

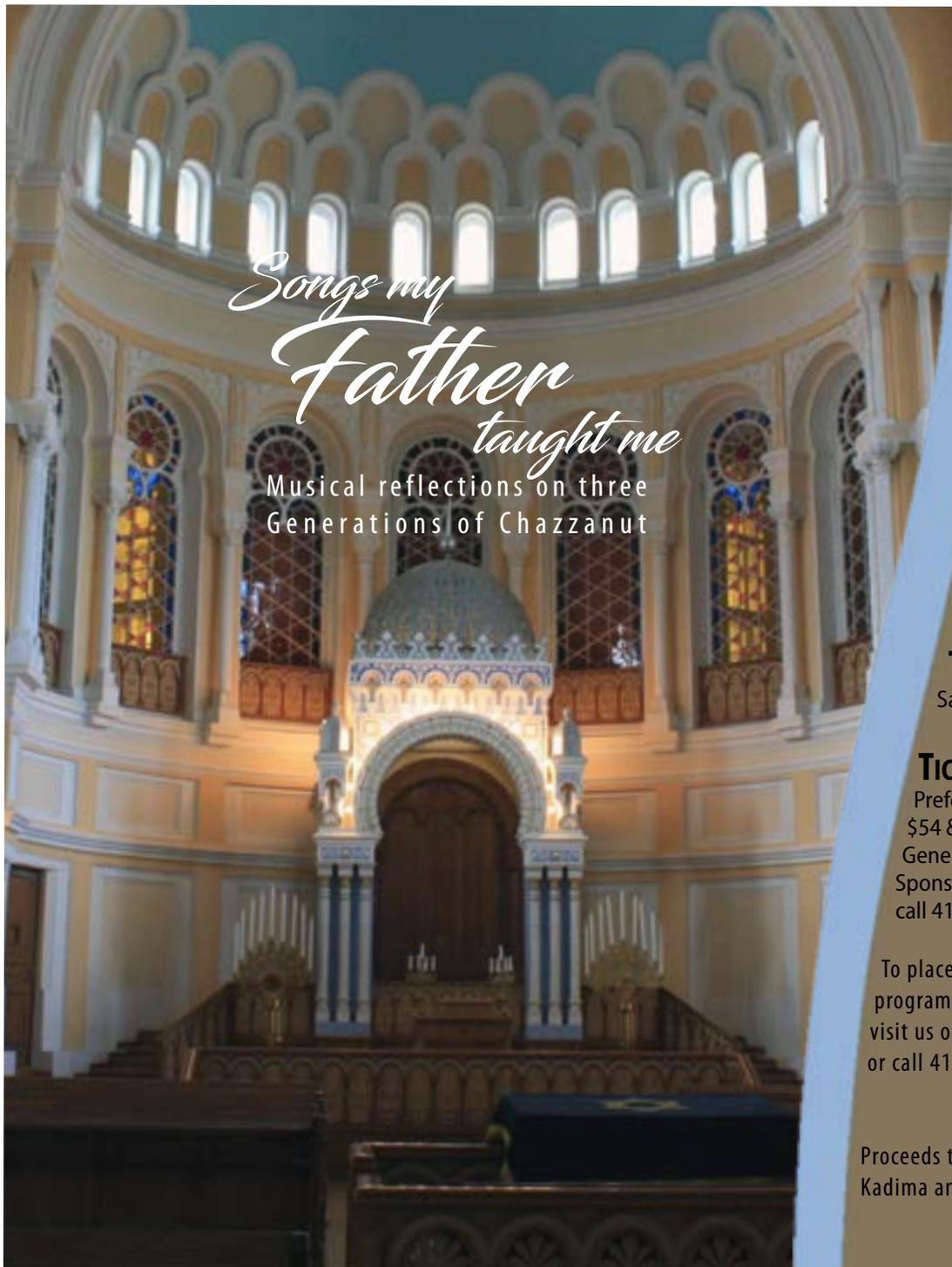
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Erev Rosh Hashanah Wednesday September 20

Candle Lighting 7:00 pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah First Day Thursday September 21

Shacharit
Main Service 8:00 am
Parallel Service 8:30 am
Tashlich 5:45 pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Second Day Friday September 22

Shacharit
Main Service 8:00 am
Parallel Service 8:30 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm

Erev Yom Kippur Friday September 29

Mincha 3:00 pm
Candle Lighting 6:45 pm
Kol Nidrei 6:45 pm

Yom Kippur Day Saturday September 30

*Shacharit
Main Service 8:30 am
Parallel Service 9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:00 pm
Neilah 6:15 pm

Erev Sukkot Wednesday October 4

Candle Lighting 6:35 pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45 pm

Sukkot First Day Thursday October 5

Shacharit 8:45 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45 pm

Sukkot Second Day Friday October 6

Shacharit 8:45 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45 pm

Hoshana Rabbah Wednesday October 11

one service only 7:00 am
Erev Shemini Atzeret
Candle Lighting 6:23 pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm

Shemini Atzeret Thursday October 12

*Shacharit 8:45 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm

Simchat Torah Friday October 13

Shacharit 8:45 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm

* indicates Yizkor Services

Fall Holiday Events

Selichot Program and Service
Saturday September 16

Community Tashlich
Thursday, September 21

Young Families Sukkah Decorating
Sunday, October 1

Sukkah Hop
Thursday, October 5

**Young Families Pre-Hakafot
Party & Dinner**
Thursday, October 12

Simchat Torah Luncheon
Friday, October 13





SELICHOT

Saturday Night
September 16th, 2017

Pre-Selichot Study
9.00 pm

RABBI HOWARD MORRISON
Traits of Moral Leadership and Integrity

RABBI LESLIE LIPSON
Elul, Love and Intimacy
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Memorial Plaque Dedications
10.00 pm

CANTOR DAVID GUBER
Selichot Service
10.15 pm

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HIGH HOLY DAY LAWS AND CUSTOMS

Elul

During the month preceding Rosh Hashanah (beginning of the year), the Shofar is blown each morning and everyone prepares for the Days of Awe (Yamim Noraim). Our Sages tell us: "The thirty days of Elul, to what are they compared? To the thirty days of grace, a court grants a debtor in which to pay his debts and be freed of his creditors."

Kever Avot

The graves of the ancestors. It is customary during this period to visit the cemetery and strengthen one's ties with the ideals of the faith of our ancestors.

Aseret Yemai Teshuvah

The ten days of Penitence or Return. These are the days between and including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It is customary to greet one another during this period with the blessing: May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year (Ketiva Ve-chatima Tova). It is important to note that one can only be Divinely forgiven for those transgressions committed against God. It is therefore incumbent upon every individual to seek forgiveness of his fellow man during these days for any wrongdoing he/she may have committed in the past year.

Apples and Honey

Upon returning from the Synagogue on Rosh Hashanah evenings there is a beautiful custom to first dip challah and then a slice of apple into some honey. This special hors d'oeuvre is eaten with the prayer, "May it be thy will to renew us unto a good and sweet year."

Tashlich

Literally, to cast away (one's transgressions). The first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah usually marks the fascinating Tashlich ceremony which takes place on the bank of a river or near some body of fresh water. Appropriate prayers are recited and then it is customary for each person to shake the corner of their garment. This is to indicate that it is in our power to shake ourselves free of sin and to mend our ways. In the presence of an ever flowing stream one is immediately moved to think of the infinitude of God and, in contrast, the finite bounds of humankind.

Shofar or Ram's Horn

It is the highlight of the Rosh Hashanah morning services and signals the conclusion of the Yom Kippur fast. Among the many reasons for this blowing of the Shofar are:

*To proclaim the sovereignty of God on the anniversary of the creation of the world (The Kings of Israel were coronated amidst the sounding of the ram's horn).

*To rouse the slumbering individual from the sleep of complacency and to stir him or her to repentance.

*To remind God (as well as ourselves) of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac, his only son. The Bible relates that a ram was substituted for the beloved Isaac. In such a manner do we hope to be saved from impending death.

Shabbat Shuva

The Sabbath of Return is the designation for the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Its name is taken from the Haftorah (portion of the Prophets) chanted on the Sabbath, which begins "Shuva Yisroel", (Return O Israel unto the Lord Thy God), (Hosea 14:22).

Yom Kippur Fast

In ordaining Yom Kippur, the Bible states: "You shall afflict your souls". This is the basis of fasting, the abstinence from food and drink on the Day of Forgiveness. The purpose of the fast is to emphasize the spiritual nature of humankind and demonstrate the God-like quality of each of us. Children usually begin to fast at the age of thirteen.

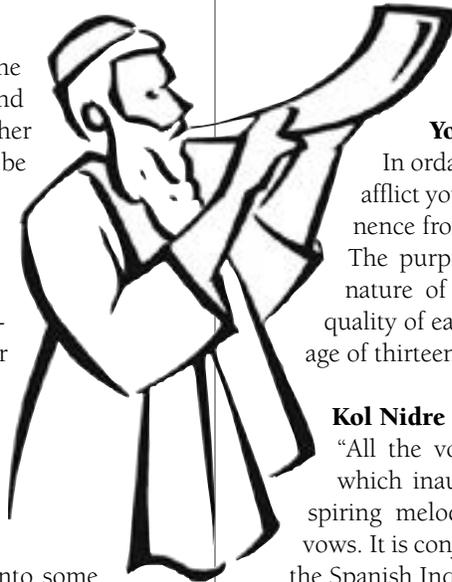
Kol Nidre

"All the vows," the beginning of the dramatic prayer which inaugurates Yom Kippur. The haunting and inspiring melody speaks of God's absolution of religious vows. It is conjectured that the music was composed during the Spanish Inquisition (1492) when many Jews were forced to publicly vow their allegiance to Christianity.

Sukkot

The festival of Sukkot has dual origins. Historically, it commemorates the forty years of wandering in the desert after the exodus from Egypt, when the children of Israel lived in temporary dwellings. Agriculturally the holiday celebrates the final gathering of fruit and produce of the year.

Preparation of Sukkot should begin immediately after Yom Kippur, with the construction of the Sukkah. The Sukkah must be a temporary hut with at least three walls. The walls may be made of any material and should be fixed firmly so it will not be easily blown down or move in the wind. The S'chach (roof) should be constructed from anything which grows from the ground and has been cut off, such as branches, cornstalks, two-by-twos, bamboo and sticks. The larger items may serve as support for the smaller, more decorative ones. The roofing material must be loose, not bundles, and provide more shade than sunlight. One should be able to see the stars on a clear night through the s'chach. The Sukkah should not be built under a tree or permanent roof, in order to preserve its openness. It is customary to decorate the Sukkah with hanging fruit and vegetables, pictures, tapestries, and electric lights to



make it inviting and cheerful.

During the week long chag (festival), one should live as much as possible in the Sukkah – eating meals in it and entertaining guests.

Etrog and Lulav

According to the Torah, on the first day of Sukkot and for seven days, one should rejoice before the Lord with the four species: the etrog (citron), a lulav (palm branch), the hadas (myrtle branch), and the arava (willow branch). Placing the lulav (to which the hadas and arava are bound) in the right hand and the etrog in the left hand with the stem on top, hold the two together and recite the Berakha (blessing) for the four species.

Since time immemorial, blessing the lulav and etrog has been the Jewish way of thanking God for the blessings of the earth on the holiday of Sukkot. By holding the four species together, we symbolically “get our own act together” in preparation for the New Year. By pointing



them in six directions we remind ourselves that God's presence can be found in every area of our lives, and by shaking the lulav and etrog vigorously, we commit to being movers and shakers in the world this year, for good and for blessing.

Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

The eighth and ninth (concluding) days of the Sukkot Festival are called Shemini Atzeret. Its purpose is to conclude the Festival of Sukkot. On this day one leaves the Sukkah and returns to a permanent dwelling. The four species are not used. Since it is on the second day of Shemini Atzeret that the annual cycle of the weekly Torah reading is completed, that day has also become known as Simchat Torah, or Rejoicing of the Torah.

Lulav & Etrog Order Deadline: Wednesday September 27th

**A limited number of sets are available
for BEBY members only.**

**Orders that are not confirmed
by this date will not be placed.**

No extra sets are available, so don't forget!

**NOTE: All lulav and etrog sets
must be picked up and paid for prior to Sukkot.
Pricing TBA.**

Operation Isaiah

Many years ago, Operation Isaiah was launched as a response to hunger in North America. Congregations have been asked to bring bags or items of non-perishable food to Kol Nidre services; these are later distributed to local food banks. Once again, we ask the members of Beth Emeth to participate in Operation Isaiah. Receptacles will be provided at the Wilmington Street entrance for the collection of jarred, canned or bottled food items. Everyone is encouraged to observe the Mitzvah of Tzedakah.



FIND YOUR MINYAN — AT A GLANCE

Main Service

ROSH HASHANAH — 8:00 AM » SANCTUARY

YOM KIPPUR — 8:30 AM » SANCTUARY

In the sanctuary service, you can find three or four generations of a family sitting together, from little children to grandparents or great-grandparents.

This is a full, traditional service with age-old and contemporary melodies performed by Cantor David Guber. Rabbi Howard Morrison offers brief explanations throughout the service as well as delivers a formal sermon, which relates our traditions to the challenges of contemporary Jewish life.

One of the joys of a large synagogue service is that you feel as if you are praying with the entire people of Israel. Experience the spiritual thrill of standing with thousands of your fellow Jews, young and old, when the shofar is sounded, when Kol Nidrei is chanted and when Neilah closes out the High Holy Day services.

“Be transformed. People should come out from services different from the way they came in. They should feel a little elevated. Our services should be transformational.”
Rabbi Howard Morrison



Parallel Service — Arback Hall

ROSH HASHANAH » 8:30 AM

YOM KIPPUR » 9:00 AM

Bring your parents, bring your children and be immersed in a welcoming traditional minyan.

This participatory service, led by Rabbi Leslie Lipson and Daniel Laufer, runs parallel to the service in the main sanctuary. Here you'll find a smaller, more intimate prayer experience with lots of spirited singing and explanations of some of the most important prayers. Children of all ages are welcome as the sounds of children only enhance our experience.

We encourage you to come early and hear every shofar blast

and fulfill the mitzvah of making a minyan so your fellow daveners can say Kaddish.

This year, a handbook of contemporary readings has been prepared to enhance your own understanding of the High Holidays. Rabbi Lipson will also introduce a new and meaningful way of participating in the Yizkor service.

Young Family Learner's Minyan — Kelman Centre » 10:15 AM — 12 NOON

Are you a family with children under bar/bat mitzvah age looking for a High Holiday service the whole family will enjoy? Are you hoping to find a place kids and parents will learn together and have fun? Then this is your minyan.

