Chanukiah at night, the second blessing contains the words, "She'Asah Nisim La'Avoteinu - God who performed miracles for our ancestors." Some of the ancient Chanukah miracles include the small vial of oil which lasted for eight days, the many falling into the hands of the few, the rededication of the Holy Temple, and more.

Did the miracles take place "Ba'Yamim Ha'Hem Ba'Zman Ha'Zeh - In those days at this season" or "Ba'Yamim Ha'Hem U'Va'Zman Ha'Zeh - In those days AND in this time?" Both versions of the same particular blessing are found in our tradition. I prefer the latter version. Miracles took place not only in the distant past, but miracles also take place in all generations including our own.

What do you consider to be some of today's miracles? Perhaps the miracle of the existence of the Jewish people after four thousand years; Perhaps the establishment and continued vitality of the State of Israel; Perhaps the miracle that neither the forces of anti-Semitism nor assimilation have wiped out our people; Perhaps miracles of health recovery or economic recovery among you and your families; Perhaps something else entirely.

In the daily Amidah, we thank God for the miracles that take place each and every day. That's right - miracles accompany us all the time. Are our eyes and ears open to the miracles?

In terms of my God wink upon entering the shul parking lot several years ago, I am forever grateful for the miracle of wonderful parents, and who time to time show their continued presence in my life.

I wish everyone a Chanukah Sameach - A joyous Festival of Lights.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Howard Morrison
rabbi@beby.org



Rabbi Howard Morrison

ISRAEL TRIP 2023

**October 30
thru November
13, 2023**

DID YOU KNOW...

We're planning a synagogue trip to Israel with Rabbi Morrison.
Visit www.beby.org/israeltrip for more information or reach out directly to
Rabbi Morrison - rabbi@beby.org

**Registration
now open with
\$200 US deposit**



JOIN RABBI MORRISON FOR WEEKLY STUDY CLASSES

**MONDAYS: JEWISH LAW & MODERN ISSUES
STARTING NOVEMBER 14TH - 7PM**

ZOOM

text can be
printed or
picked up in
office

**TUESDAYS: RABBI'S STUDY GROUP
STARTING NOVEMBER 15TH - 10AM**

**IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM
LERMAN CHAPEL**



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“The shadow is the greatest teacher for how to come to the light.” — Ram Dass

Chanukah is easy. Many of our holidays are demanding, both physically and spiritually.

Chanukah - at least on the surface - is pretty low maintenance. Of course, anyone who's grated 20 lbs. of potatoes and fried them into latkes, rendering their hair and house oil-scented well beyond the eight days of Chanukah, might not call the process simple.

A single lit candle is beautiful in its simplicity. Personally, I am partial to a fully lit menorah- or better yet, several of them; such a dramatic and uplifting sight. We are drawn to light, especially when subjected to prolonged darkness. There is no doubt the past couple of years have been filled with darkness.

There are, however, numerous signs that we are moving out of the darkness and toward the light. Our building has been busy with smachot: baby-namings, weddings and b'nai mitzvah for months now. We have a robust morning minyan, followed by breakfast, naturally. We could still use a bit of help with mincha/maariv, so please join us if you're able.

I am particularly looking forward to bringing back some familiar initiatives that went by the wayside during the pandemic:

We are excited to be partnering with Reena to share Shinshinim for the 2023-2024 season. No doubt, the young Israeli emissaries will bring welcome vitality and a much-missed Israel connection back to Beth Emeth.

I understand that there is interest in bringing back a Purim shpiel, a much-loved BEBY tradition, and a great way for young and young-at-heart to work together, creating a fun musical experience for the whole community.

While we have not been able to run Out of the Cold as we'd come to know it, it's clear that the BEBY community is dedicated to tikkum olam. In that vein we are hoping to start a new program of community farming which will allow families and individuals to help grow vegetables which can be donated, traded or used for our own meal preparations at the shul. If you are interested in becoming involved, please let me know.

There are many ways to get involved and bring light into your own life or the lives of others. If you have ideas or suggestions, please be in touch.

Ever forward, but slowly...and always towards the light.

Wishing you and yours the joy and light of Chanukah,

Candace Vogel
Executive Director



Candace Vogel

PRESIDENT

Dear fellow congregants,

As we prepare for Chanukah 5783, it is once again time to reflect and update you on the goings on at Beth Emeth.

We all know the story of Chanukah - the dedication. In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Romans, who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Roman culture and beliefs instead of mitzvot observance and belief in G-d. Against all odds, a small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Romans from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G-d.

When they sought to light the Temple's menorah, they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity. Having recently returned from Israel, I feel that this Chanukah is more special for me. We spent the better part of a day at Masada. It amazes me that the Macabees built that incredible fortress and held off the Romans for so long.

So, as I have promised, I am reporting to you information about our shul. As you are all aware, Cantor Zingboim decided in mid-November to leave Beth Emeth. The leadership, together with Rabbi Morrison, are meeting to determine what direction we shall pursue in a replacement. If you are having a simcha, and wish to have a Cantor present, please let us know and we will make the appropriate arrangements.

The discussions with Adath Israel have been temporarily put on hold, at the request of Adath Israel's leadership. We will update you should there be any change.

We will continue to collaborate on programming with our fellow congregations; together we are stronger.

We continue to have daily minyanim, morning and evening, although we NEED your help with afternoon/evening service. Please make a pledge to yourself to try and attend a minyan. People are saying Kaddish and our attendance is a small and meaningful mitzvah we can perform to assist them.

We have several exciting programs coming up including an interesting event discussing the Marx brothers. We are thrilled to bring back Young Families Shabbat services led by Guy Mannheim. In January, along with Adath Israel, we are holding a family skating event at Irv Chapley arena. We will also be offering a fresh take on Torah study aimed at the parents in our Young Families cohort.

Please check our e-blasts and the website for more details.

At our recent AGM we welcomed several new Board members. We are eager to work with new people as we look to the future. If you would like to get involved please reach out and let me know.

BEBY is financially on sound footing, however our 70-year-old building needs improvements and ongoing systems maintenance. Please, if you have not yet made your year-end donations, consider us.

We continue to serve our community with a full range of services. Come join us!