Jeff Springer leads an abridged service in Hebrew and English, with some davening, some singing, some storytelling and a whole lot of candy thrown in as well. Using a machzor (prayer book) specially adapted for young people, Jeff leads parents and children together in prayer and discussion, explaining many of the ideas in the High Holiday service. Services finish with a fun game like Jewpardy and a snack.

Moishe House — Tessler Lounge

ROSH HASHANAH » 11:45 AM

YOM KIPPUR » 11:45 AM

If you are in your 20's or 30's, join Moishe House, a group of young Jews dedicated to building community, and enjoy a light kiddush and informal discussion about the meaning of the holidays, Jewish identity and values. Facilitated by Amanda Snow.

FIND YOUR MINYAN — AT A GLANCE

****Pre-Teen Service - Lerman Chapel***

» 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

Led by our Youth leaders. In the pre-teen service, children ages 10 -13 also participate in a youth-oriented service, although with a little more content than their younger peers. There are also board games, activities, and lots of prizes! Snack is served midway through the program.

High Holy Days Discussion Groups —

Rosh Hashanah Day One – 11 am

Rethinking the Jewish family -

A panel discussion sharing the diverse narratives of members of our community.

Rosh Hashanah Day Two – 11 am

Café Shinshinim – Meet our new Shinshinim, Ronny and Noam – leading an interactive session on Modern Israel.

Yom Kippur Day

11 am with Bruria Cooperman

Hollywood Does Yom Kippur

Session between the break at (approximately)

3 pm with Rouhama Danto

What Makes Jewish “Holy Days” different from other kinds of “Holidays”?

****Children’s Services***

» 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

In the children’s service, kids ages 6-7 and 8-9 participate in an abridged service that touches on all the highlights of the High Holiday prayers. Led by trained and experienced staff, children sing, pray and play games (with prizes!) while their parents are attending services. Snack is served midway through the program.

****Kindergarten Room* » 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Children ages 4-5 enjoy stories, songs and games. Snack is served midway through the program.

****Kotzer Nursery* » 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.**

In the Kotzer Nursery, little ones ages 2-3 enjoy interactive play, but take a break for some High Holiday songs and stories. Snack is served midway through the program.

Nursing Moms & Babies — Library

» 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

For children who are not toilet trained or are under 2 ½ years old. Nannies are permitted to supervise. No tickets or passes required. Please remember to tidy up after yourselves so others can enjoy this space!

***For your child’s safety, please respect the requested age limits set for each of the programs.**

****In all of these services our children can learn about the holidays in an age-appropriate way with their friends. Everyone enjoys a nut-free snack and comes into the sanctuary to experience the shofar blowing.**

Ticket Guide

ADULT TICKETS:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 — Yellow Ticket
Rosh Hashanah Day 2 — Grey Ticket
Kol Nidrei Night —Blue Tab Card
(Terumah Appeal)
Yom Kippur Day —
Israel Bond Tab Folder and
Double Mitzvah Insert Tab Card

YOUTH TICKETS:

(By Payment Only)

Rosh Hashanah Day One — Green Ticket
Rosh Hashanah Day Two — Pink Ticket
Kol Nidrei Night — Cream Ticket
Yom Kippur Day — Israel Bond
Tab Folder

YOUTH PASS: Blue

Entry to Youth Services
in the Arback Hall / Kelman Centre

If you require clarification, please call the office – 416.633.3838. Best wishes for a Shana Tova — Happy Healthy New Year!

RABBI HOWARD MORRISON



Dear Congregational Family,

We are living in historic times as a Jewish people. Our ancestors could only have dreamt about the State of Israel and a unified Jerusalem. During the spring, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Six Day War which brought back the Old City and the Western Wall to our people. This coming spring, we will celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

During this summer, Israeli actress Gal Gadot brought Jewish and Israeli pride to many young people. The former combat instructor in the IDF played Wonder Woman on the big screen to the delight of most viewers and critics.



WHERE IS YOUR SHOFAR?
Again this year we want to encourage the practice of having those with their own shofarot join us on the bimah at the end of Neilah. Have your shofar in shul for Yom Kippur — It will be a BLAST!!!

The continued maintenance and growth of Israel is challenging. Every Jew must be an advocate for Israel before the larger world which holds Israel to a double standard and before many who support B.D.S. against Israel.

At the same time, the diversity of Jews in Israel and Jews who support Israel from around the world also creates serious challenges. How does one define and create a society which is committed to Zionism, democracy and Jewish values? This challenging question underscores the controversies surrounding an alternative prayer place along the Southern part of the Kotel for the Women of the Wall as well as Reform and Conservative modes of prayer.

The challenging question on how one integrates Zionism, democracy and Jewish values also underscores the controversy

over the supervision of conversions in Israel, which led to the audacious publication of a blacklist of 160 world rabbis whose vouching for the Jewishness of immigrants is not acceptable. On the list were Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, including Canadians.

I write this article while both my sons are currently in Israel. Yonah has made a four year commitment to the IDF and identifies himself as a Zionist. Elie is studying and working in Israel blending Zionism with open minded traditional Jewish living. My own children embody the richness of diversity in Israel. Each is equally dedicated in his own way.

I am concerned about the extreme on the right monopolizing the definition of Jewish values. I am equally concerned about the extreme on the left questioning its support of Israel after the events of this past summer.

While these and many other challenges must be addressed, our ancestors could only dream about seventy years of Statehood and fifty years of a sovereign Jerusalem. May we continue to be ambassadors and advocates for Israel. All the Jewish people is one fellowship. A family can have its disagreements, work to solve them, but still must be a family.

Tamara and I wish you all Shanah Tovah U'Metukah - A good and sweet New Year.

Rabbi Howard Morrison
rabbi@beby.org

NEW MONDAY NIGHT CLASS WITH RABBI MORRISON:

Walking with God, The Jewish Calendar, and Justice - Using materials arranged by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies for adult Jewish learning, we will analyze texts from diverse periods of Jewish history on the meaning and relevance of God, the Jewish Calendar and issues pertaining to Justice, including such topics as the environment, business, the family, and more.

The student will be exposed to various Jewish literary sources with the goal of formulating one's own position.

Begins Monday evening September 18, 7:15-8:15 pm.

NEW TUESDAY MORNING SISTERHOOD CLASS (MEN INVITED TOO) WITH RABBI MORRISON:

Touring the Siddur/Jewish Prayer Book - We will examine core structures and texts with the aid of historical, literary and inspirational commentaries. In the first few sessions, we will focus on the prayers of the Fall season Holy Days.

During the rest of the year, we will focus on the year round prayers found in the Siddur.

Begins Tuesday morning September 19, 10:00-11:30 am

(every other Tuesday the class is led by Rabbi Leslie Lipson - his topic: **Samuel II—the Book of Kings: Politics & Power in Biblical Israel**)

RABBI LESLIE LIPSON

Recall the days that still are to come; some sing blue
(Robert Hunter & Jerry Garcia "Crazy Fingers")

We celebrated our son's Bar Mitzvah a few weeks ago in Israel. This was our youngest child transitioning from Jewish Childhood to Jewish Adulthood. While at the Kotel that Thursday morning, he dutifully put on his Tefillin, davened, read Torah and had an Aliyah. Due to health issues, his grandparents were unable to join us so we recorded and broadcast the Bar Mitzvah through power of the internet. The Grandparents watched on both the East Coast and the West Coast. Not since my son's bris, thirteen years before, have I felt so mortal. I am more sensitive to my parents and my mother-in law slowing down just a bit. I find myself worrying more about my children's future. With a child due to graduate from High School, I worry even more about their college education. I worry more about their future. I worry about their ability to find a balance between work, relationships and their Judaism. I worry more about the kind of world in which they will grow up. I worry more about the world in which they will raise their children. I worry more about the type of people they might or might not become. As I watched our son, on that Thursday morning davening, and reading Torah at the Kotel, as I sat and listened to his D'var Torah at the celebratory breakfast afterwards, after he read Torah and chanted Haftarah that Shabbat in Efrat, I took a long look at our son. I took a long look at our three daughters. Mindful of my own personal journey, I felt more mortal, more vulnerable, and more unable to make my children's lives safe, meaningful, and happy. They would have to learn to do this for themselves. Yet despite this existential angst, I looked into the eyes of each of our children, our twenty-six year old, our seventeen year old, our fifteen year old, and our Bar Mitzvah boy and I realized that these types of moments that keenly remind us of our mortality is the one way we are able to achieve L'Orech Yamim - to lengthen one's days. As I watch and listen to our son, as I watch and listen to our children, I realize that the world continues to remain open and possible. While it may not be as open and possible for me as it once was, it is for my children the next generation. As I watch and listen to them discuss issues, absorb the world around them, question, challenge and be engaged in the world around them, I realize that as fragile and tenuous as life is, it is that very fragility and tenuousness that offers so much meaning in our lives.

This is the time of year, as the month of Elul (the last month) draws to a close, and the year 5777 draws to a close, that we take time to evaluate where we have been and where we are going. Like any other year, it was a year marked by loss. It was a year marked by blessing. It was a year marked by pain and a year marked by joy. It was a year marked by all life can offer including death. For some of us, it seems so easy to grow numb to the passing of a year; for others of us it seems just as easy to grow anxious at the passing of year. Whether due to the ennui that accompanies one's life, or the increased anxiety that accompanies one's life; taking precious moments to engage in *Cheshbon HaNefesh* (Evaluation of the Soul) is the gift that accompanies Rosh Hashannah. In the



Talmudic Tractate Rosh Hashanah, **ChaZaL** (*Chachamim Zichrono Livracha- Our Sages of Blessed Memory*) teach: **MeiReishit HaShanah Nidon Mah Y'hei B'Sofa**

– At the year's beginning, it is determined what will occur at the end (Rosh Hashanah 16b). Certainly our sages are emphasizing the pivotal role that Rosh HaShanah, the beginning of the year plays in our lives on a yearly basis. Our sages also introduce the importance of the end of the previous year- Acharit Shanah. Just like Rosh HaShanah (the Head of the Year) is marked by Teshuva – the return to God, so too is the Acharit Shanah (End of the Year). The month of Elul, the last month of the Jewish year, marks an opportunity to engage in Teshuvah as well. We have the opportunity to clear away our anxiety, clear away our cynicism, and open our hearts. So that we greet the New Year with joy, enthusiasm and hope. Towards the end of Deuteronomy we read U'Mal Hashem Elokecha et Levavcha V'Et L'vav Zarecha – And Hashem your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offering (Deut. 30:6). The first letters of the phrase **Et L'vavcha V'Et L'Vav** (**Aleph Lamed Vav Lamed**) spells Elul. The Sfat Emet, the 19th century

Polish Rabbi and leader of the Ger Chasidim, explains that the verse reminds us of the impact Teshuva has upon our offerings, our blessings, or our children. "Our ancestors, who returned to HaShem during the first Elul after they had worshipped the Golden Calf, merited that God circumcise their hearts".

Certainly as we recognize life's fragility, our sense of mortality increases. Our responsibilities increase and the moments to reflect on where we once were, where we are and where we are headed are few and far in between. Despite that growing sense of mortality, despite that growing anxiety and vulnerability, we have an opportunity to achieve a type of immortality. Like our ancestors who engaged in Teshuva and returned to God thus ensuring the covenant be passed down to the next generation, the onus is upon us. As one year draws to a close and another year begins, we also have the opportunity to return to God, to circumcise our hearts, that is, renew our commitment to this covenant with God. In doing so, we achieve the merit to pass that covenant onto our children and our grandchildren. As this year winds down and a new year is poised to begin, may we realize how far we have come and have a sense of contentment about our lives. As we begin a new year, may we once again take steps toward God, towards God's Torah, towards God's commandments and lead a life of sanctity and holiness. May we once again energize ourselves, circumcise our hearts, and transmit this to the generations that follow. May we have a sweet and healthy New Year. May we have a year of Smachot and Brachot – Happiness and Blessings.

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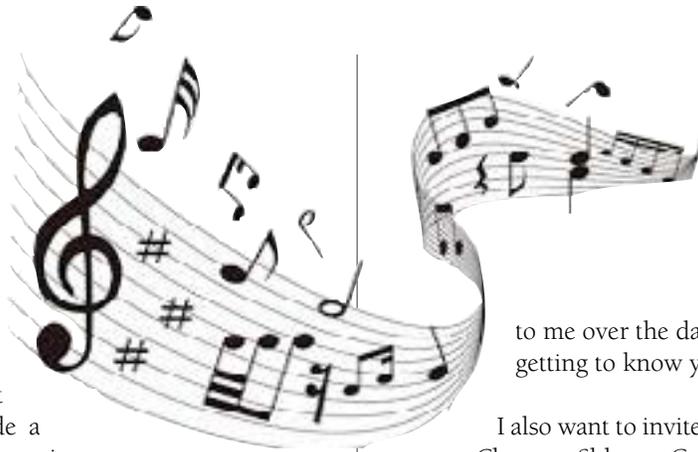


CANTOR DAVID GUBER



Every year before Rosh Hashanah, it is said that the Vilna Gaon would sit alone and calculate how much time he wasted in the year that passed. In one of the years he calculated that he wasted three hours of his life (probably sleeping). (He used to sleep only 45 minutes each night.) When he realized he had wasted a full three hours he was very remorseful and went into a great depression. He made a commitment to never again waste time. The lesson we can learn from the Gaon is that we must constantly reflect and work to improve. Rosh Hashanah is mankind's birthday. It is an appropriate time to reflect on the year that has passed, be grateful for our lives and begin our personal and communal commitment to improve and accomplish more in the year ahead.

As I prepare for my first High Holy Days with my synagogue family here at Beth Emeth, I feel very grateful and make my commitment to do just that - continually improve and accomplish more. I look forward to meeting all of you and ask you all to introduce yourselves



to me over the days of the chagim. I look forward to getting to know you.

I also want to invite everyone to join me and my father, Chazzan Shlomo Guber, for a very special concert on **Tuesday November 21**. The concert "**Songs my Father Taught Me**" will reveal my journey to the exceptional art of cantorial music and will serve as an expression of the deep connection between me and my father and my grandfather Chazzan Avraham Guber ז"ל. I hope to see you there.

Shana Tova Tikateyvu v'tichateymu.
Happy, healthy New Year.

Cantor David Guber
cantor@beby.org



SHANA TOVA U'METUKAH!
שנה טובה ומתוקה

Best Wishes to Everyone for a Happy and Healthy New Year

Michael Levitt MP
York Centre
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Perseverance, Our Journey Continues...

I am delighted to report to our members and stakeholders an update on the state of affairs of our great synagogue. To sum it up succinctly, our perseverance is paying off. As we soon gather together for the Yom Tovim, perhaps like 'March of the Penguins' let me state it most positively, 'we are on very solid footings'. Our finances have greatly improved over the past two years, in part because of the successful efforts leadership and our professional staff made in developing relationships with our membership, many of whom are now regular donors to the synagogue and view our institution as a most worthy place to donate. Our members are donating because they acknowledge that everything we do revolves around them; their expectations of services they receive, their expectations of what a member experience should be and their expectations of being part of something truly amazing. Everyone wants to be part of something successful and growing – we are delivering on all fronts!

Over the past year without any doubt we have witnessed the largest increase in our total membership since 1973, the year we completed the amalgamation with Hebrew Men of England. We have welcomed over 100 new families who now call Beth Emeth their spiritual home. We have welcomed over sixty families alone from the former Shaar Shalom Synagogue, embracing the values that this synagogue stood for: traditional religious practices, a concern for the wellbeing of the greater community, recognizing that each member is important and that no one should be left behind regardless of their ability to pay. These values are consistent with our own, and I am pleased that to date, we continue to welcome even more former members of Shaar Shalom and look forward to their contribution to our future success. I believe that as a synagogue we must celebrate and showcase our strengths; first and foremost, we are a Traditional Conservative House of Worship with an un-paralleled success of being defined as a warm and friendly congregation. Each step in our 63 years of growth has been a building block; Beth Emeth, Bais Yehuda, Hebrew Men of England and Shaar Shalom – have allowed us to prosper by our ability to transform each of these contributors, and our unrelenting commitment to creating a special member experience that always exceeds their expectations and no matter what, each and every member experience matters. Our journey proudly continues!

Given the continuing seismic shift in the landscape of the greater Conservative movement; exemplified by a rapid rise in the disaffiliated and dissatisfied members of the movement, we know we must evolve our strategy and execute faster to make everything we do more relevant and compelling to our own Beth Emeth members. Holding true to our values, customs and practices counts for something. Embracing the notion that we must be even more proactive and sensitive to our members and meet them where 'they live', is something we must do. Our building while as beautiful and well maintained as it is, may not be relevant to a younger generation of members. We cannot leave them behind simply because they do not want to pray, learn or participate within the four walls of

what we call Beth Emeth on Elder Street. Indeed, it is about outreach – and the future will call upon our Clergy and Leadership to engage them in places like our homes, university and college campuses, coffee shops, and nightclubs as an example. This concept of 'Keruv' or outreach will define us on par with the success our friends in the Orthodox world have had recently. We will take necessary steps, perhaps a little unconventional, to ensure that we make the most of every opportunity around us.

This past year we warmly welcomed Cantor David Guber to our extended synagogue family. Cantor David has engaged us with his warm melodic voice, embracing the very best of traditional Chazanut, and has renewed our days of old again. I look forward with great anticipation to the presence on our Bimah of Cantor David during the upcoming High Holy Days.

In some measure, I hope that I have assisted in positioning Beth Emeth as a leader in the greater community. I reflect on many of the leadership initiatives that we have undertaken such as new programs for interfaith dialogue under the inspiration of Mike and Sue Feldman and led by our Member of Parliament, Michael Levitt. I hope that we can again repeat the success of last year's UJA Shabbat. As well, we recognized important members of our greater Jewish community including; Rabbi Scheim (President of the RA) and Alex Eisen (recent JNF Honouree). I remember our Shabbat program entitled Canada@150 and Shabbat Itanu and the amazing Kiddushim that followed. These are examples that we are part of a much larger community and have taken our place as the respected leader that we are.

I remember back almost two years ago when I assumed the office of synagogue president, and the enormous amount of well wishes offered by my predecessors who held this office. I was struck by their collective generosity and compassion. I was struck by their desire, as past presidents, to remain active and work hard from the eldest to the youngest ensuring our synagogue went from strength to strength. Our past presidents council met most regularly and we acknowledge with respect the 'Dean' of this group, Mr. David Anisman. For they as past presidents knew that I would come to learn what they had learned — that being President, above all, is a humbling job. There are moments where you make mistakes. There are times where you wish you could turn back the clock, and what I know is true about this special group of past presidents and I hope my successor will say about me, is that we all love this synagogue without reservation, and we do our best to continue to make it the success it should be. I hope my successors will say about me 'that he took himself lightly but took his responsibilities to serve the congregation seriously'. In the role I have played as president in the end, I have never abandoned my principles or my decency, or any of my caring for my fellow man, understanding the very essence of a definition of a successful life must include service

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...continued

to others. I was proud to serve! I have been humbled by the trust reposed in me and am grateful to be given the opportunity to call, write, email and engage as many members of our congregation as was possible. In the end, our collective success will be measured with some simple words: Leadership accomplished, Excellence achieved, Tasks completed, Duty and honour fulfilled, Responsibilities and Obligations met!

I want to acknowledge most sincerely my leadership team of volunteers, our amazing and concerned professional staff which includes first and foremost our clergy. It has been a pleasure to serve together with you!

I appreciate the unwavering support from my family, without which I would have simply been unable to serve. They supported me on a mission to be a community builder on a road not certain, on paths not always smooth and with a compass not always set. They did so for some 30 years, my parents (Max and Dolly Kerzner), my wife (Rochelle) my children (Seth, Aaron and Shaina), my relatives and amazing friends who thought I could serve to make our Country and Community just a bit better. I hope that I have never disappointed them!

Soon, in a matter of days, we will come together as a congregation, reflect on the years past, on those who we lost to the ages, and those who we welcome for the very first time. Yom Tov allows us to begin again 'anew', and for this we thank G-d. I hope and pray that the coming year brings us the strength to be the very best we can be and from my family to yours wishing everyone a Gmar Chatimah Tova, a gut gebentsht yohr, a sweet and special New Year!

Finally, someone once told me that time is a predator that has stalked us all of our lives, I believe that time is a companion that goes with us on our journey, reminds us to cherish every moment, because it will never come again, what we leave behind is not as important as how we live. Looking back on it, I kind of believe it was the best of times these past two years and I think of this wonderful quote by George Eliot, "It's never to late to be what you might have been".

Warmly and respectfully,

Michael Shawn Kerzner
president@beby.org

TERUMAH APPEAL 2017



Each year, as our Beth Emeth Congregational family gathers together from near and far for the spiritual embrace of our High Holy Day services, we are reminded of our solemn obligation to keep our Synagogue strong and inclusive. The Yom Tovim are a time when we greet old friends, extend a warm handshake and shed a tear for those who we have lost in the preceding year. It is a time of reflection; it is a time to re-invigorate our commitment to a Shul we love.

Our founders had a simple idea: to make a Chevra and build a Synagogue in the Bathurst Manor based on steadfast values of traditional conservative Judaism. We have led the entire community in so many ways and have been pioneers with many programs like Out of the Cold and Kadima. It is about our children and their legacy. It is about the strength of our good name, our reputation of being a warm and caring institution.

This year, as we embark on our 15th Annual Campaign, we

endeavour to raise the bar even higher. This campaign provides much support to our Synagogue but perhaps nothing more important than ensuring 'no one is left behind'. No donation is too small or unimportant to make a difference. One person cannot do everything; one person can do something.

This year more than ever, join your Synagogue Leadership, Clergy and Professional Staff in supporting the 15th Annual Terumah Campaign.

Beth Emeth celebrated our 60th Anniversary a few years ago. Now we must move forward with our next 60 years so that our children will read the Keshet in the future and be able to say "until another 120".

May our days be renewed as of old, and may we all live to celebrate many wonderful Simchas together!

Respectfully,

Morris (Michael) Sugarman
Chairman of the Board
Vice President, Governance and Administration
chair@beby.org

BOARDROOM BANTER

I am writing this article in the middle of the summer, during the week of my father's yahrzeit. It has been 8 years since my father passed away, and it had an enormous impact on my life. It was painful, but it was also instrumental in my current involvement with my faith and the Jewish community. My father was a child Holocaust survivor who survived the Warsaw Ghetto from age 9 to 12 and then multiple concentration camps including Dachau and Auschwitz, from 12 to 15, ultimately being liberated by the Americans in Buchenwald. He spent the next 3 years in a displaced persons boys camp in northern Italy, where at 17 he had his bar mitzvah with 200 other boys in a single service. That was about the extent of his Jewish education. I did not grow up as a member of a synagogue, but did attend after-school Hebrew school at the Beth Emeth in the 70s; and I had my bar mitzvah at Beth Emeth. But after my bar mitzvah, I, like my father, had no involvement with synagogue life. As my father got older, I noticed a change in him, probably due to his peers getting older and his father passing away (his mother, brother and sister were murdered in Auschwitz), he started to go to synagogue for yahrzeits for his father and his mother and father-in-law. But that was it, no high holy days, no yizkor, just yahrzeits. When my father passed away, I felt compelled to honour his memory by saying Kaddish, and coming to Beth Emeth made sense to me since I was comfortable with the format of the service, since it hadn't really changed since I was a kid. I relearned Hebrew to be able to say the kaddish, then to lead services, so I could lead services on my father's yahrzeit. It wasn't so much about what I was doing as why for me. It was all in honour of my father. Funny thing is, spending every day at the synagogue for services for a year, I got to meet so many wonderful people and become part of the community that when I got involved in some of the committees, it made sense to then join the Board as a natural progression, as I felt I would be more effective in accomplishing things around the synagogue. I also viewed my service on the Board as tzedakah (righteous giving) - tzedakah connects the living and the dead in the work of tikkun olam (repairing the world). "By performing a mitzvah on someone's behalf, we become that person's feet

on earth." I have served as a member of the Board for 7 years, 3 as a Director at Large, 4 as a Vice-President with the last two as Chairman of the Board. My seven years on the Board and Executive have been a wonderful experience. Learning how the synagogue works, contributing on decisions that affect our synagogue community, and gaining skills as a leader in our community. I encourage everyone reading this article to consider running for the Board this fall, especially our younger members. It is an experience that will give you insight and develop your leadership skills. I will not be running this fall for the Board or Executive. I feel I have accomplished quite a bit, and want to take time to pursue other interests. I will remain an active member, still sitting on some committees, but I also want to spend more time on activities with my young family. It is time to be a Jew in the Pew. I dedicate the last seven years of my service on the Board to my father, Sam (Yehoshua ben Kalman HaLevy, ב"ר), may his memory always be for a blessing.



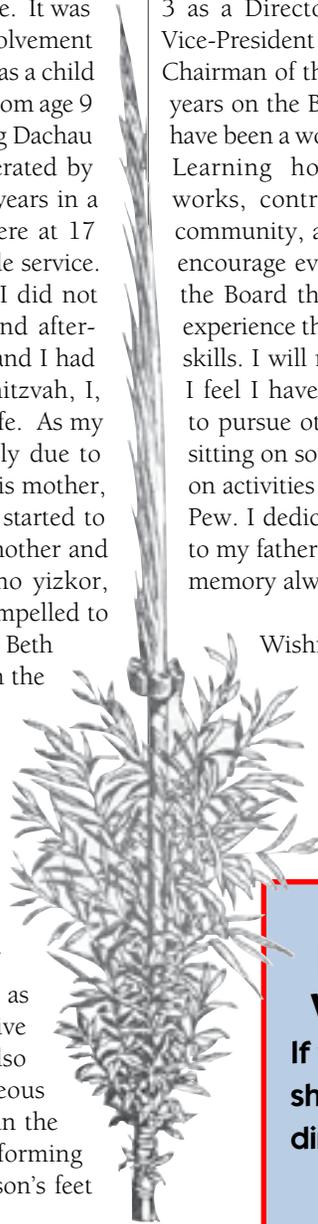
Wishing everyone a Shana Tova,

Morris (Michael) Sugarman

Chairman of the Board

Vice-President, Governance and Administration

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HOLD THE DATE.

Annual General Meeting & Elections
Sunday, October 29th.



REMEMBER: WE'VE GOT MAIL!

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



How did YOU spend your summer vacation? I hope you had an enjoyable, healthy and invigorating summer filled with family, friends and memorable moments.

Here at Beth Emeth, the summer months are busy. It is a time for our member families to renew their commitment to Beth Emeth. This year, in particular, it has also been a time to welcome many new friends to our shul. Over the course of the past few weeks and months, I have had the incredible honour of meeting with so many of you personally. I have met with many who have been steadfast members of our shul for years. And, I have been meeting with many new families who have come to us seeking and finding their new synagogue home: from Shaar Shalom, from the neighbourhood and from the broader community. These families have chosen our synagogue to be their new spiritual community. I have heard countless stories about why they chose Beth Emeth as their new home. The reasons vary and all heartwarming and inspiring -- ranging from the warm and welcoming nature of the people they met during their "shul shopping", to the traditional style of Jewish ritual practice observed at Beth Emeth, to their appreciation of the support of our clergy and professional team at their time of need, to recognizing the commitment to good governance by our lay leadership and professionals, to joining their families and/or friends who already belong. I am always interested to learn people's histories and indeed moved to hear when the major motivation for joining our shul includes a commitment to living a Jewish life surrounded by a like-minded community. On behalf of all of us at Beth Emeth, I say "Welcome" and "welcome back" one and all!

Summertime is also an important time to refurbish and refresh our synagogue so that the building always looks beautiful and up-to-date for our enjoyment and as a beautiful venue for lifecycle events. This summer we modernized the look of the main floor by repainting the walls of the main floor concourse and hallways. This effort will soon include a redesign of the lighting in the main floor concourse.

And something special - we have begun to refurbish the Sam Land Alcove soon to be rededicated as the Sam and Sophie Land Lounge. This work has been enabled by the generous donation of Allan and Denise Land and children, Stephanie, Brandon and Jeremy, in loving memory of Sam and Sophie Land z'l.

We will soon be installing in the foyer (near Elder Street) a powerful Holocaust memorial wall which was donated to us by Shaar Shalom. A customized frame and pedestal for the floor to ceiling glass wall is being designed by Irv Klein to complement the existing Samuel Edelstein Garden's Betel Family Donor Wall. Thank you to the Shaar Shalom Brotherhood and congregational leadership for this tremendous gift.

These projects are all in the works and hopefully will be ready in the near future.

On the programmatic side our volunteer committees and professional staff have been working diligently to plan the coming year. There is a renewed commitment to the Kadima program and we welcome Margie Arosh as the new director. The supplementary school has also been rebranded as the Aleph Beit Chadash school with Shauna Small as the new Education Director under the guidance of two very committed Synagogue volunteers Eleanor Minuk and Sheldon Zelsman. The school will have a new dedicated space, new curriculum and overall new outlook.

And on the continuing education front, you will see advertised a wide array of wonderful programming for all ages including the Food for Thought series of workshops to help seniors avoid financial abuse (made possible through a grant from the New Horizons for Seniors programme of the Government of Canada); a books and bagels series and a lunch and literature series.