On behalf of my family,
Chag Uri Sameach, Happy Chanukah
Steve Werger
President@beby.org



Stephen Werger

please join us for

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
KABBALAT SHABBAT AT 5PM
FOLLOWED BY DINNER**

**MEMBERS Adults \$35
NON MEMBERS Adults \$40**



*Shabbat
Dinner
for empty nesters*



register here: beby.org/event/emptynesters

BOARD CHAIR

Chanukah is the story of miracles, dedication, community, and faith. This year, I am looking forward to spending Chanukah with my family and especially my two grandchildren (ages two and six months). I cannot wait to see the excitement and wonder in their eyes as we light the menorah, spin the dreidel, read the Chanukah story, sing songs, and eat latkes and sufganiyot. These are the traditions we pass on from generation to generation (l'dor v'dor). Tradition is a fundamental tenet of Judaism. Over the years some of the ways we implement our traditions change but the basic underlying reasons stay the same. For example, since my parents came from Eastern Europe, latkes were traditional on Chanukah, sufganiyot came much later. Now we celebrate the holiday with both latkes and sufganiyot. But even the traditional jelly sufganiyot has been updated with an array of choices. The twenty pounds of potatoes I will be turning into latkes is a labour of love and time consuming. However, I can use a Cuisinart versus the time when potatoes needed to be grated manually. As time moves on, the importance of our traditions stay the same, but that doesn't mean they cannot get updated or expanded upon. As we modernize it is not only important to remember why we have these traditions, but it is also important to remember to make these traditions relevant to the world we live in today. Our Synagogue is a traditional synagogue. We take pride in our traditions, but we also take pride in the changes that have happened over the years that have enabled us to grow.

As I have mentioned in prior Keshet articles, the Board is conducting its Strategic Planning Process and as Board Chair and Vice-President of GAASC, one of my responsibilities is governance. As we move forward with the Strategic Planning Process, feedback received from our members will be key. The Board will be looking at issues including (but not limited to): the size of the Board; ensuring policies, processes, roles and responsibilities are clearly defined; having a strategic and agile Board; and implementing a strong leadership, mentoring and succession planning process. As part of our commitment to transparency, we will communicate with and look for feedback and insights from our members during this process.

We are fortunate that we have a strong base to start from. At our synagogue we have great institutional knowledge and experience, dedicated Board members, committee chairs and members who volunteer their time for the betterment of our synagogue.

I would like to recognize and thank the members of the Board who have completed their term and have decided to take a break from the commitment of serving the synagogue community. Your commitment and dedication are appreciated, and I hope you will stay involved. It was certainly a pleasure to work with you.

Welcome to our new members of the Board. You will be working with a group of committed and dedicated individuals whose goal is to address the current and future needs of our membership.

Over the next Board Banter articles in the Keshet, I will be introducing members of the Board.

As always, I encourage you, our members, to get engaged and participate in the programs being offered or join a committee.

On behalf of my husband Brian, my family and myself, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy Chanukah.

Miriam Ziegler-Goldberg
Board Chair
Vice President, GAASC
gaasc@beby.org



Miriam Ziegler-Goldberg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023
BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA SYNAGOGUE

PRESIDENT:

Stephen Werger

BOARD MEMBERS:

Ilan Danjoux	Mindy Jacobs
Sharon Eidelman	Michael Jacobson
David Esser	Richard Minuk
Cynthia Gasner	Jason Rubinoff
Eric Goldberg	Barry Stork
Steven Greenwood	Joshua Yarmus
Eric Hoffstein	Marlene White
Ella Jacobs	Max Zive

BOARD CHAIR:

Miriam Goldberg

TREASURER:

Gail Bergman

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Uri Carnat
Miriam Goldberg
Rick Goldberg

SECRETARY:

Eleanor Minuk

IMMEDIATE PAST

PRESIDENT:

Malcolm Weinstein



We welcome Rick Goldberg to the
Executive.

He will serve as Chair of
Membership Development.



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Since this is my first ever Keshet article, I figured I'd introduce myself, but the truth is, I think many of you already know me. I joined Beth Emeth when I (along with my wife, Mandy, and 2 boys, Jonah and Sam) moved into the area 12 years ago. We've been regulars ever since. You may recognize me by my blue tallit. When my kids were little the blue made it easy for them to find me in a crowded sanctuary, but in truth my tallit captures my approach to my Judaism – a commitment to traditional practice doesn't have to look the same as it did in previous generations.

In my time at BEBY I've served on the board several times and have been the co-chair of the ritual committee for several years. The role of VP of Membership Development has been vacant for the past year, and after this year's AGM, I agreed to step into the role.

Outside of BEBY, I've been working for IBM as a User Experience Designer for over 20 years. I'll let you Google what it is I do, but the short version is that I help IBM and IBM's clients around the world apply the practice of Design Thinking (again, Google it) in order to find innovative solutions to their hardest problems. The first thing I tell any team I work with is that I need them to believe that the way to achieve your organization's objectives is to help your customer achieve their objectives. Every problem is fundamentally about people. Only by framing your problem, your project, or your goal in human terms can you hope to find the real solution.

This is what I hope to bring to the Membership Development portfolio at BEBY. Membership isn't about building a calendar of events, although that would be amazing. It's not about attracting new members, although that would be a great outcome. Membership development is about remembering that every one of our members (and not-yet members) is a person, with their own unique connections to BEBY and to Judaism. The way to build a vibrant community is to build unique connections with each of you and foster an environment that allows you to form connections with each other.

You should be reading this right around Chanukah. Chanukah is among the most observed holidays on the Jewish Calendar, but I'm guessing that if we peeked into each of your homes, we'd see everyone observing it in their own way. At the heart of most of your celebrations will be the lighting of the Chanukiah. My blessing for the entire BEBY family is that the flames of the Chanukiah kindle the *pintele yid*, the Jewish Spark, that is in all of us and that we be inspired to grow in our connections to Judaism, to BEBY and to each other.

On behalf of my entire family, I wish each and every one of you a Chag Urim Sameach. And if a guy in a blue tallit says hello to you, you now know who I am!

Rick Goldberg
MDSC Chair



Rick Goldberg

Join us!

DAILY SERVICES

WEEKLY SERVICES

Shacharit

Sun: 8:30 AM

Mon & Thurs: 7:15 AM

Tues, Wed, Fri: 7:30 AM

Mincha/Maariu

Sun - Thurs: Check our website



The Synagogue office will be closed starting Monday, December 26 and reopening on Monday, January 2, 2023.

SCHOLARSHIPS

DID YOU KNOW?

A little-known benefit of membership at Beth Emeth is the variety of scholarships available to children of members in good standing. These scholarships are available to assist in funding a variety of programs and educational opportunities. You are encouraged to explore.

Available scholarships fall into four categories:



THE RABBI KELMAN FUND

Offers scholarships for children attending approved Jewish overnight camps such as Camp Ramah, Camp Solelim, etc. Research shows definitively that attendance at Jewish overnight camp is a key factor in fostering Jewish identity among children.



THE ANISMAN ISRAEL FUND

Provides scholarships for those studying at recognized academic institutions or other immersive programs in Israel, such as USY Pilgrimage. These experiences often form the basis of a lifelong love of and commitment to Israel.



JOSEPH SMITH SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Joseph Smith Sports Achievement Scholarship provides financial assistance to the younger members of our congregation who either wish to begin or continue their involvement in sports. The scholarship was established in memory of Joseph Smith z"l, an avid participant, fan and supporter of sports and athletics.



KAROL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR LIMUDAI TORAH

The Karol Family Scholarship Fund for Limudai Torah was established by the Karol Family in honour of Oren Shmuel Karol. This scholarship assists in funding students (or adults) wishing to pursue their goals and aspirations for higher learning in advanced Torah Study.