A Major concert is being planned for November 21 to introduce our outstanding new cantor David Guber to the community. Cantor Guber will be joined by his father Chazzan Shlomo Guber and by Chazzan Daniel Gilder as their accompanist.

Under the auspices of the Chai Music Society and the guidance of volunteers Howard Lichtman and George Kreiser, there are a number musical programs being planned featuring Simon Spiro as the artist in residence. (Additional information on all these programmes can be found in this Keshet).

As you can see it has been a busy summer and we look forward to a fabulous year ahead. Yasher Koach to all those who have been working very hard all summer to bring these initiatives to fruition. We hope every member of the shul will find something to enjoy, participate in and get involved with.

And on a final note – as this is late breaking information - I want to extend my personal appreciation to Tanya Werger, who served as my Executive Assistant and as our Financial Development Administrator, this past year and a half. Tanya will be leaving the Beth Emeth and moving on in her career to another opportunity. Tanya became my right hand and I will miss her as I know many in the Synagogue - on all fronts – will as well. B'hatzlacha Tanya!

On behalf on the entire professional staff team, and my own family, I wish you a sweet, and fulfilling new year- may we all be inscribed for a year of good health, peace and contentment.

Shana tova u'metukah.

Pearl Grundland
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Shana Tova. May you have a sweet, happy,
and most of all a peaceful year.

~Store Hours~

Wednesdays 10 am - 12:30 pm
or by appointment

Sonia Hendler
Gift Shop Chair

Reflections of a Bookaholic

Recently, the Library collection at Beth Emeth grew substantially thanks to the addition/donation of the Shaar Shalom Library Collection and what a remarkable collection it was. There were seemingly endless boxes, a treasure trove of books both fiction and non-fiction, of many genres including cookbooks and children's books, historical and in Yiddish, memoirs and poetry to name a few. We are so fortunate to have received these. However, as they were sorted, there were many duplicates and extras, and the question arose: what to do with them? Solution: a huge Book Sale.

As people shopped and lots of oohs and aahs could be heard, yours truly also couldn't resist. My arm grew longer with each book I added: another book by a favourite author, a novel that had been recommended, another Haggadah with unusual artwork and - who can resist - another cookbook?!

One gem is **The Melting Pot**, the Shaar Shalom Sisterhood cookbook with poems and sayings interspersed throughout. As I perused it, I found a poem that particularly struck me at this introspective time of year.

Recipe for Happiness

Take equal parts of faith and courage,
Mix well with a sense of humour,
Sprinkle with a few tears,
and add a helping of kindness for others.
Bake in a good-natured oven,
and dust with laughter.
Scrape away any self-indulgence that is apparent,
and serve with generous helpings.

as found in the Shaar Shalom Sisterhood cookbook
The Melting Pot copyright 1998, reprinted 2007
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A common moniker for the Jewish people is People of the Book. In the case of Beth Emeth and Shaar Shalom, we are definitely People of the Books.

Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers involved in amalgamating these extensive collections. We at Beth Emeth are very fortunate to have these additions to our already comprehensive and well-stocked library.

Shana tova,
Barbara Lazar

BROTHERHOOD CLUB

The FJMC has just concluded their bi-annual convention and we would like to congratulate our member Stan Greenspan, past brotherhood president, on becoming its 43rd President.

Men's Club was awarded a FJMC Gold Torch Award for our World Wide Wrap program engaging the IDF Lone Soldiers in a video link to Israel.

Congratulations

From our fundraising initiatives and your brotherhood membership contributions, we are now able to sponsor a bench in the Edelstein Children's Holocaust Garden.

A special mention goes to our yellow candle program which was instrumental in initiating this project.

Over the coming year, our intention is to hold monthly dinner meetings where we will provide a variety of enjoyable and meaningful programs. We expect to see you there!

Your participation in planning or helping to run our programs is always appreciated.

STEAK IN THE SUKKAH

Tuesday October 10th Services at 6:30 pm
followed by dinner at 7 pm.
Online registration at beby.org \$40 pp.

Steak in the Sukkah is planned for Tues October 10th. Book early as space is limited. Simchat Torah Asian buffet Thursday Oct 12. Scotch Gala Thursday January 25, World Wide Wrap Sunday, February 4th; Sunnybrook Shabbat Date: TBA. Plus the Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle program, just to name a few!

As always, everyone is welcome to attend our events - not just the guys.

Shana Tova
Brotherhood Executive Committee
brotherhood@beby.org

Please support our programs through your donations at www.beby.org/payment.php

Brotherhood Sefer Haftarah Pledge Form

BEREISHIT

- 8. VAYETZE (S)
- 11. MIKETZ

SHEMOT

- 20. MISHPATIM
- 24. VAYEKHEL(A)
- 25. VAYEKHEL(S)

VAYIKRAH

- 28. TZAV
- 31. METZORAH

BAMIDBAR

- 40. B'HAALOTCHA
- 45. PINCHAS
- 46. MATTOT

DEVARIM

- 48. DEVARIM

SPECIAL HAFTARAT

- 65. SUKKOT (DAY 2)
- 72. ZACHOR
- 74. HA' CHODESH
- 75. HA'GADOL
- 77. PESACH (DAY 2)
- 78. SHABBAT CHOL HA'

MOED

PESACH

- 79. PESACH (DAY 7)
- 80. PESACH (DAY 8)
- 82. SHAVUOT (DAY 2)
- 83. TISHA B'AV (MORNING)
- 84. FAST DAYS (AFTER-NOON)

Dedications might include the following: Bar/Bat Mitzvah ▪ The anniversary of a past Bar/Bat Mitzvah ▪ Birth of a child or grandchild ▪ Wedding anniversary ▪ Graduation ▪ Yahrzeit or other memorial dedication ▪ Public service honour ▪ Other significant milestones

The cost of a haftarah dedication is \$750.00 and your payment in full when you commit would be greatly appreciated. However, members may choose to pay for their dedication in up to 5 equal payments.

Please fill out the attached pledge form and return to the synagogue office.

Donor's Name: _____ Address: _____ City and Postal Code: _____ Office Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ Haftarah: (Please select the corresponding haftarah with the number next to it) Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____ Choice 3: _____ Dedication: _____	MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> or VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ Cardholder's Name: _____ I am paying in _____ installments of \$ _____ = \$750.00 or I am enclosing _____ cheque(s) for \$ _____ = \$750.00 Signature: _____ Date: _____ Fax Form to 416 633.3153 or mail to 100 Elder Street, Tor, M3H 5G7
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is not uncommon for seniors to misunderstand their financial situations, and to face financial hardships as a result.

We are very excited to announce that Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue has received program funding from the Government of Canada New Horizons for Seniors Program to hold 5 workshops on Protecting Seniors Against Financial Abuse.

My name is Lynn Borlack and it is my pleasure to act as the coordinator for this very important event. We will be offering the FREE sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday September 14, Legal Advisor (Lawyer)
- Thursday October 19, Financial Services Expert
- Thursday November 16, Social Worker
- Wednesday December 6, Law Enforcement (Police)
- Thursday January 11, Journalist

All workshops will begin at 12 noon with a light lunch in the Fischtein Hall followed by the guest speaker and a question and

answer period afterwards. All seniors and their families are welcome to participate in these Food for Thought workshops. There is no fee for your participation. Please contact the synagogue office for more information.



On behalf of the committee I look forward to having you join us.

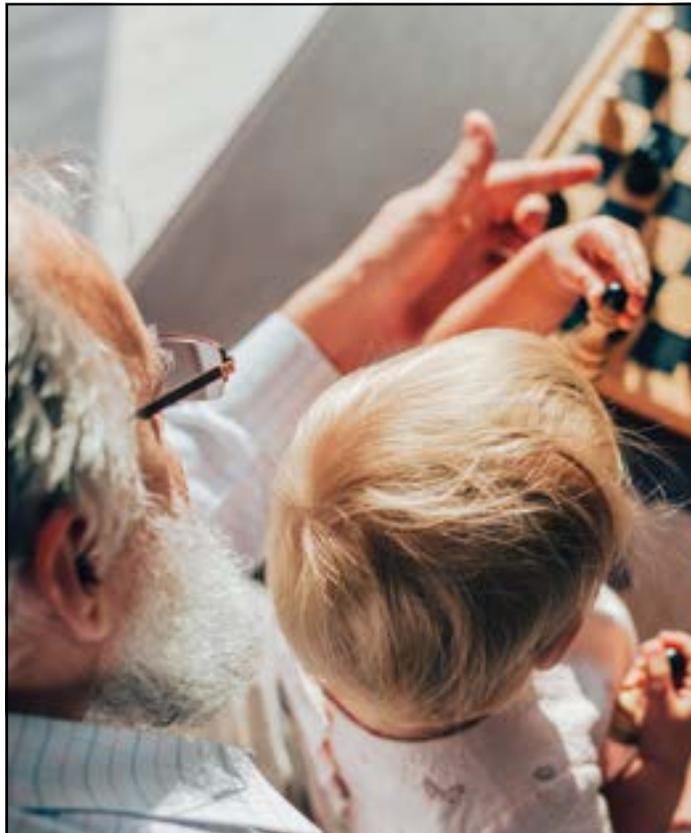
Lynn Borlack
Food for Thought Coordinator

This project is funded in part
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FUN FOR SENIORS

As we say goodbye to 5777 and get ready to greet 5778, it is time for me to reflect on the year that has gone by. More recently, we have enjoyed the return of theatre trips. Having gone to both Niagara on the Lake and Stratford, I can report the plays were outstanding. The bus trips were wonderful. And should you ask anyone, they will report that the trips were amazingly successful.. When November comes around, call the office to reserve your seat.

This year we have another new program, Conversation Cafe! It is so gratifying to see the response to this new concept. We are offering our community the opportunity to drop in, socialize, participate in amazing conversations or enjoy the days we offer entertainment, including a movie every month. Don't delay, join us in the Tessler Lounge 1pm on Tuesdays.

Our Chesed Knitters are as productive as ever. Every 2 or 3 months, we send black knitted hats to Israel. This project is supported by our own knitters and the community at large. We are grateful for your support. And we continue to knit our blankets that are distributed throughout the city. In order to keep up with this amazing production, we depend on your donations to our Chesed Fund. Just call the office to make your contributions. Yasher Koach to Ken Bodenstein of Steeles Memorial Chapel for their wonderful donations every year. Their contributions allow us the privilege to knit hundreds of hats for the IDF and hundreds of blankets that bring comfort to those in need. Also, many thanks to our knitters,

our friends, our family members, the men and women from the morning minyans for support. Kol ha Kavod to all.

The exercise program, held twice a week is very well attended as are the games, Mah Jong and Rummikub held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. We also welcome the newest group of Canasta players.

Yasher Koach to our wonderful and amazing office and custodial staff.

We are at the end of another year and I thank you so very much for our friendly working relationship. You have been a joy to work with and because you care, we have enjoyed another great successful year. I hope I have inspired you to come out, join us, get involved. We have a chair waiting, just for you. Volunteering our time is most rewarding.

Wishing all a healthy, sweet New Year
Shana Tova U' metukah

Miriam Crystal
Sisterhood Past President



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1:30 pm
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DECEMBER 17, 2017

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December 5, 2017

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

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Members: \$7 NM: \$10
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by November 21, 2017

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THE MARTY KESHEN

GEMILLAT CHESED COMMITTEE

One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness; usually it comes back to you.



Being the Chesed Chair for the past 3 years has been a wonderful and very fulfilling volunteer position to have. I have met so many wonderful, kind, sweet and friendly members of Beth Emeth that I would normally have

never met. As I reflect, this volunteer position allowed me to donate my personal time and visit shiva homes, send out condolence and get well cards, make phone calls to our members that were convalescing or not able to get out of the house. Volunteering as Chesed Chair gave me a personal sense of helping those in need and giving back to my community. Thank you to Marlene White for being my right hand on the Chesed Committee and going to the many shiva's north of Steeles Avenue. Your help was invaluable. Also I would like to say thank you to Marika Levine, for making calls and checking in with our members who cannot leave their homes. A HUGE thank you to Mike Kinrys and his fantastic team of daveners who lead services/prayers at shiva homes. I was so grateful to have a great team of wonderful Beth Emeth members on the Chesed Committee.

It is now time for me to pass the baton and end my position as Chesed Chair as the Board year ends. I am more than happy to assist in training whoever takes on this feel good volunteer position. It's been a real pleasure to serve you all.

Wishing you all a Sweet, Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Rochelle Kerzner

Chesed Chair
chesed@beby.org

Join us for our annual

Simchat Torah Luncheon

Friday October 13th, 2017

Members Only. Following services.

Adults: \$28; Kids: 12 & under: \$18

Delectable Menu fully catered by Uptown

Gourmet. Event purchase in advance ONLY.

EVENTS CHECK LIST

**Food for Thought
Legal Advisor (Lawyer)**
Thursday September 14

Selichot Program
Saturday September 16

Rabbi's Class Begins
Monday September 18

Great Lakes Water Walk
Sunday September 24

Sukkah Hop
Thursday October 5

Steak in the Sukkah
Tuesday October 10

Post Hakafot Asian Buffet
Thursday October 12

Simcha Torah Luncheon
Friday October 13

**Food for Thought
Financial Services Expert**
Thursday October 19

**BEBY Annual Meeting
and Elections**
Sunday October 29

The Adon Olam Concert
Sunday October 29

**Holocaust Education Week Program
The Children Remember**
Sunday November 5

Ecology in the Bible
Sunday November 12

**Food for Thought
Social Worker**
Thursday November 16

**Food for Thought
Law Enforcement (Police)**
Wednesday December 6

**Young Families
Pre-Chanukah Party**
Tuesday December 12

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Greetings to all of the music lovers, followers and everyone else who enjoys the various selections of music programs at Beth Emeth. Time has passed since the last writing so I will bring you up to date on what has gone on and where we are going.

The end of May brought us together for a delightful Shabbatini featuring Cantor David Guber for the first time. The Lerman Chapel was filled with a very enthusiastic and appreciative group who shared in a heart-warming Shabbat service. The martinis were great and the food was plentiful. We will be planning more of these events so keep your eye on the Keshet for future dates.

In early July we were fortunate to have a truly talented group of young Israeli musicians display their musical prowess as the Canaan Jazz Ensemble thrilled a large crowd in the Arback Hall. For all of the jazz enthusiasts this was a night to remember.

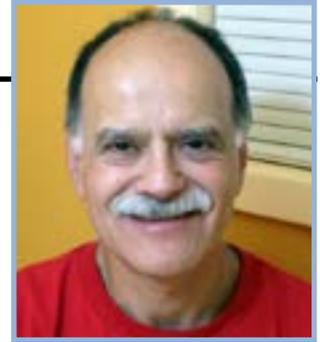
This jazz program initiated our Music After Dark Concert Series. Over the next year we will be bringing a variety of music and artists to Beth Emeth to share our love of song and sound with you. Coming on Sunday September 10 we will showcase our own Jonah Lazar

in a solo performance you must hear. We will have several music events that are to be confirmed and I will keep you updated as they are scheduled.

If you would like to hear something in particular and want to sponsor an evening of music please call the office and leave your name and contact number so I can call you to discuss your interests further.

I hope that everyone had a great summer and you are preparing for the upcoming High Holy Days. Lori and I wish you all a Chag Sameach and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Regards,
Perry Davis
Music Committee Chair



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OPEN HOUSE for Parents

<p><u>Evening Session</u> Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:00 - 9:30 PM</p>	<p><u>New Stream</u> Information Session 7:15 - 8:00 PM</p>
<p><u>Morning Session</u> Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:00 - 10:30 AM</p>	<p><u>New Stream</u> Information Session 10:30 - 11:15 AM</p>

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YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES



Do we have your email?? Don't miss out on all the fun. Please sign up from the [beby.org](http://www.bebby.org) home page —AND don't forget... like us on FACEBOOK! [facebook.com/bebyyoungfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/bebyyoungfamilies)

The Youth Department is gearing up for another year of fun and exciting programs for children and families! We bring back old favourites (like our monthly Family Shabbat service, Jewnior games, and holiday celebrations) and look forward to new experiences (such as TWO great out-of-town retreats!). We invite you and your family to come out to all of our programs – there is something for everyone! Do you have an idea for a program or activity that we are not offering? The Youth Council wants to hear from you! Reach out to Dale, youth@beby.org or (416) 633-3838 x 229.

Youth Programs:

Treetop Trekking **Sunday September 17**

Middle & High School
Hey teens! We're heading up to Treetop Trekking Stouffville for a great day of climbing and fun!

Middle School Sukkah Hop – **Saturday October 7**

Together with Beth Tikvah, we invite you to come out with your friends for a night that promises to be an amazing experience!

CCCS Presents: Paws-itivity! **Sunday October 29**

Our first middle school CCCS program of the year is a hands-on mitzvah opportunity with animals.

Teen Ve'Ahavta **Cooking Program** **Sunday November 19**

Come and do a good deed by giving back

to those in need. In partnership with Beth Tikvah.

CCCS Mansfield Retreat **Friday & Saturday, November 24-25.**

Grades 5-8
An exhilarating Shabbat experience just over an hour from Toronto!

Saturday Night Live with **Camp Ramah**

Saturday December 2
For children in Grades 1-4.
A delicious evening with Chocolate Tales!

Trapped! **Saturday December 9**

Inwentash Centre.
Teens, have you ever wanted to try your hand at an escape room? Now's your chance!

SHABBAT ACTIVITIES

GAN SHABBAT

Weekly Shabbat programming and babysitting for children SK and younger, including songs, games, Jewish learning and healthy snacks. Gan Shabbat runs all year round from 10 am until the end of services in the BEBY Babies room on the lower level near the parking lot side.

MINI MINYAN

(Jr. Congregation)

Welcome to our re-imagined Shabbat and Yom Tov program for youth grades 1 and up. This interactive service consists of engaging Shabbat prayers, discussions, games and snack. Program begins at 10 am in the Inwentash Centre every Shabbat and Yom Tov.

YOUTH KIDDISH

For all our participants in the Gan Shabbat and Mini Minyan, Kiddish is provided monthly following the completion of services in the Inwentash Centre. Sponsor a Youth Kiddish in honour of a special occasion such as your child or grandchild's birthday or other milestone!! Please contact youth@beby.org for further details.



Please note: All of our Youth Department programs now use online registration! Check out the Youth/Family pages on www.bebby.org for registration forms and more information. Email Dale, youth@beby.org with any questions about our programs.

YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES 5778

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Shabbat Service

Saturday September 16, 10am. Monthly Family Shabbat service. Interactive service, activities, discussion, and a dairy lunch.

Bathurst Manor Sukkah Hop

Thursday October 5, following services. We are looking for hosts! If you'd be interested in opening up your family's sukkah, please contact Dale.

Pre-Hakafot Dinner

Thursday October 12, 6:00pm. Come out for a delicious Chinese food buffet before the Hakafot services! NOTE: This is for families with young children who may not be able to stay until after Hakafot for the community Chinese food buffet. Advance registration is MANDATORY.

Family Shabbat Service

Saturday October 21, 10am. Monthly Family Shabbat service. Interactive service, activities, discussion, and a dairy lunch.

Pickling Workshop

Sunday November 5. Have you ever wanted to make your own pickles? Dare to make the tastiest dills at this fabulous program!

Family Shabbat Service

Saturday November 11, 10am. Monthly Family Shabbat service. Interactive service, activities, discussion, and a dairy lunch.

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday November 17, 6pm. Delicious, family-friendly dinner followed by a great program with our ShinShinim!

Family Mitzvah Day

Sunday November 26. Make sandwiches for those who are needy, and craft-for-a-cure!

Family Shabbat Service

Saturday December 9, 10am. Monthly Family Shabbat service. Interactive service, activities, discussion, and a dairy lunch.

Annual Beth Emeth Chanukah Party

Tuesday December 12, 6pm. Delicious dinner and DJ! Celebrate the first night of Chanukah with your Beth Emeth family.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program:

This program is for children who are preparing to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah (and their families) in the coming 16 months (through to December 2018). You should have received a letter with these dates over the summer – if you did not, please contact Dale, youth@beby.org!

MANDATORY Family Orientation Evening

Tuesday September 26, 6:30pm.

An information session for pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah children and their parents featuring dinner and all you need to know about becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Me Becoming We

Thursday October 26, 7:30-8:30pm

Holocaust Education Centre Field Trip

Sunday November 19

Family Shabbat Dinner:

The December Dilemma/Assimilation

Friday December 8

BEBY PHOTO OPS



This past July, as the inaugural concert of Music After Dark, The Canaan Jazz Ensemble performed to an attentive audience, playing original compositions and classic jazz standards. Comprised of students from the world renowned Thelma Yellin High School of the Arts in Tel Aviv. Watch for more Music after Dark!



CANTOR DAVID GUBER VISITS CAMP RAMAH

On Sunday July 2nd, my father (Michael Kerzner), our new cantor (Cantor David Guber), and myself were given the opportunity to visit the many Beth Emeth young members who are spending their summers at Camp Ramah in Canada. We brought up a huge cake and lots of candy 'nosh' for all the Beth Emeth kids. They were so thrilled to see us especially to shmooze with Cantor David.



about this camp is that the Ramah movement runs through families with the Wergers, Zeldins, Jacobs and Kerznars (among others) representing Beth Emeth members who have passed through Ramah. Not to forget, the fact that our synagogue continues to send a strong contingent of members to Ramah every year is a testament to our values and practices at Beth Emeth, including studying Tanach, taking part in daily prayers

As a former camper and counsellor myself, I was very excited to return to the place I once called my 'home away from home' and catch up with many of my Ramah friends, some of who also happen to be members of Beth Emeth. I think what is exceptionally special

and other major rituals, being proud of our Jewish identity, and ahavat Yisrael. We must continue to stress these values to the next generation of "Beth Emethers", in partnership with Jewish summer camps such as Ramah. I can say that from personal experience, both have been extremely influential in guiding my decisions as I fulfil greater independence in my life. I would strongly encourage our young families to consider sending your children to Ramah, as well as to take advantage of the wide variety of camp-related scholarships that our synagogue offers.

Seth Kerzner



OUT OF THE COLD

Begins January 2018

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda is looking forward to once again opening its doors to the homeless next January and February. The program provides a warm and welcoming atmosphere, a hot kosher meal, gently used clothing, a warm bed to sleep in, a bagged lunch and toiletries. The program will run for 8 consecutive Monday nights-Tuesday mornings starting January 2018.

This program cannot run without your ongoing generous support. We have seen first-hand how far your donations have gone and the difference you've made in people's lives.

- We are in need of funding and ask that you please consider this program when making donations commemorating an occasion or when honouring a loved one to ensure our commitment to help those most vulnerable in our community.
- We are also looking for donations of new and gently used clothing, specifically large and extra large jackets and winter boots, warm winter apparel, and toiletries.
- Meals can be donated at a price of \$ 18.00 per meal.
- Furthermore we are encouraging people to take the opportunity to give back to the community and volunteer for this program.

There are NEW volunteer positions available on the steering committee. Current openings include:

- Donations in kind – volunteers in need of soliciting donations of clothing and food
- Night owl – volunteers for the late evening and overnight shifts

- Evening social – volunteers needed to coordinate social events and entertainment for guests
- Sunday volunteers – needed to sort clothing and prepare for the guests to arrive on Monday
- Many more opportunities are available!

Please reach out if you are interested in joining this important cause.

Special thanks to our corporate donors for their very generous contributions to this years program; Uptown Gourmet, Mazon Canada, Costco (Wilson Ave.), Brands International Corporation Inc., McGregor American Essentials, Just Socks Partner Charity, Scholastic Canada Ltd., Trimfit Co. Ltd, TD Bank, Stonemill Bakehouse.

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2018 program, please send an email at the end of the summer to **bebyoutofthecold@gmail.com**. For financial donations, please contact the shul office at 416-633-3838. To donate clothing, please leave it with our security personnel at the Wilmington Street entrance. All items must be bagged in clear plastic bags and tagged with your name and number.

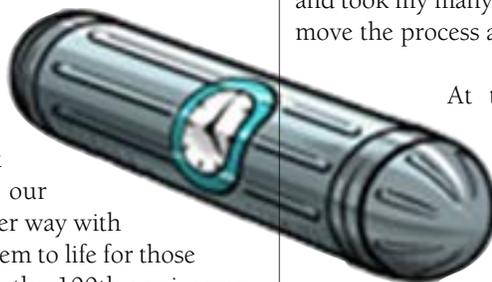
We wish you and your family a Shana Tova!
Out of the Cold Steering Committee Co-Chairs:
Lindsay Gladstone and Allan Fleisher



TIME CAPSULE

After 18 months of planning, searching for artifacts, creating an annotation for each item and then photographing each one for posterity, our Time Capsule is finally finished!

Special thanks go to Pearl Grundland and Dale Gold for assisting in locating many of the artifacts we have in the capsule. The annotations could not have been done without Deannie Rumack whose knowledge about the shule and our past goings-on was tremendous, as was her way with words to help describe items and bring them to life for those who will be opening up our capsule on the 100th anniversary. Judy Zon and Brenda Patlik helped me to organize the items and ensure that the files were aligned, a tedious but very necessary task.



Thank you to both. As well, Michael Minuk's photographic skills were put to good use and I am grateful for his help and support on the project. Thanks also to Tanya Werger, who condensed the files and took my many phone calls over the past year and a half to help move the process along. It was a joint effort and a labour of love!

At the time of writing, we are waiting final confirmation on the location of the time capsule and the date of its burial, so please consult the Weekly Shabbat Bulletin for announcements. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Eleanor Minuk

FUNDRAISING AT BETH EMETH

Donor Recognition

Samuel Edelstein Children's Garden

The Nudelman Family Bench
Donated in loving memory of our parents
Max & Anna Nudelman ל"ה
by Chuck & Sheila Horowitz
and Michael & Susie Rosen and families

Holocaust Memorial Wall

Shaar Shalom Brotherhood

Chai Music Society

Toby and Saul Feldberg
Corinne and Mark Moness
Debbie Tessler and Ed Glina

Other Donations

Alan Land and Family on the rededication
of the Sam & Sophie Land Alcove
in memory of his parents,
Sam Land ל"ה and Sophie Land ל"ה

Clement Cohen and family on the dedication of new
Etz Hayim Chumashim in memory of
a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother,
Jasmine Cohen ל"ה

100 Years of Jewish Hollywood Concert

Thank you to the following generous sponsors
of the May 24 concert:

David Anisman and Dellie Bader
Rochelle and Michael Kerzner
Adele Fogel
George and Shari Krieser
Elina Guttenberg and Mark Schachter
Steeles Memorial Chapel
Pearl and Gidon Grundland

It was an incredible event to launch a year of exciting musical
programming presented by Beth Emeth's Chai Music Society.
More fantastic events are still to come!



THE GUARDIANS OF BETH EMETH SYNAGOGUE PRESENT THE CHAI MUSIC SOCIETY GALA EVENTS

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**THE ADON OLAM
CONCERT**
*Hear every style of
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

In conjunction
with Holocaust Education Week
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**THE CHILDREN
REMEMBER...**
*A musical and visual journey of
Shoah memories, as seen through
the eyes of children.*
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

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**A ROBBIE BURNS GALA
SCOTTISH NIGHT!**
*Enjoy a fabulous evening
with dinner and spectacular
entertainment!*
THURSDAY JANUARY 25



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships Available for Beth Emeth Members

Beth Emeth is proud to be able to support our members of all ages through our various scholarship funds. 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 hundreds of Beth Emeth members. We have supported numerous endeavours, from studying Limudai Torah, to Jewish summer camps, to Israel gap year programs, to high level sporting activities. Our funds have fostered 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 www.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.

For more information on how to apply to these funds please contact Tanya Werger in the Synagogue office. 416 633 3838 x288 or tanya@beby.org



(left) Yareen Yakobi: "I dance 4 hours every week. I love performing and am very excited to dance on stage at the recital. I know that dance is not considered a pure sport but dancers must be very athletic to dance well. But I would never give it up. I love to dance."



Shimon Zatzman: "I wish to express my thanks and deep appreciation to the Joseph Smith Sports Achievement Award Committee for their enduring support of my karate training. The support of this fund has allowed me to pursue my Shotokan karate training as an advanced black belt!"

Shimon Zatzman, 2017 Scholarship recipient, with Esther Smith. (right) The Smith family, set up this fund to honour their husband and father, the late Joseph Smith through supporting youth in their sporting endeavors.



Beth Emeth Member Scholarships

Beth Emeth offers many scholarship opportunities to our members. Apply now!*

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. Applications must be submitted by October 1st for a winter/spring program.

Joseph Smith Sports Achievement Award:

This scholarship supports our congregants' children and grandchildren in their extra-curricular sporting activities. Awards will next be granted in June of 2018.

David and Sandra Anisman Israel Fund Scholarships:

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. Scholarships will next be awarded in June of 2018.

*All applications can be found online: <http://www.beby.org/scholarships.html> or by contacting Tanya in the Synagogue office.

FUNDRAISING AT BETH EMETH

Benefit our synagogue, benefit Israel, and get a tax receipt...with a single donation!

In addition to your 5778/2017 Israel Bonds High Holy Day investment, turn down a tab below and indicate your donation to our synagogue.