Applications can be found on our website at www.bebey.org/scholarships

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.



The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Toronto

Are you interested in textile art and needlework. Do you enjoy being inspired by what others do? Would you like to produce items that have more of a Jewish theme? And would you like to be part of a group of like minded people who love to learn and practice the skills discussed during friendly zoom sessions? Or even a combination of in person and zoom sessions when available.

We are the **Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Toronto** and our in-person sessions are held at Beth Emeth Synagogue (BEBY).



We are fortunate to have many enthusiastic members from beginners to advanced skills and from far and wide. Zoom has opened our world to amazing get togethers from people around the globe. Be part of our lunch and schmooze on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Take a moment and check out our web site www.pomegranateguild.ca

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS



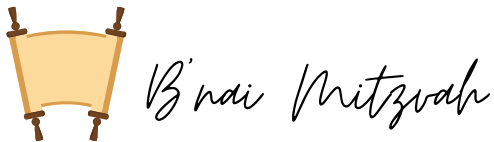
Mazel Tov to Emily Berbrayer & Ron Aschaiek on the birth of their daughter, OLIVIA CLAIRE.
Granddaughter to Nancy & David Berbrayer and Ilana Aschaiek.

Mazel Tov to Issie & Dina Diamond on the birth of their great-granddaughter, NORA SHAI, daughter to Madi & Hayden Diamond. Granddaughter to Paula & Les Diamond.

Mazel Tov to Jenna & Lucas Franchuk on the birth of their daughter, MARIAH LILY. Granddaughter to Cheryl & James Ebidia and Marisa & Richard Franchuk. Great-granddaughter to Sheila Agasee and Leslie Agasee ל"י and Leon Ebidia ל"י and Lydia Ebidia ל"י

Mazel Tov to Jerry & Janet Loterman on the birth of their grandson YEHOSHUA ELIAHU (Joshua Elijah), son of Michelle & Zvi Goldenberg of Hollywood, Florida.

Mazel Tov to William Zosky on the birth of his first great-granddaughter, ABIGAIL ADELE ZOSKY. Named in loving memory of her great-grandmother Adele ל"י



Mazel Tov to Dylan Mecklinger, son of Kailee & Shawn Mecklinger, brother to Brooke and Corey. Grandson of Resa & Marshall Kochberg, and Elise & Alan Mecklinger. Great-grandson of Harold Kochberg.

Mazel Tov to Mara Stern, daughter of Debbie & Shawn Stern. Granddaughter of Susan & Sammy Stern and Chana & Louis Zelewicz. Sister of Jadyn and Jonah.

Mazel Tov to Gavin Shapiro, son of Daniel Shapiro & Tamar Swerling Shapiro. Grandson of Zipora & Jacob Shapiro and Ruth & Alan Swerling. Brother of Halle.

Mazel Tov to Benjamin Rottmann, son of Mark & Batya Rottmann. Grandson of Pearl Grundland and Gidon Grundland ל"י and Kathy & Andrew Rottmann.

Mazel Tov to Mia Ezer, daughter of Lianne & Darren Ezer. Granddaughter of Toby & Moshe Ezer and Michael & Rynette Kark. Sister of Kaylie and Lexi.

Mazel Tov to Evan Shapiro, son of Robbie & Rachel Shapiro. Grandson of Patti & Howie Friedman, Marty Shapiro and Ruth Shapiro ל"י and Jeff Atlin ל"י

Mazel Tov to Jonathan Hoffstein, son of Naomi and Eric Hoffstein, on being called as a Bar Mitzvah. Brother to Mia Hoffstein. Grandson of Sara and Joseph Pliamm and Elena and Victor Hoffstein.

Mazel Tov to Morrison Brill, son of Shoshana Telner & Herbert Brill, brother of Gabriel, Lexi and Jaclyn. Grandson of Carolyn & Adam Telner, and Faiga & Samuel Brill

Mazel Tov to Aaron Gertler, son of Shirley King & Robert Gertler. Brother to Loren and Aiden .

Mazel Tov to Miriam & Rudi Abel on their grandson Levi being called to the Torah this past October 15th, 2022. We wish him a hearty Mazal Tov.



Mazel Tov to Issie & Dina Diamond on the engagement of their grandson Ryan Donsky to Anna Bonin, son of Michelle Donsky, Farley Donsky and daughter of Margalit Bonin and the late Simon Bonin.

Mazel Tov to Alisa & Meir Schwartz on the engagement of their granddaughter, Yona Grossman, daughter of Daphna & Matthew Grossman, to Ezra Nadler, son of Tara Dubrow & David Nadler. Granddaughter of Brenda Grossman ז"ל and Murray Grossman and Lucy Sheer. Grandson of Paula & Arnold Dubrow and Doris ז"ל and Joseph ז"ל Nadler. Excited siblings are Ayala Grossman, Zoe Nadler & Zack Bratin, Gaby & Lee Nadler.



Mazel Tov to Jonathan, son of Carol & Saul York, on his marriage to Kasey, daughter of Lynda & Jeffrey Peters. Grandson of Molly Hellen & Harry Hellen ז"ל, and Fay ז"ל & Alex York ז"ל. Granddaughter of Marg Honest and Sid Honest ז"ל and Merle Peters and Max Peters ז"ל

Mazel Tov to Larry & Debbie Weinberg on the marriage of their son, Jesse Weinberg, to Erin Chesney, daughter of Janice and Stephen Chesney. Grandson of Nellie Pearl and Meyer Pearl ז"ל

Mazel Tov to Janet & Peter Fabri on the recent marriage of their daughter Tracy to Justin Kirshenbaum, son of Rodi and Howie Kirshenbaum.

Mazel Tov to Rosemary Cohen on the marriage of her granddaughter, Lindsay Cohen, daughter of Eric Cohen and Joy Kaufman, to Jamie Cole, son of Robin Drutz-Cole and Bruce Cole. Lovingly remembered at this time is Mervyn Cohen ז"ל



Mazel Tov to Hy Agasee on his recent 90th birthday. With love from his family

Mazel Tov to Hy & Judith Suraski on their granddaughter, Talia Lipton, who played on the Under 18 Junior Girls soccer team this summer at the Maccabiah games. Talia and her hardworking teammates won the bronze medal for Canada. Mazel tov to the young women of the Under 18 Junior Girls soccer team, and all the Canadian athletes who represented Canada so capably.