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Do a double mitzvah, donate Israel Bonds to Beth Emeth Synagogue.

Here is how the Israel Bonds Double Mitzvah Donation Campaign Works:

1. You will receive a special tab card along with your usual Israel Bond tab card as part of your High Holy Day ticket package
2. By folding a tab on this 'double mitzvah card', you are making a donation to Beth Emeth Synagogue
3. Beth Emeth purchases an Israel bond with all pooled donations in the Synagogue's name
4. You receive a tax receipt from Beth Emeth
5. Beth Emeth receives the bond value at maturity.

Annual Terumah Campaign—2017

The Terumah Campaign is one of inclusion, allowing all to participate and be counted. Your donation matters, no matter how big or how small. Your fundraising dollars ensure that no member, regardless of their ability, is left behind. Please give to the best of your ability. This year be a part of reaching our goal of raising \$100,000!

Terumah is Beth Emeth's annual campaign to raise additional funds to support our goal of full inclusion.

As part of this year's campaign, a portion of the total raised will be allocated towards the Kadima Centre.

This Year's Goal...

2017
\$100,000

Make your pledge today!
Help us reach this important target by adding your Terumah pledge to your membership renewal statement.

Every pledge of \$1000 or more entitles you to a plaque on the Terumah Wall

Golf Tournament Thank You



The Classic

THURSDAY JUNE 15TH, 2017
BEBY ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, supporters and volunteers for making this year's tournament our best one yet! We look forward to seeing old and new faces next year on **Thursday June 21, 2018!** Left (pictured) is our winning foursome from this year's tournament: Manny Mafetan, Richard Gasner, Lorne Gasner, and Jordan Gladden.



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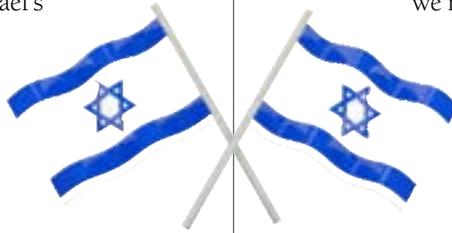
MORE THAN THE KOTEL

What a turbulent summer. Starting with the “freeze” of the Kotel plan, followed by news of a conversion bill that would solidify power in the hands of Israel’s state rabbinate, then the rabbinate’s blacklist in just a few short weeks. Of course, it doesn’t end there. Waves of anger, disappointment and frustration have washed over Jewish communities in Israel and around the world. The significance of this summer isn’t only in what occurred, but in what was missing. Here at home, we discovered a dozen Canadian rabbis on the blacklist, with more than half serving Conservative congregations. Noticeably missing- any of the thousands of women rabbis around the world. This omission was noted at every level.

All too often the stereotype of all or nothing, haredi or secular, or ‘the shul I don’t go to is Orthodox’ is cited as a proof that Orthodoxy is the only way of religion in Israel. The facts tell us differently. Our first Conservative kehillah, Emet V’emunah in Jerusalem, predated the founding of the state. Today, 13 Masorti kehillot serve Jerusalem and the surrounding area. Haifa’s Kehillat Moriah, established in 1955, still serves as centerpiece to the multicultural Haifa community. The Masorti Movement has almost 80 active kehillot across Israel, and we are not alone in wanting something different. The Reform Movement established its first kehillah in 1958. Women of the Wall held their first service in 1988. Non-haredi Judaism is woven as tightly into the fabric of Israel as our right to self-determination.

On November 10, 2015, PM Netanyahu stood before the assembly of Jewish Federations in North America promising he would “always ensure that all Jews can feel at home in Israel.” “All Jews,” he stressed, “Reform Jews, Conservative Jews, Orthodox Jews, all Jews.” But on June 25, 2017 - 512 days after the Kotel agreement, the product of three years of negotiations with all parties, was signed - the Prime Minister turned his back on pluralism and equality.

On July 4th, just 10 days after the freeze, PM Netanyahu stated, “I am committed, and I remain committed, to making every Jew feel at



home in Israel, including at the Kotel.” Netanyahu added that “all we need is patience and perseverance.”

Our love and support of Israel is unwavering, but no longer can we play the abused partner in this relationship, asked to be quiet and accepting for the sake of shalom bayit, for the sake of unity. Non-Haredi Jews have a place and a voice in Israel. We will continue to speak, to demand that Israel turn back to the words of its Declaration of Independence, to be a land “based on freedom, justice and peace... [ensuring] complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions.”

MERCAZ-Canada and Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism represents your voice in Israel. Together, with your help, we will continue to stand strong for pluralism and equality in Israel. We should never forsake Israel. Rather, we should support those institutions that reflect our values, redirecting resources to MERCAZ membership and donations for Masorti and other organizations that support pluralism in Israel.

With your help through membership in MERCAZ-Canada and donations to Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism, (see next page) we will continue to fight to make religious pluralism for all Jews in Israel a reality.

Rabbi Jennifer Gorman

Executive Director
MERCAZ-Canada & Canadian Foundation
for Masorti Judaism



FRUMBA! WOMEN’S ONLY CARDIO DANCE FITNESS

Sponsored by BEBY Sisterhood

FALL 2017 - Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm.

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Please note that class will only run with sufficient numbers registered. For pricing and drop-in rates, any questions and to sign up, contact Bette at frumbadance@gmail.com

MERCAZ-Canada and the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism



On behalf of our Board and Executive, we wish you and your community a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year filled with renewed determination in our continuing support for Israel.

Together, we pray the year 5778 will bring peace and security to Israel and the Jewish community around the world.

Ron Hoffman, President, CFMJ

David Sefton, President, MERCAZ-Canada

Rabbi Jennifer Gorman, Executive Director

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With your membership, you can also donate to The **Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism**, to support our programs in Israel. Donations to CFMJ over \$10.00 are eligible for tax receipts.

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GREENING COMMITTEE



Eitz Chaim He, Torah is a tree of life to those who take hold of it. Proverbs 3:18

Throughout our Torah, there are numerous references to our environmental stewardship.

Right from the beginning in Genesis, Torah, our Jewish customs, rituals and holidays guide us to be environmental custodians of our planet.

And the Lord G-d took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to till, cultivate and care for it. Genesis 2:15

During Sukkoth, as we leave the comforts of our warm, permanent homes, we are reminded that no matter what Sukkoth walls are

made of, our existence is fragile and we are all subject to the same weather from above.

Continuing Education and the Greening Committee invite you to our joint program. We are also participating in the Great Lakes Water Walk - for information on how to participate, see below for details.

On behalf of Mel and myself, we wish you a happy, healthy, peaceful, prosperous, sweet year ahead. L'Shanah Tovah.

**Hilda Swirsky, RN, BScN, Med
Chair, Greening Committee**



A Day of Walking for the Water!

Sunday, September 24, 2017. Toronto Waterfront. 2:00 pm.

Join our Beth Emeth Walk Team reawakening our commitment to celebrate, safeguard and reflect upon what we can collectively do to ensure the well-being of Great Lakes water through this shared experience of walking for water and promoting relationships between Indigenous peoples and Beth Emeth. **MEET THE BEBY GROUP AT NOON AT SHEPPARD WEST** (former Downsview) subway station. From there we will proceed to the Toronto Music Garden, 479 Queen's Quay West and then to Marilyn Bell Park where Indigenous Elders will lead a water blessing ceremony. <http://greatlakeswaterwalk.ca/>



The Bible emphasizes many times the role of the One Creator, who controls nature, in setting and keeping the various elements of nature in permanent and safe ecological balance.

Awareness of the interdependence and interrelationships of all the living elements on earth is the major subject of the Biblical concept of this delicate balance in nature, with man seen as a major element in this balance.

But, as we read in the book of Dvarim 11; 13-15, there is only one condition for God to keep this ecological balance, "If you will obey my commandments which I give you today...I will provide rain to your land, in its proper time, the early and the late rain, so that you may gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil."

We recite these words morning and evening and it is written upon the doorposts of our homes.

We will learn from this presentation about the deep inter-relationship between the One God, the history of the Jewish People and their historical environment - the Land of Israel.

Continuing Education and the Greening Committee are pleased to present:

Ecology in The Bible and in the Land of Israel with Rouhama Danto

Sunday November 12th

11:30am to 1:30pm

Refreshments will be served. Arback Hall

\$5 • Call the office to reserve.



SHINSHINIM

UJA-Israel Engagement is bringing 25 recent Israeli high school graduates to Toronto to work in our shuls, schools and youth groups. These young ambassadors have decided to delay their army service by one year to experience a Diaspora community. They were chosen out of over 2000 applicants...yes, they truly are the cream of the crop. Beth Emeth is blessed with the recent arrival of Noam Peretz and Ronny Yariv who will be working with all our committees to create engaging programs for our entire congregation from toddlers to seniors. If you have ideas for programs with a personal young Israeli perspective, please send your ideas to Dale Gold, ShinShinim Site Supervisor, at youth@beby.org.

Two lucky families have already been chosen to host Ronny and Noam in the fall term. Introductions have been made through email and Skype and everyone is giddy with anticipation. It's going to be a fabulous autumn!



Even though only two families have the privilege to host a ShinShin each year, every congregant can personally get to know our wonderful Israeli emissaries. Noam and Ronny would love to be invited for Shabbat lunch or a weekday dinner. What a fantastic opportunity to personally connect with our Israeli Ambassadors and to hear their views about the Jewish homeland. What a treat for your family and friends to chat with Ronny and Noam for an afternoon or evening in your own home! Please email enquiries to youth@beby.org to schedule a date.

Don't be shy. Pop into one of BEBY's myriad programs and talk to a ShinShin. They're awesome!

Shana tova umetuka!

Karla Yakobi
ShinShinim Lay Leader & Youth Chair



The Toronto contingent of ShinShinim as they arrived at Pearson Airport.

Aleph Beit Chadash



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

Beth Emeth is proud to announce the Aleph Beit Chadash School.

With a new name and a new location in the shul, Aleph Beit Chadash School will be providing a revised and revitalized curriculum that includes Hebrew language development and vocabulary, tefillot (prayers), Jewish holidays, Jewish living, Jewish culture, Jewish history and Israel Advocacy. We are proud to build on our history of educating both mainstream and special needs students on the importance of Jewish education and the values of working with and accepting others.

We are excited to open our doors for the upcoming school year and welcome all elementary and middle school aged children to

our new Aleph Beit Chadash School. Your children will thrive with our focus on traditional Judaism and transformative learning.

We are very pleased to announce that Shauna Small is our incoming Director of Education. The 2017 - 2018 registration package is available on the shul website. Email Shauna at Schooldirector@beby.org for further information or to answer any questions you may have.

L'Shana tova umetukah,
Eleanor Minuk and Sheldon Zelsman
School Co-Chairs

Beit HaMidrash program learning with Rabbi Torczyner

For more information, please email info@torontotorah.com or call 416-783-6960.

Wednesday morning classes at Beth Emeth from Yeshiva University Torah MiTzion Beit Midrash Zichron Dov

Apples and Honey and Water: Rituals of Rosh HaShanah, with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

Where did the practices of dipping the apple in honey, and performing tashlich at a body of water, originate? What is their relevance today? 10-11 AM Wed. September 6 and 13 (2 weeks) Fee: \$20

Mental Health in Jewish Thought, with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

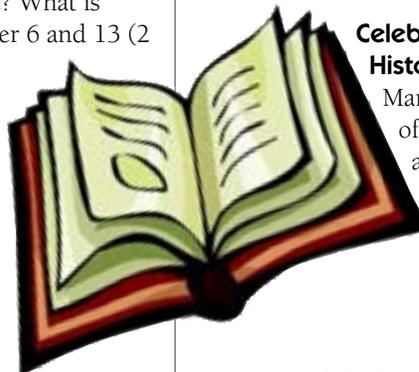
What does Judaism have to say about maintaining mental health, and about problems including depression and stress? 10-11 AM Wed. November 1- December 6 (6 weeks) Fee: \$60

Game of Thrones: The Persian Empire Edition, with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

After the Babylonians came the Persians, and they were a mixed bag for the Jews. King Darius threw Daniel into the lions' den, but King Cyrus licensed the Jews to rebuild the Temple! Let's learn about the Persian kings. 10-11 am Wed. January 10 - January 31 (4 weeks) Fee: \$40

Topic to be determined, with Rabbi Jonathan Ziring

10-11 am Wed. February 21 - March 14 (4 weeks)
Fee: \$40



Celebrating 70: Highlights of Modern Israeli History, with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

Marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel, let's learn about key sites in Israeli history of the past seven decades.

10-11 am Wed. April 25 - May 30
(6 weeks) Fee: \$60

As always, if the fee is a hardship please come to class anyway, and pay what you can.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Dear Friends,

As we approach the New Year, I would like to reflect upon this year and thank the many committees that have brought so much programming to our building. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers who have contributed so much to the success of making Beth Emeth the social centre for our community. Being a volunteer is never measured by the amount of time you provide, but by the fact that you helped. We all have many things happening in our lives, but your efforts make a great impact on our synagogue.

Here at Beth Emeth, we have numerous goals. Our goal is to provide entertainment, education, and lasting friendships through our Continuing Education and Music committees

Our goal is to provide religious reflection through our services while remaining engaging through our Clergy, Executive, Board and Professional staff.

Our goal is to provide comfort and support at time of need.

Our goal is to be relevant for you and your family and inspire you to choose Beth Emeth as your second home.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood continue to be a challenge from a leadership perspective, but I would like to thank those who have come forward to allow us to continue to run and support those many programs we have become known for. Here is a great opportunity to get involved!

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year and especially my family for being so tolerant of my commitment to our Shul.

Chag Sameach
Allan Snow,
Vice-President,
Membership Development
mdsc@beby.org

MARCH OF THE LIVING REPORT

The March of The Living was an opportunity in which I was fortunate to partake, and the experience has left me with memories which I will treasure, new knowledge I will never forget, and a further insight into my understanding of the world today. Ever since I heard about **The March of The Living**, I knew I would attend, as Holocaust education was important to me. As someone who has a Holocaust survivor in my family, I believe it is essential for not only me, but also everyone to learn about the Holocaust, so we are not doomed to repeat the past.



There is no comparison between a photo of a concentration camp, and walking where hundreds and thousands did on their way to die. When I looked at photos of the horrors of the Holocaust before attending the trip, I felt very distant. Upon reaching each death camp, labour camp, concentration camp, and ghetto, it felt as though I was transported back in time as a fly on the wall, and the events of the Holocaust felt real. At some points, I could feel the fear of the countless innocent victims who underwent the cruelty of the Nazis, though even now, I know I can never truly understand their pain.