BEREAVEMENTS

- **Irving Levine** 7"7, husband of Tema Wasserman, father of Toby Wasserman, brother of Victor Wasserman
- **Susan Kruger** 7"7, wife of Sam Kruger, mother of Loren Kruger
- **Ron Herman** 7"7, father of Larry Wronzberg
- **Michael Freeman** 7"7, husband of Gitta Freeman, father of Mark Freeman and Corey Freeman
- **Levy Ezer** 7"7, brother of Moshe Ezer
- **Lorne Zweig** 7"7, husband of Lori Zweig
- **Ralph Back** 7"7, husband of Iris Back
- **Esther Brown** 7"7, sister of Harold Brudner
- **Nancy Kleinberg** 7"7, mother of Ira Kleinberg
- **Leonard Wert** 7"7, father of Debbie Fleisher
- **Mona Litman** 7"7, mother of Howard Litman
- **Rickey Hoff** 7"7
- **Lorna Yufe** 7"7, mother of Robert Yufe
- **Diane Harris** 7"7

May their memories be a blessing



PURIM/PESACH KESHER

We'd love to share your news!

If any members would like to share recent births, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, engagements, weddings, nachas announcements - please email Sari - sari@beby.org - by Friday, February 10.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



On October 27, the B'nai Mitzvah group met with Robert Walker, from Honest Reporting Canada. This session was *Learn How to Fight Media Bias Against Israel*. Raise your awareness of the issue of media bias against Israel and learn how to counter it, as well as how to combat Jew-hatred online and on social media.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Experiential and Educational Sessions

Families with Simchas March 2023-February 2024

Dinner served at all events

December 15th 6PM

Ask the Rabbi with Rabbi Howard Morrison.

Led by Rabbi Morrison with featured guests.



February 2nd 6PM

Sensitivity/Empathy Training Workshop

Interactive workshop facilitated by Reena trainers, you will acquire tools on how to treat people who are different than you; and understand developmental disabilities and all about Reena.

March 2nd 6PM

Purim Preparation Activity: A Hamentaschen Bake

Join individuals from Reena homes in baking hamentaschen to prepare for a Purim celebration; practice what you learned in the sensitivity workshop last month.

April 20th 6PM

Canadian Friends of Simon Wiesenthal's "Digital Hate: What if Hitler had Social Media"? Training

An interactive educational workshop on the power and use of propaganda by the Nazis during the Holocaust and its relevance to modern day propaganda tool of social media.

June 8th 6PM

B'nai Mitzvah Wrap Up Event.

Register Here: beby.org/myjewishid



ALL IN THE FAMILY

A Fresh Approach to Torah Study

Exploring our not-so-perfect forefathers

(and mothers)

with

Guy Mannheim



1. ABRAHAM
2. ISAAC AND JACOB
3. THE MOTHERS
4. THE BROTHERS
5. THE MISSING CHILDREN
(THE ONES WE DON'T TALK ABOUT)

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

- January 18
- February 8
- March 1
- March 22
- April 19

Register Here: beby.org/event/torahstudyguy

please join us for a

MONTHLY

YOUNG FAMILY

Shabbat

10:30am with



GUY MANNHEIM

Followed by lunch

DECEMBER 17, JANUARY 21, FEBRUARY 4

MARCH 4, APRIL 1, MAY 20, JUNE 10

Join us for SUNDAY FUNDAY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

1-3PM

Irving
Chapley Park
ice rink

hot chocolate
and snacks



Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda
A World of Jewish Experience

Adath Israel Congregation

ALEPH BEIT CHADASH SCHOOL

Aleph Beit Chadash is growing! Our school has been a busy place and we are excited to be implementing our new learning experiences through our Family Day activity sessions. These were created in response to the expressed desire for more community building activities that are engaging and interactive. This year we are so pleased to have 4 different joint experiences planned with Beth David Synagogue. Our first session was led by Ve'Ahavta, and students learned about Tzedakah by working together to make blankets for the homeless. It was a great success and character-building experience.

November was Holocaust Education Month and our students experienced a virtual learning experience through the Washington Holocaust museum. They also learned about "Daniel's Story."

In early December we spent a fun-filled morning with our new friends from Beth David learning about and cooking Jewish foods popular in Israel.

In January we will be boarding the Simon Wiesenthal Tour for Humanity bus to supplement our Holocaust education. We applaud the Ministry of Education for their recent announcement to add Holocaust education to the grade 6 curriculum. There has been a tremendous rise in antisemitism in recent years that we must combat it through education in our schools. Holocaust education is only a part of the answer. At Aleph Beit Chadash, we are prioritizing Israel education and advocacy as part of our multipronged response to antisemitism. We are happy to invite JNF educational workshops into our class to help celebrate the compassion and innovation that Israel embodies. We teach history and promote a pride in our Judaism and connection to the Land of Israel. We explore all aspects of Israel and its place "as a light unto the nations."

Also in the new year we will be implementing an on-line program to supplement our curriculum. Students in Grades 6 and 7 will have the opportunity to select, from a menu of curated sites, the topics covered in our curriculum that they would like to independently explore more deeply. We will be monitoring their progress through these platforms. We have some exciting plans for how the students will demonstrate their learning. Stay tuned for more information!

During this Chanukah season, we invite you to light your menorahs and bring the light of Jewish education into your home. Ensure that all the children in your family understand their connection to a beautiful, rich and enduring Jewish community that dates back thousands of years. We always welcome new students to our program. Happy Chanukah from Aleph Beit Chadash.

Shauna Small
Education Director of Aleph Beit Chadash



Aleph Beit Chadash

The Aleph Beit Chadash School @ Beth Emeth
Jewish Learning for your Child

BEBY BOOMERS

The BEBY Boomers in the last few months have been providing our members with in-person and virtual programming. Our programs included Yoga with Orli, Flor-Fit with Florine, Dr. Sarah Alexander - In Sickness & Health, and Sheldon Parker - The 10 Tips for a Happy Life. Our goal is to provide you with an array of programs which reflect wellness, fitness, religion, theatre and much more.

We are now in the process of organizing our agenda for the New Year and beyond.

On Sunday, January 8th, Anne Klausner will speaking on the benefits of regular exercise, in February we will have a presentation on Canadian film and actors.

Watch out for details on the synagogue website.

In planning, we always have in mind that our presentations must be innovative, informative with guest speakers that are creative, knowledgeable and insightful.

Chanukah symbolizes re-dedication, light, spirit and hope. May your family experience brightness and a meaningful Chanukah.

From our committee to all of you and your families wishing you all a Happy Chanukah.

Co-Chairs
Marlene White & Ruth Gilbert

BEBY BOOMERS

PRESENTS:

**DOES AGE SLOW YOU DOWN,
OR
DOES NOT MOVING AGE YOU?**

WITH EXCERCISE
THERAPIST
ANNE KLAUSNER



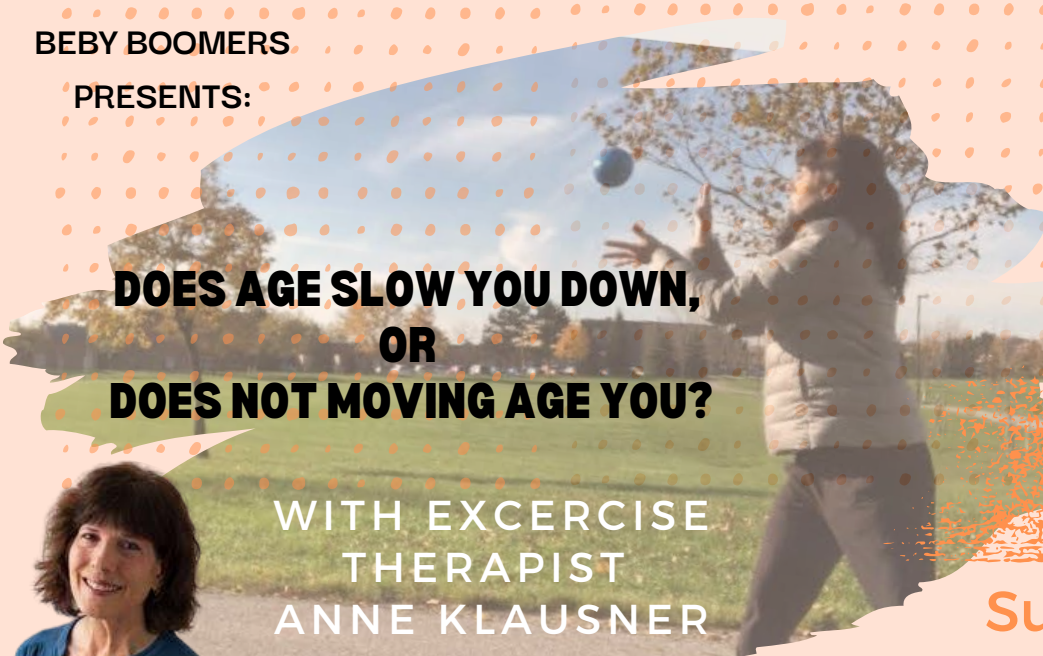
EXERCISE WITH CARE
a more natural way to exercise

Kids are always moving. They move their eyes to scan the world. They touch, smell and hear everything. Why do we stop? Join Anne for a session of movements you can do anytime, anywhere so that you will move like a kid again!

ZOOM

Register Here: beby.org/event/jan8

**Sunday January 8th |
10:30AM**



CHESED KNITTERS



Knitting is one of those activities that has so many benefits for people of all ages. It is a slow process, which gives us a chance to calm down when our minds are racing with all the day's stresses and challenges. At the same time, it is a good stimulant for the brain. Just ask anyone who has to count out a pattern how important it is to stay focussed on the task. Knitting in a group is also a very social activity. We can certainly attest to that, as friendships that would never otherwise have had the chance to develop have bloomed to make our group a caring hub for synagogue members and non-members alike.

Throughout the fall we have continued to meet every Monday morning at 10:00 in the library to share our creations and our stories over a cup of coffee. We are not all the best of knitters or crocheters, but we help each other and the results are stupendous, with each blanket a heartfelt donation to those who need it.

We give our blankets to the Linus project, which supplies hospitals and emergency shelters, and we send items up to a First Nations community in the far north, which raises another benefit of knitting – it is so personally gratifying to do something for others. It is a true act of chesed that uplifts us as much as it helps others.

Join us if you are able any Monday morning. We have the yarn, needles and patterns and we would be happy to share what we know with you.

Donations to the Chesed Knitters are gratefully accepted, either in the form of acrylic (not wool) yarn or a monetary donation through the synagogue website or through the office.

Wishing everyone a Happy Channukah!

Eleanor Minuk

On behalf of the Chesed Knitters



SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Honour your loved ones and your family milestones with a sponsorship at Beth Emeth.

- Mincha/Maariv services - \$54
- Breakfast - \$180 / Enhanced breakfast - \$250
- Kabbalat Shabbat / Havdalah - \$72
- Seudah Shlisheet - \$108
- Shabbat morning services - \$108
- Congregational Kiddush - \$360

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Bring on the dreidels and the latkes, we are here to celebrate Chanukah! The secular calendar is on the last month of the year and the days are getting shorter and colder. What a perfect time to gather around your computer screen or laptop and open up Zoom so that you can watch and listen to another wonderful program from the Continuing Education Committee. Perhaps you would prefer to visit Beth Emeth for an in-person program. Everyone is welcome!

Since the last Keshet at Rosh Hashana we gathered both in-person and via livestream to listen as Karen Levine discussed the experience of writing 'Hana's Suitcase'. Karen was joined by Lara Brady, Hana's niece, who recounted many stories about the search for information on Hana's life after she was taken away. Many thanks to Margie Wolfe and Second Story Press for making this program happen and to all who worked hard to organize and arrange the event: a hearty Yasher Koach. The commemoration of the evil events in Wierzbick during the program brought us all back to a time we will never forget and one which we will always strive to remember.

The following month our programs focused on the changing of our world as we heard about The Great Decline in Religious Institutions and Trans Activism and Anti-Feminism. Both programs dealt with current events in our changing world as told by those who have studied and continue to study these worrisome activities in society. We want to inform you of the world around us and challenge your sense of where we are headed. The role of education is to explain and express opinions and views in order to bring a subject into focus. We want you to understand that our world is constantly changing and not always for the best. By learning from those who have the knowledge we broaden our own horizons.

As I mentioned earlier, the days are getting shorter and darkness falls sooner. With this fact in mind we have decided to move the monthly Reel and Spiel program into the afternoon. We hope that this change will offer the opportunity for more of you to attend the very entertaining programs we will be making available each month. Afternoons were made for the movies so please join us, relax with friends and let the day be calm and happy.

Unfortunately, we were not able to have Rabbi David Bauman speak to us about his new book in November. A last minute change in plans will require a rescheduling of this program and we hope to announce a new date very soon. In the meantime feel free to pick up a copy of Rabbi Bauman's book from Amazon.ca so you can be ready when he returns to Beth Emeth.

Coming up in our program list will be another Norman Zinman production featuring the lives of the Marx Brothers. Rouhama Danto will educate us on Laughter and Irony in Life and the Bible. Joanna Sasson will also return for another educational program via Zoom. Pick the programs and speakers that entertain and educate you in order to fulfill your need to learn and understand more about the world and the Jewish lives around us. Help us to grow along with you as we reach out for what interests you. So enjoy that sufganiot while you read this and let your thoughts wander to what brings you closer to Beth Emeth and our community. We will all be better for it.

Chag Sameach from the Continuing Education Committee to you and your families.
Perry Davis and Marlene White

BEBY'S
Continuing Ed
presents

Reel & Spiel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

2:00 PM - IN PERSON

The Band's Visit



Bruria Cooperman, author (and BEBY member)
will give a review after the film

register here: beby.org/event/dec22

GREENING COMMITTEE

As we experience this season of longer, dark black nights and shorter days; we look forward to Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, when our Chanukah candles will illuminate the darkness.

The Greening Committee recently met with an organization which exemplifies bringing light to the lives of those living with developmental disabilities.