On the last day in Poland we went to Majdanek and in the same day, we were transported to Israel. I had never gone from extreme sadness to overwhelming delight in such a small time period as I did that day. Though I had been to Israel before, I had never felt more connected than I did on The March of The Living. After going to Poland I understood why the Jewish people had to come together and return to Israel, and the importance of protecting it at all costs.

I left The March of The Living a different person than when I started. I now understand the source of hate, and the extent of humanity's cruelty, and I also understand how a small act of kindness can save a life. This trip has taught me to be more appreciative of what I have as I will never know how long I will have it. I have learned to live not for tomorrow but for today, and cherish every moment. Most of all I have learned that though there is evil in the world, there is always good as long as you look hard enough. Thank you, Beth Emeth's Israel Fund Committee for sponsoring me for such a worthwhile trip.

Leah Jadd

WRITER'S CORNER

The hazy, lazy days of summer have fleetingly fled from our midst. We are enveloped and captured by the sensuous fragrances of autumn breezes. Visually, we are inspired by the multitude hues of gold, bronze and orange of the voluptuous leaves. We are inspired in awe of mother nature's artistic form. We begin to welcome the subtle changes, the earlier setting of the sun and the crispness of the winds swaying our foliage. We approach and greet the new season with new beginnings. This, then is the time for contemplation, a time for reflection, anticipation and a time for renewal.



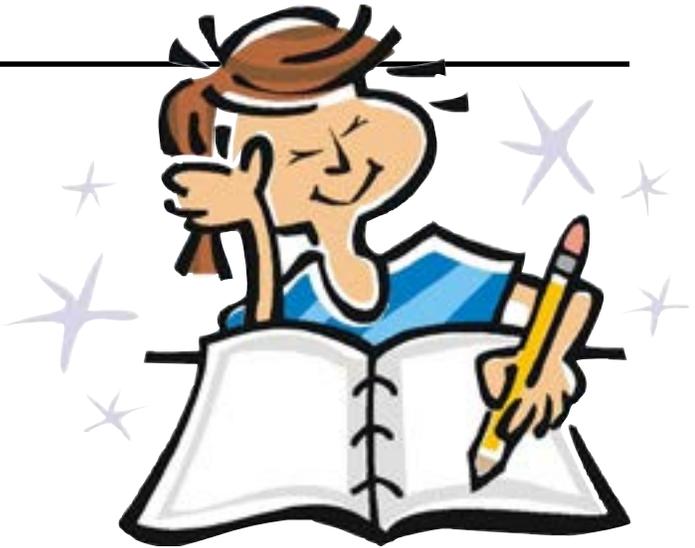
We may pause to reframe and evaluate our present state. Do we want to make changes and make new choices? We all have the ability to discern what is favourable to us. This is the prime time to acknowledge our indiscretions and make amends. We can find the strength and the will to concentrate on enhancing our bonds with friends and loved ones. We should heed the interception of self and clearly listen to our inner small voices. With a little love we can attain the goal of inner contentment.

So What Is Love?

Love is patient and love is kind.
Love is the greatest treasure to find
Love endures and supports all things
Love is central for fulfilment it brings
Love is not angry or biased or jealous
Love holds no threats, grudges or malice
Love finds beauty in mundane ways
Love strengthens and enriches our days
Love is to listen to words not said
Love is devotion and the choice to be glad
Love is respect, patience and love
Love is grateful to the one above
Love is to enjoy each moment in time
Love is to endure each mountain we climb
Love is to cry and laugh together
Love is trusting and bonding forever
Love is the core of our inner part
Love is great joy that permeates the heart.

With best wishes for a healthy New Year filled with love.

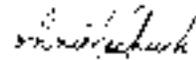
Composed by
Rosalie Shadlyn,
Chairman Emeritus
Kadima Centre



A Message from the Editor,

I wish to remind you that the meaning of Keshet is "Connection" – our connection to the membership.

Our aim is to inform the members of current and future programs via shorter articles and eye catching visual displays. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to edit all submissions.



All comments are welcome.
A happy Shanah Tovah to all!

Do you have a personal
tale to tell or a short story that
you have composed?
We would love to have you share it
with our congregants.
Please submit your
stories to freda@beby.org

THE KADIMA CENTRE



Welcome Back Kadima Participants with Soup & Salsa!

Shalom Everyone,

I am honored to be the new Director of the Kadima Centre. Under the mentorship of Marcel Cohen who will be greatly missed, I am very excited to continue his work of guiding, educating and providing a spiritual, social and recreational program that will empower our students to achieve their full potential.

Please come and experience the enthusiasm for yourself by volunteering for The Kadima Centre.

Please contact me by email at:
margieskitchen@gmail.com or 416 841-7585.

I look forward to a wonderful "Kadima Year!"

Margie Arosh

Fall 2017 (September - December) Programming Schedule for Kadima

(All Programs run from 2:00 - 3:30 pm
unless otherwise indicated)

If you cannot attend a program, please
call Margie at 416-841-7585

1. September 10, 2017 – Welcome Back "Soup & Salsa Party"
2. September 17, 2017– 12:00PM to 4:30PM Chudleigh's Apple Farm – Off-Campus, Free (Please bring lunch, hat, drink and sun block), Bus leaving from Beth Emeth Synagogue
3. September 24, 2017 – Fast of Gedaliah, Kadima Closed
4. October 1, 2017– Mad Science
5. October 8, 2017 – 4th day of Sukkot: Art Class
6. October 15, 2017 – Music Program
7. October 22, 2017 – Cooking Program
8. October 29, 2017 – Games Day
9. November 5, 2017 – Karaoke
10. November 12, 2017 – Prayer Service and Elbaum Award Presentation, Free
11. November 19, 2017– Creature Quest, \$1 cost
12. November 26, 2017 – Self-Defense Program – How to Defend Yourself, \$1 cost
13. December 3, 2017 – Prosserman JCC Dance Program, \$2 cost, (4588 Bathurst Street in Rooms 211/211A and Room 123) Off-campus, No bus provided – meet at the JCC at 2PM
14. December 10, 2017 – Bingo
15. December 17, 2017 – Chanukah Party: 6th Day of Chanukah
16. December 24, 2017– Kadima Closed
17. December 31, 2017 – Kadima Closed

Kaddish

In Jewish tradition, when one mourns the loss of a loved one, the highest level of honoring one's memory in shul is by having the mourner recite Kaddish him or herself. If, for any reason, one is unable to do so, one can ask the synagogue to assign a designated proxy to recite Kaddish with the name of the loved one in mind. Please call Pearl Grundland, Executive Director to make the necessary arrangements.

May the memories of our loved ones be blessings in our lives.



GREETINGS

from your Beth Emeth Family



(Left to right from Back Row)
Maxim Varshavsky
Rabbi Howard Morrison
Valerie Duarte
Rabbi Leslie Lipson
(Middle row)
Sari Birnbaum
Pearl Grundland
Iona Berlind
Dale Gold
Andrea Levine
(Front row)
Razy Stolberg
Freda Marcovitch
Kelvin Hosein
Tanya Werger
(absent Cantor David Guber)



Shlomo Wanounou,
our
Baal Keriah
(Torah Reader)

Our very own boys in blue!
Kudos to our maintenance team!
Jonathan Abalos, Kelvin Hosein
& Ernesto Manansala,
No request is too small!
They make us look good!



Rosa Akkor & Cemilla Palta -
Big smiles (and a hot breakfast)
every morning. Thank you!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

We have gathered together as a group whose interest is to learn more about the Jewish experience in its various forms. For us in Continuing Education that means lectures, movies and a wide variety of programs and experiences.

The early days of the summer provided us with a thoughtful and enlightening lecture by Rouhama Danto called “*Eyes in the Bible*” which was well attended by a curious group of learners. The explanations and artwork that were presented gave real meaning and explanation to the title of the lecture. In July the Prosserman Centre through Jackie Brown showed the documentary “*Shtetl in the City*” about Kensington and the history of the Jewish community in Toronto. An audience of more than 100 people watched and recalled their own time in this magical area of our city.

In August we held two more programs starting with a lecture by *Yehudit Shier Weisberg about Israel and Palestine*. The following week our **Reel & Spiel** event featured the movie *Paperclips* with an introduction by Barbara Lazar followed by a question and answer session. We are carrying on with our **Reel & Spiel** monthly movie night program and I suggest you check out the poster wall

inside the Wilmington entrance to see what we are showing next.

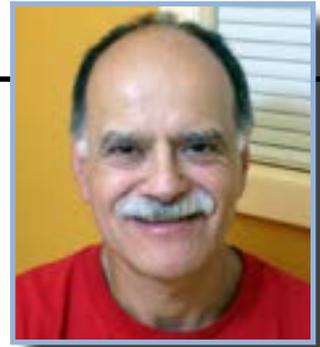
Some ideas we are working on involve the stories of Jews from around the world, more films about the Jewish experience and other secrets you will want to see and hear about.

We all hope the summer went well and you are ready to join us in celebrating the High Holy Days. I look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall and you know the Committee is working hard to provide the level of continuing education you appreciate.

Lori and I wish everyone a Chag Sameach and a year of health and happiness for all.

Perry Davis

Chair,
Continuing Education Committee



SHABBAT

• **Tish and Torah with Rabbi Lipson** - learning sessions for the Parshat Ha'Shavua at 10:00 am

• **Rabbinics Study Group – Daf Ha'Shavua** - The Weekly Page of Talmud for beginning or intermediate students of Talmud, we will explore page by page the first Tractate of the Talmud known as Masechet Berachot. We will be using the brand new Koren Talmud Bavli Daf Yomi Edition which contains the text in its original as well as full English translation and commentary by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. Taken from the introduction, “The primary focus of the tractate is the myriad ways in which a Jewish person expresses his faith throughout his life.” On Shabbat afternoons, 35 minutes prior to Mincha.

SUNDAYS

• **Hebrew Reading Level 1:** FREE. Led by Michael Kinrys. For those who want to learn how to read Hebrew. Begins November 12th, 5 weeks. 9 am-10:45 am. Call the office to register.

Hebrew Reading Level II: Level II: FREE. For those who can slowly read Hebrew but want practice saying and singing the Shabbat prayers. Sunday Feb 25 from 9- 10:45am, 5 weeks. Call the office to register. Led by Michael Kinrys.

• **Tanach Study Group** – led by shul members and meeting in their homes, this interactive study group analyzes and discusses various Tanach texts. Check the weekly bulletin for dates and locations.

MONDAYS

• **Walking with God, The Jewish Calendar, and Justice** - Using materials arranged by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies for adult Jewish learning, we will analyze texts from diverse periods of Jewish history on the meaning and relevance of God, the Jewish Calendar and issues pertaining to Justice, including such topics as the environment, business, the family, and more. The student will be exposed to various Jewish literary sources with the goal of formulating one's own position. Course begins Monday evening September 18, 7:15-8:15 pm. Boardroom with Rabbi Morrison.

TUESDAYS

• **Study Group**, sponsored by Sisterhood – Rabbis Morrison & Lipson alternate weekly in leading this class. 10:00 -11:30 am in the Tessler Lounge. Rabbi Morrison's class topic: **Touring the Siddur/Jewish Prayer Book** - We will examine core structures and texts with the aid of historical, literary and inspirational commentaries. In the first few sessions, we will focus on the prayers of the Fall season Holy Days. During the rest of the year, we will focus on the year round prayers found in the Siddur. Course begins Tuesday morning September 19, 10:00-11:30 am (every other Tuesday).

Rabbi Lipson teaches **Samuel II—the Book of Kings: Politics & Power in Biblical Israel**.

MISCELLANY



BEBY BUDDIES

Be a Buddy! Make new friends! Have fun!

Now in its second year, the BEBY Buddy program is in full swing and we always enjoy welcoming new members to our Beth Emeth family.

This past year a team of Host Buddies welcomed new members in person, by phone and occasionally by email to help break the ice throughout the year, and were there to make introductions or answer questions as they cropped up. We're excited to carry on this program again this year.

We're always looking for current members of Beth Emeth to buddy up with new members. If you are friendly, outgoing and welcoming, please consider becoming a Buddy. This is definitely fun and inspiring and we hope you'll join us.

Please contact Barbara Lazar in person or by email at info@beby.org

UPTOWN GOURMET CATERING

Remember...we don't just cook - we cater!



We are here to serve you with all your kosher catering needs. Our Rosh Hashanah Catering menus can be found on page 46. Please call us! Don't stress. Fress!

For direct catering services, please contact Edmund Duarte at uptowngourmet@gmail.com, or call 416.636.9000 or 416.633.3838 x 290. The perfect date is just waiting for you!

Call us now to discuss all your simcha needs. Visit us at: uptowngourmet.ca

The Recipe Box Sweet Potato Kugel

Ingredients:

3 medium sweet potatoes
1 onion
4 eggs
Pinch of salt
2 tsp cinnamon
Grated nutmeg
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup flour



Directions:

Peel and grate potatoes in processor and put into bowl
Peel and process onion and add eggs.
Add remaining ingredients, then mix with the potatoes.
Pour into a greased pan and decorate as desired.
I put ground hazelnuts around the border and add some prunes on top.

Bake for 1 hour at 375°

Enjoy and have a sweet year!

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LIBRARY



On first blush, ***The Frumkiss Family Business***, by Michael Wex, is a soap opera set in many familiar haunts in and around Bathurst Manor. It tells the story of three generations in a family, starting in Poland, then coming to Toronto. Some in the family are religious while others are less observant. The situations that befall various members of the family are ironic and funny and sometimes quite sad. However, it is towards the end of the book that the more serious question of who is a Jew is addressed. Although most of the book is quite light hearted, the ending gives pause for thought.

The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem, by Sarit Yishai-Levi, looks at the complicated relationship between children and their parents.

Gabriela's mother, Luna, was a woman who could never forge a close relationship with her daughter. Only as an adult, through bits and pieces of stories shared by her aunts, does Gabriela begin to cobble together her family's story and understand her mother's personal part in it. The book begins in the 1920s in Israel and moves all the way through the 1970s and the Six Day War. The ups and downs experienced by the extended family are explored and overlaid with lots of information about Sephardic Judaism and folklore.

The Bridal Chair, by Gloria Goldreich, is another family story, though this time it revolves around the relationship between Chagall and his only child, Ida. The title of the book relates to a picture of an empty chair that Chagall painted for Ida when she was getting married, and it goes with her wherever she ends up living. Through love, devotion, and a combined sense of obligation and guilt, Ida is torn throughout her life between completely catering to the needs of her father or moving forward with her own life. Despite having been forced to flee from the pogroms of Russia, a naïve Chagall believes that his art will save him from the fate the Nazis had for all Jews. Only through Ida's persistence, determination and astute business dealings do Chagall and his artwork survive.