As you may be aware, it was BEBY's own Rabbi Joseph and Ruth Kelman שליט"א, and others in the BEBY community who helped start Reena. Reena is the non-profit organization which promotes dignity, individuality, independence, personal growth and community inclusion for people with diverse abilities within a framework of Jewish Culture and Values.

As Reena prepares to celebrate its 50th year of operations, we had the privilege of hearing how it continues to give back to the community, which helped it come into existence in 1973.

When the pandemic hit in March 2020, Reena was proactive in ensuring the health and welfare of those who it supports.

Reena, working with various Federal and local funding agencies, procured prepared kosher meals from Bernard Betel's Meals on Wheels, for those locations which were at greatest risk. Combined with a newly created secure medical transport system, leveraging vehicles which were idled because of the shutdown of centralized programming, Reena was able to safely deliver those Kosher meals to multiple Reena locations. As this round of funding ended, Reena identified the need to become more self-sufficient in food production and applied for another grant.

The Reena Community Farm (RCF) started in June 2021, with the objective of providing fresh vegetables grown at Reena to all of its group home and apartment locations. They identified a technology that would be easy for the individuals they supported to grow with.

Due to Covid, Reena could not tend to their garden as planned. Reena responded by hiring a cohort of students from the York Region School board, and creating 2 isolated "Megafarms" at which food was grown, brought to the Reena Battle Centre for packaging, and then distributed to the various Reena locations at the same time that personal protective equipment (PPE) was being picked up at the Battle Centre.

In parallel, Reena set up a 400 container Megafarm, behind two neighbouring group homes in the Bathurst and Steeles area as part of a "Sell What You Grow" effort. This effort employed 8 York Region District School Board students, supervised by Reena job coaches, and funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program.

In 2022, the Megafarm team harvested almost 2,000 pounds of produce. Some of the produce was sold to Bernard Betel Meals on Wheels and to the Ba-Li Laffa restaurant in the Bathurst and Steeles. Some of the produce was distributed to Reena Group homes which were unable to participate in the "Eat What You Grow" program.

Any leftover Megafarm produce was bartered with the York Region Food Network (YRFN) in Aurora. Reena sent over 1,000 pounds of excess produce to YRFN and in return received over 2,500 pounds of Zucchini, Patty Pan Squash and corn, which were immediately redistributed to all Reena locations. The excess Reena produce was redistributed by YRFN to its clients.

2022, also saw Reena pilot a neighbourhood model of the Reena Community Farm, with 2 synagogues, the BAYT in Thornhill which used a New Horizons Grant, and Temple Emanu-El in the Bayview / Sheppard area which used petty cash, to fund the farming effort.

It would be an honour to the memories of Rabbi Joseph and Ruth Kelman, if Beth Emeth would find a way to implement the Reena Community Farm – Neighbourhood Model at our shul as a project celebrating Reena's 50th anniversary.

We can leverage the many relationships that the BEBY family has, in order to bring a level of food security and food self-sufficiency to the Bathurst Manor community.

There are a number of Reena Group homes in our own neighbourhood which are already growing their own food. Reena's videos and education modules can be used to educate those BEBY member who could be growing produce for the first time. The Reena Community Farm is one of three efforts Reena has underway under its GReena portfolio, which includes Food Security, Renewable Energy and Waste Reduction.

If you would like to get involved in bringing the RCF Neighbourhood Model to BEBY, please reach out to the BEBY Greening committee.

If you want to know more about GReena and the Reena Community Farm, please visit reena.org/rcf or send an e-mail to info@reena.org

Other BEBY Greening Committee Updates

Since 2013, Beth Emeth is a designated Community Hub serving the Bathurst Manor community. The Greening Committee invited back author, lecturer and Lifetime Achievement Award winner Alain Normand to update us on Emergency Preparedness and share the commonalities in his recent experiences assisting the Ukrainian population during this time of war and the Canadian population in the Maritimes after Hurricane Fiona. Whether resulting from war or extreme weather events, Alain shared commonalities in disasters such as food distribution or coping with power outages.

His webinar has been recorded and can be found on the Beth Emeth website beby.org under the Greening Committee program.

Please join us on January 22nd at 5:00 P.M. when Dr. Gili Adler Nevo, will present in-person on **The Intersection of the Climate Crisis and Anxiety.**

Trained as a child psychiatrist in Israel before immigrating to Canada and completing a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Anxiety at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto; Gili is an assistant professor at the University of Toronto and leads the MGH (Michael Garron Hospital) Child and Adolescent Anxiety Clinic.

Dr. Adler believes in prevention by being proactive rather than reactive. This conviction has led her to, not only specialize in treating anxious youth in order to help them divert their life trajectory, but also to volunteer work as Co-chair of the OMA (Ontario Medical Association) Green IS Health MIG (Medical Interest Group). This important seminar is not to be missed.

Mel and I wish you and your families a *fraylichen* Chanukah and look forward to once again personally connecting with each of you at various Beth Emeth programs and activities in-person at our upcoming January 22nd program. United together in strength, we, the Beth Emeth family, is a respected leader and role-model for environmental stewardship.

Hilda Swirsky
RN,BScN, MEd, Chair Greening Committee

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“Hit the ground running” is the advice that we have taken to heart at the Library committee. We started this year with Philippa Sheppard’s review of Nicole Krauss’ *Forest Dark* on Oct. 13. What a pleasure it was to be back in person, to share a delicious meal by APEX and to explore literature together. Zoom is a good second choice, but we all agreed that nothing beats in-person activities. Many thanks to Marion Hoffman from Amica Thornhill Retirement Home for sponsoring our kick-off event.

On Oct. 23 Janice Baryshnik introduced us to her book *Jewish Girls who Dreamed Big ...and Saved the World*. Her book is a series of short essays about women we may or may not know about who have had a significant impact on our lives. The synagogue gift shop is selling copies of Janice’s book for \$20 each and it would make a wonderful Channukah gift to encourage both the boys and girls in your families to reach high and do good in the world.

On November 6, in collaboration with BEBY Brotherhood, we hosted Mark Oppenheimer, author, journalist and host of the podcast “Unorthodox.” At our Books and Bagels event he spoke about his book *Squirrel Hill – the Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighbourhood*. There are many lessons to be learned as a result and a lively discussion was had. Great appreciation to Wendy Teperman from VIVA Thornhill Woods for the very generous sponsorship of the program.

On November 17, Sheli Meyers reviewed for us Naomi Ragen’s *An Observant Wife*, the story of a young woman who marries into an Orthodox family and struggles to be accepted by the community, only to find out about a terrible secret that is being kept. We welcome Forestview Retirement Residence as one of our sponsors and thank them for their kind support.

Gary Barwin presented his new book *Nothing the Same, Everything Haunted: The Ballad of Motl the Cowboy* on Sunday November 20. This poignant and often ironic exploration of the survival mechanisms employed by a young man through the years of WWII and beyond is a unique approach to a familiar topic and well worth the read. Thank you to Four Elms, our generous sponsor, for this event.

Upcoming programs include Cynthia Goode’s review on Dec. 15 of *House on Endless Waters* by Emuna Elon, sponsored by 147 Elder. Yoel Blum finds a picture of his parents at Yad Vashem with a young child he knows nothing about, and he sets about digging through the past to solve this mystery. We are grateful to our sponsor for this program, 147 Elder Street. On January 15, Dr. Sylvia Solomon will be taking us through another of her great trials that changed the course of history, this time focusing on The Nuremberg Trials. Four Elms is kindly sponsoring this event. On January 26, Phyllis Taylor will be talking about her book *The Prison Lady*, which was just released in October of 2022. Thanks to Baycrest and 2 Neptune for their sponsorship of this event.

We are fortunate to have a copy in our collection of *A Moment in Time A Moment to Rhyme: A Collection of Poems* written by our member Rosalie Shadlyn. Rosalie wrote this book over the pandemic and in it she explores a variety of themes, but what resonates most strongly is her positive attitude, which anyone who knows Rosalie can attest to.

The library is open Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 12:30 and we have purchased copies of all of the books that we have presented over zoom during the Pandemic as well as all the books we are covering in our program this year.

Wishing everyone a very happy Channukah!

Eleanor Minuk
On behalf of the Library Committee



Lunch & Literature

THE PRISON LADY

TRUE STORIES AND
LIFE LESSONS FROM BOTH
SIDES OF THE BARS



PHYLLIS TAYLOR

The Prison Lady
A Conversation with the
Author: Phyllis Taylor
Sponsored by: 2 Neptune

Baycrest

THURSDAY JANUARY 26 | 1PM

IN PERSON - LUNCH 1PM

BOOK DISCUSSION 1:30PM

REGISTER HERE:

[BEBY.ORG/EVENT/JAN26](https://beby.org/event/jan26)

\$25

SAVE THE DATE FOR SESSION 5 - MARCH9



MARTY KESHEN CHESED COMMITTEE

Helping Shul Members and the Community

As much as we would like to return to activities such as visiting the bereaved, collecting food and other items for the food bank, and visiting those in need of visitors, the resurgence of respiratory viruses and the continued concern over covid in the community means that these activities are currently on hold.

Members of the Chessed Committee continue to reach out to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda seniors to keep in touch and to see how they are coping. Our members are truly appreciative of this outreach. We are available to contact, by telephone, others in our community in need of social contact.

Virtual Coffee and Conversation on Zoom was an initiative of the Chessed Committee and BEBY as a place for members to get together and connect and chat. We continue to meet weekly since it is valued by the regular participants.

The Chessed Committee, on behalf of Beth Emeth, acknowledges individual birthdays and anniversaries with a personal phone call. 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 Chessed 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

At this time of year, you may wish to support the 18th Annual Chanukah Toy Drive in memory of Rochelle Kerzner's dear parents, Norton & Barbara Grimson ז"ל. Beth Emeth Synagogue is again partnering with Chai Lifeline Canada. You may donate by calling the shul office or through the website - beby.org/chanukah-toy-drive

Given the needs in the community, please, if you are able, consider making a donation of food or funds to a local food bank.

If you are interested in supporting members of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, please contact us at the Chessed Committee to volunteer. We are also looking for a committee co-chair.

May you and your family have a Happy Chanukah.

Helen Katz

Marty Keshen Chessed Committee Chair

MUSIC

Greetings from the Music Committee,

During the past year, the Music Committee has partnered with Continuing Education to provide several interesting programs with Howard Mednick, Classical Music D.J. Thank you to those who generously sponsored these events. Howard has more to offer and we hope to bring him back.

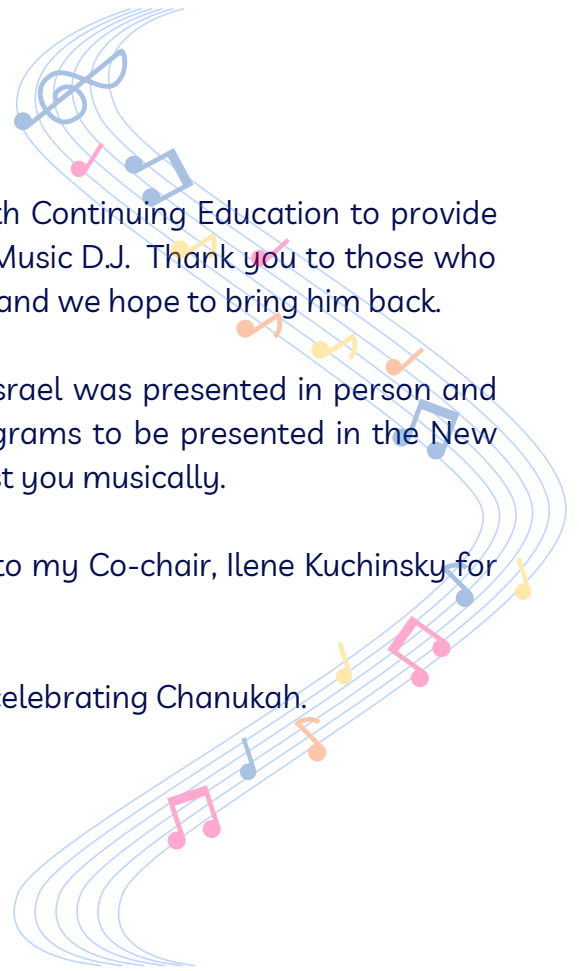
The program with Guy Manheim on the History of Opera in Israel was presented in person and was very well received. We are looking into a number of programs to be presented in the New Year and would welcome suggestions as to what would interest you musically.

Much appreciation to the Music Committee and in particular, to my Co-chair, Ilene Kuchinsky for their assistance and cooperation.

We wish you and your families the best as we look forward to celebrating Chanukah.

Stay well, stay safe.

On behalf of the Music Committee,
Bernice Levine and Ilene Kuchinsky



A romping, rousing pre-holiday concert by the Maccabeats helped get BEBY in the mood for Chanukah. Our group joined a packed house at the Harold Green Jewish Theatre for a delightful show filled with Chanukah favourites, as well as some new tunes. It was a pleasure to be out, TOGETHER, as part of the larger Toronto Jewish Community.

OUT OF THE COLD

Beth Emeth Synagogue has been a long time supporter of programs to aid the homeless, especially by running our very successful Out Of The Cold Program for many years. Unfortunately, due to Covid, social distancing and changes in the city's program requirements we have not been able to run this needed program out of the synagogue site. Despite these changes, we have partnered up with the Coalition To Fight Homelessness that runs an Out Of The Cold Program at Saint Luke's United Church located in the downtown core of the city. Thanks to the generous monetary donations received we have been able to fund numerous weeks of hot meals needed to feed the homeless. In addition, we have provided the site with tuna and peanut butter sandwiches on a weekly basis.

In the meantime, a clothing drive will be forthcoming whereby we will collect gently used clothes. We will be looking for volunteers to sort through the donated items and then we will bring them down to Saint Luke's United Church to be distributed.

While we aren't currently running the program here at BEBY, there are still many ways you can assist:

- Monetary donations to help fund the cost of hot meals
- Volunteers (please contact Sari Gold at sarigoldootc@gmail.com)
- Gently used clothing
- Donations of personal hygiene products
- Donations of new undergarments, gloves, hats, socks

We know that this does not resemble the program that we have all come to love and be so proud of but our BEBY Community can still make a meaningful contribution to help those in need.

We are hopeful that at some point in the future we will once again be able to open our doors and welcome back the homeless to our synagogue.

Watch for details in the e-blast for about our next donation drop off day.

Sincerely,

Renee Henry and Allan Fleisher
Out of the Cold Co-Chairs





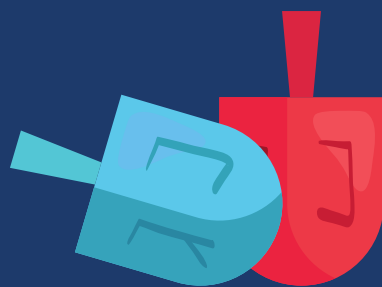
Happy Chanukah!

Your friends at the
Wierzbniaker Society

Wishing all our friends at
Beth Emeth a

Happy Chanukah!

The Farband of Lithuania Society



BETH EMETH SYNAGOGUE AND CHAI LIFELINE PRESENT...

the 18th annual

CHANUKAH TOY DRIVE

Dedicated in loving memory of

Barbara Frances & Norton Lorne Grimson ל"ה



All cash donations collected will go towards purchasing gift items from
the Chai Lifeline Wish List for the children

VISIT [BEBY.ORG/CHANUKAH-TOY-DRIVE](https://www.bebby.org/chanukah-toy-drive) TO DONATE

Donation deadline: DECEMBER 31, 2022

Cash donations are tax receiptable to the maximum allowed

For any questions, please contact Rochelle Kerzner 416-450-7600

WELCOME BACK BBQ

Friends, family and of course, food, combined to help make our Welcome Back BBQ in September a huge success. It was a great chance to spend time together after a much-too-long absence. President Stephen Werger manned the grill like a pro and everyone enjoyed the games, music and opportunities to reconnect. The kids enjoyed a make-your-own shofar workshop with real ram's horns and got ready for Rosh Hashanah.

A great time was had by all.





**ISRAELI FOLK DANCING
WITH SHOSHANA FRANK**

Wednesday evenings
Starting January 18, 2023

Beginners 7:30 PM
Intermediate/Advance 8:30 PM

\$10 per class
For info call Shoshana
416-317-2906



reminder



Membership payments and donations **received by December 31** will be eligible for inclusion on your 2022 tax receipt, to be issued Feb 2023. Call the office to make arrangements or visit our website www.bebby.org

BEBY TALENT WANTED!

Do you and your children like to act, sing, dance, and socialize?

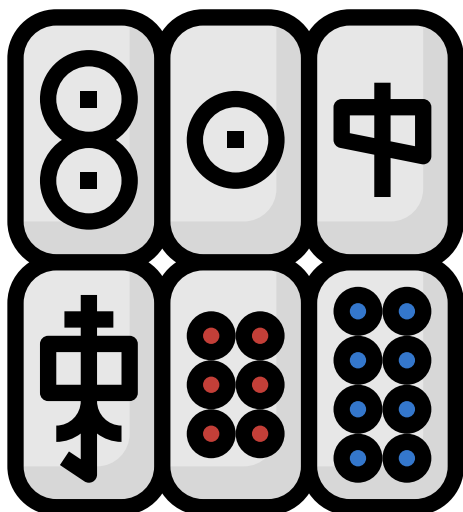
Would you be interested in something behind the scenes?

We need **YOU** to make the shpiel a reality

Please contact Kelly - swell_kell@yahoo.com



volunteer hours available for teens



WEDNESDAY GAMES

Mah Jongg and Rummikub

1:00 - 3:30 PM

All are welcome. \$5 Refreshments served

MAZEL TOV



From the humble beginnings in 1973 of a few parents, together with your shul's Rabbi Joseph Kelman 7"7, recognizing a need, to becoming one of the largest and most influential support service agencies in the Developmental Services and mental health sectors, **Reena is proud to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2023.** The BEBY community wishes Reena a special MAZEL TOV and is looking forward to joining the celebrations of your Golden Jubilee (Yovel in Hebrew) 50th year anniversary this coming 2023.

Rosen Gift Shop

OPEN WEDNESDAYS 1 -3PM

DEC 14 JAN 11

FEB 22 MARCH 15

APRIL 19 MAY 17

or by appointment call Ilene 647-884-7974

FOR ALL YOUR GIFT GIVING NEEDS

Greeting cards! housewarming gifts!
Novelty socks! Holiday gifts! Shabbat gifts!
hostess gifts! baby gifts!



HAPPY CHANUKAH



APEX
KOSHER CATERING

416-901-5044 x1
info@apexkoshercatering.com

EXECUTIVE, BOARD AND SYNAGOGUE CONTACTS

PRESIDENT

Stephen Werger | president@beby.org

BOARD CHAIR

Miriam Ziegler-Goldberg | chairman@beby.org

VICE PRESIDENT - FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Uri Carnat | fdsc@beby.org

VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP

Rick Goldberg | mdsc@beby.org

VICE PRESIDENT - GOVERNANCE

Miriam Ziegler-Goldberg | gaasc@beby.org

TREASURER

Gail Bergman | treasurer@beby.org

SECRETARY

Eleanor Minuk | secretary@beby.org

IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT

Malcolm Weinstein | pastprez@beby.org

TORAH READER/BA'AL KOREH

Shlomo Wanounou

BROTHERHOOD

Allan Snow/Bruce Martin | brotherhood@beby.org

SENIOR RABBI

Rabbi Howard Morrison | rabbi@beby.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Candace Vogel | candace@beby.org

PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Candace Vogel

Executive Director x 225
candace@beby.org



Jennifer Kirsh

Program Coordinator x 288
programs@beby.org



Sari Birnbaum

Director of Administration x 297
sari@beby.org



Maxim Varshavsky

Building Manager x 239
maxim@beby.org



Marilyn Kaftalovich

Reception/Member Services x 221
reception@beby.org



Natalya Vol

Senior Accounting Manager x 231
accounting@beby.org

*Join
Us!*

BEBY CHANUKAH PARTY

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 18
5PM**

LIGHT DINNER,
ENTERTAINMENT,
GAMES, MUSIC &
CANDLE LIGHTING

KAHOOT

PRIZES

Chanukah
@
BEB 

Members -
no charge
Non Members -
Adults \$10 Kids \$5