New additions to our Library

After many months of work on digitizing our library collection, we are finally starting to integrate into our own library the collection so kindly donated to us from Shaar Shalom. This process has also given us the opportunity to vet our stacks, to take out duplicate copies of books and to ensure that the books we have are the genres that are popular with our congregation. We will be holding

a number of book sales starting on the evening of August 10 and continuing through the fall. Please consult the Shabbat Bulletin for dates. All books will be sold for \$1 each and moneys will go back into the library fund to allow us to continue to update our collection and fill our shelves with current books.

Exciting News about

Books and Bagels and Lunch and Literature:

We are offering two programs this year through the Library and Continuing Education committees. The first is our **Books and Bagels series**. Our dates are November 5, February 11 and April 22. We have a wonderful line-up of presenters, starting with Ellin Bessner, author of ***Double Threat: Canadian Jews, the Military and World War II***. In February, Leonard Wise will be talking about the biography he wrote of the life of Charles Pachter, the famous Canadian artist. Finally, in April we will be hosting Dr. Sylvia Solomon as she shares with us details about the Dreyfus affair. Please look for our flyers in the lobby and register with the office or on-line to allow us to plan for numbers. As in the past, there is a \$5 fee per session.

We are thrilled to be able to offer, for the first time, a **Lunch and Literature series**. This series will run from 1:00 to 3:00 on four Thursdays throughout the year: October 26, December 7, March 8 and May 10. Lunch will begin at 1:00 and our presenters will begin at 1:30. In October, Anne Isenberg will take us through ***The Street Sweeper*** by Elliot Perlman. Our sponsor for that date is Terrace Gardens. In December, Kensington Place is our sponsor for ***Rhapsody in Schmaltz***, a new book by Michael Wex, who will be our presenter. In March, Ayelet Tsabari will be talking about her book ***The Best Place on Earth***. Canterbury Place and Four Elms are sponsoring us that day. We end our series with Tina Urman presenting ***The Lady in Gold*** by Anne-Marie O'Connor, sponsored by Viva Retirement Home.

We are selling this series of lectures as a package. We are very grateful to our sponsors since they allow us to offer lunch and the lecture at such a reasonable price. Members pay only \$72 for four lunches and lectures. Non-members pay \$100 for all 4 sessions. Individual sessions can be purchased for \$25 each. Again, we ask that you register in advance at the office or on-line to ensure that you will have a spot. We are expecting a large crowd for this series as this format has been very popular at other synagogues in Toronto.

The committee has worked hard to put together these programs and we look forward to having you join us for them. A copy of the flyer is included with this Rosh Hashanah Keshet. There will be more copies of our flyers in the stands in the main lobby.

On behalf of the Library Committee, we wish you and your family L'Shana tova umetukah.

Eleanor Minuk

Library Committee

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NOTICE

ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE LAST CALL

The final deadline for applications is Friday September 15th at 3 pm.

Appointments can also be made to meet with the Adjustment Committee on Sunday September 17th between 9:30 - 12:30 pm.

Please call the office to book your appointment.

THE SYNAGOGUE CEMETERY BY LAWS

have been approved by the Ministry of Government & Consumer Services. A complete copy of the By Laws can be viewed on line at www.beby.org/cemetery.

Please call Pearl Grundland if you have any questions or require clarification.



ERRORS & OMISSIONS

We regret any errors and omissions that may occur. Please call the office to make corrections.

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EXTRA OFFICE HOURS FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Monday, September 115:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Tuesday, September 125:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, September 13.....5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Thursday, September 14.....5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday, September 179:30 am – 12:30 pm
Monday, September 18.....5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Tuesday, September 195:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Last day to pick up tickets is
12 NOON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH.**

UPTOWN GOURMET CATERING *Shana Tova!*

Rosh Hashanah Menu 2017 | ראש השנה 5778

All food prepared under strict COR Supervision 1002

Orders may be faxed, phoned, or dropped off to Uptown Gourmet Catering,
c/o Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder Street, Toronto ON M3H 5G7.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

and will be available for pick-up at Beth Emeth, 100 Elder Street from

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM IN THE TESSLER LOUNGE ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH.

Quantity

Total

Quantity

Total

Soups & Starters

___ Butternut Squash Soup \$12.00/litre	_____
___ Chicken Egg Noodle Soup \$12.00/litre	_____
___ Matzoh Balls \$14.00/doz	_____
___ Sweet Gefilte Fish \$27.00/10 pcs.	_____
___ Salt and Pepper Gefilte Fish \$27.00/10 pcs.	_____
___ Mushroom Crepes with Sauce \$33.00/ 10 pcs.	_____

Entrees

___ Meat Balls \$24.00/lb	_____
___ Chicken Fingers (doz.) \$24.00/dozen	_____
___ Chicken Picatta (6 oz) \$16.00/ea.	_____
___ Beef Brisket \$38.00/lb	_____
___ Chicken Cacciatore (whole, cut in 1/4) \$26.00/ea.	_____
___ Whole Roasted Chicken (cut in 1/4) \$26.00 ea.	_____
___ Braised Short Ribs \$33.00/piece	_____
___ Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$38.00/lb.	_____
___ Roasted and Sliced Turkey (White Meat) \$26.00/lb	_____
___ Roasted and Sliced Turkey (Dark Meat) \$26.00/lb	_____
___ Smoked Turkey (Whole turkey sliced) \$34.00/lb	_____
___ Grilled Salmon (6 oz.) \$16.00/ ea.	_____

Extras

___ Extra Gravy 1 Litre (Chicken) \$11.00/jar	_____
___ Extra Gravy 1 Litre (Beef) \$11.00/jar	_____
___ Extra Gravy 1 Litre (Turkey) \$11.00/jar	_____
___ White Horseradish 8oz \$6.00/jar	_____
___ Red Horseradish 8oz \$6.00/jar	_____
___ Cranberry Sauce 8oz \$6.00/jar	_____
___ Creamy Garlic Dressing \$10.00/half litre	_____
___ Honey Dijon Dressing \$10.00/half litre	_____
___ Poppyseed Vinaigrette \$10.00/half litre	_____
___ Balsamic Dressing \$10.00/half litre	_____

Sides (*serves 10 guests)

___ Apple Noodle Kugel* \$26.00/pan	_____
___ Sweet Noodle Kugel* \$26.00/pan	_____
___ Salt and Pepper Kugel* \$26.00/pan	_____
___ Vegetable Kugel* \$26.00/pan	_____
___ Potato Kugel* \$26.00/pan	_____
___ Coleslaw \$12.00/litre	_____
___ Potato Salad \$12.00/litre	_____
___ Portuguese Tomato Rice* \$22.00/pan	_____
___ Cabbage Rolls \$30.00/dozen (meat & rice)	_____
___ Couscous Salad \$12.00/litre	_____
___ Fresh Seasonal Vegetables* \$24.00/pan	_____
___ Herb Roasted Mini Red & Yukon Gold Potatoes* \$22.00/pan	_____
___ Quinoa Salad with diced apples, dried cranberry & walnuts \$16.00/litre	_____

Chinese Food Menu

___ Sweet & Sour Chicken \$38.00/pan	_____
___ Vegetable Fried Rice \$22.00/pan	_____
___ Shanghai Noodles \$23.00 pan	_____
___ Beef & Chinese Vegetable Stir-Fry \$38.00	_____

Desserts

___ Chocolate Biscotti \$12.00/doz.	_____
___ Almond Biscotti \$12.00/doz.	_____
___ Cranberry Biscotti \$12.00/doz.	_____
___ Frozen Lemon Cake \$48.00/ ea.	_____
___ Chocolate Brownies \$20.00/doz.	_____
___ Assorted Mini Pastries \$48.00/24 pieces	_____
___ Apple Crumble (serves 10) \$40.00	_____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Sub Total: 13% (HST)

Delivery Charge (if applicable)

\$35.00

Total:

PLEASE DROP OFF OR FAX COMPLETED ORDERS TO 416.636.9002

Please direct any inquiries to Mr. Edmund Duarte at 416.636.9000

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Address: _____ Payment Method: Cheque Visa MasterCard

Card No: _____ Exp: _____ Signature: _____

For all your charitable giving **הנני**

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda offers you several convenient ways to send meaningful gifts, celebrate special occasions and life cycle events, and commemorate people who are important to you and your family.

- Tax deductible receipts will be issued
- Your gift will be acknowledged in future Keshet issues or at sponsored events (at your discretion).

1. Send a beautifully inscribed card.

Help support Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda with a card directed to the fund of your choice. Minimum donation \$18.00. Card and postage are included with your donation and are mailed out within 2 business days of your request.

- Aleph Beit Chadash School
- Cantor Danto Music Library
- Cantor Guber Discretionary Fund
- Chesed Fund / Toy Drive
- Chesed Knitters
- Community Assistance
- Continuing Education Fund
- Samuel Edelstein Children's Garden
- Greening Fund
- Holocaust Education Fund
- Israel Fund
- Joseph Smith Sports Achievement Scholarship
- Joseph & Sylvia Lichtman Twinning Program
- The Kadima Centre
- Karol Family Scholarship for Limudai Torah
- Kelman Endowment Fund
- Library Fund Music Fund
- Mitzvah Fund
- Out of the Cold (Homelessness)
- Rabbi Lipson Discretionary Fund
- Rabbi Morrison Discretionary Fund
- Ron Kobric Talmud Collection \$100/volume
- Torah Maintenance Chumash \$108

2. Sponsor a Kiddush* or Oneg Shabbat:

- Hashkama Minyan \$72 or 3 for \$180 (NM \$100)

* speak to Valerie Duarte for meat kiddush pricing.

- Daily morning breakfast from \$100 (\$120 NM)
- Congregational Shabbat from \$360 (\$500 NM)
 - Seudah Shlisheet from \$180
 - Jr. Congregation — Various Amounts
 - Friday Night — Various Amounts
 - Youth Kiddush — \$36
 - Weekly Shabbat Bulletin - \$180

3. Sponsor a Continuing Education Program.

As the donor, your name will, at your discretion, be featured on all promotional literature and publicly acknowledged at the event. You will also be invited to meet and introduce the speaker. We will call you to discuss the specific program you wish to sponsor:

- Class or Study Group from \$54
- Lecture Sponsorship from \$360
- Scholar-in-Residence Weekend from \$3600

4. Legacy Planning.

These gifts may include bequests, life insurance, RRSP's and RRIF's, stocks and securities. Call for more information if you are interested in establishing a legacy gift at Beth Emeth.

5. Other Opportunities include:

Lerman Chapel Dedications, Tessler Lounge, The Samuel Edelstein Children's Garden and The Community Hub. Call the office for more information on these and other donor opportunities.

*Invest in a World of Jewish Experience.
Make Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda a destination point for your charitable giving.*

All donations received after Monday, August 18 will appear in the Chanukah Kesher.

CELEBRATING 37 YEARS!



Gan Yeladim Day Care, located in Beth Emeth Synagogue since 1980, is a warm, loving day care for children aged 18 months to 6 years. Gan Yeladim offers a full day of fun and varied programming, rich in Jewish content, that will introduce your child to new experiences and foster their development. All staff are qualified and experienced ECE teachers who provide the children at the center with the education, love and support to help them grow and thrive.

Gan Yeladim provides hot, kosher, dairy and parve lunches and 2 snacks daily. SPACES AVAILABLE NOW !
For further information or to register, please contact us at 416-638-1796 or administrator@ganyeladim.com.

SPONSORSHIPS

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

Hashkama Minyan Kiddush -
\$72 / 3 for \$180

Congregational Kiddush -
members \$360; non-members \$500

Seudah Shlisheet -
members \$180; non-members \$250

Daily Breakfast (includes eggs) -
members \$100; non-members \$120
Upgraded menus also available.

*Contact Valerie Duarte
to arrange your sponsorship.
valerie@beby.org
or call 416.633.3838 x 250*

COMMUNITY NEWS & MORE

The Shabbat Project Is Almost Here! Friday & Saturday October 27 & 28

Kick-Off event: Challah Bake

Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 7:30 PM

The 4th Annual Challah Bake unites women from all different backgrounds under one roof to connect with each other as they knead and braid challah for shabbat.

This is the kick-off event for the Shabbat Project Toronto 2017

LOCATION

Montecassino, 3710 Chesswood Drive
Toronto, ON M3J 2W4
info@ShabbatProjectToronto.com
905.761.6279 x 253



PARKING CONSIDERATION DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS:

The police will provide parking consideration:

HOWEVER, they maintain strict enforcement of all other applicable parking/stopping prohibitions and **No Parking** within 0.6 m of a driveway and 15 m of an intersection.

All Infractions will be ticketed.

JF&CS Fall Courses – www.jfandcs.com.

EFFECTIVE PARENTING —

For parents of children ages 2 to 10 years.
A group to help parents learn what they can do to raise a happy, motivated and well behaved child. Topics include: how to nurture self-esteem, encourage problem solving, increase communication and set appropriate limits and discipline.

4 Sessions | Cost: \$150 per couple \$100 per person

NEXT START DATES:

November 8, 2017 | 7-9 pm | Lipa Green Centre | 4600 Bathurst St.

November 14, 2017 | 7-9 pm | Lebovic JCC | 9600 Bathurst St. | Suite 242



FREE FAMILY LEGAL CLINIC—

A free, private and confidential 30 minute legal consultation for those contemplating or experiencing separation or divorce. A family lawyer will explain the legal process involved during and after a separation, provide a personalized overview of your rights and obligations and suggest how you might best go about resolving the legal issue involved.

Four 30-minute appointments from 6-8 pm. To book individual appointments, call 905.303.5838 x 3652

NEXT START DATE: September 13, 2017 | Lebovic JCC | 9600 Bathurst St | Suite 242

Marty Keshen Chesed Committee and Chai Lifeline

present the 13th Annual 2017

Chanukah Toy Drive

dedicated in memory of

Barbara Frances Grimson ל"ה and Norton Lorne Grimson ל"ה



Please drop off all **NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY** donations to the Synagogue (bins located by the Wilmington Street entrance) If you have any questions, please contact Rochelle Kerzner at 416 630.9500 or yourpalrochelle@aol.com

Gift Deadline is **Sunday, December 17th.**

Think of the joy you can bring to a less fortunate child at Chanukah!

CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

Tax receiptable to the maximum allowed.

CALL 416.633.3838 TO DONATE.

Gift Ideas: Newborn to 10 years ~ dolls, puzzles, arts & crafts, Lego, etc.
10 to 19 years old ~ gift cards, books, makeup, CD's, DVD's, etc.

13th CHANUKAH TOY DRIVE 2017

Chanukah sounds so far away but soon enough it will be here. Every year I ask you to support this very special cause. We are in real need of NEW ONLY toys for the kids but even more so toys/gifts for the teenagers. When you are thinking of purchasing gifts for your own kids for Chanukah, think of the Chanukah Toy Drive and what you can donate to it. If you can't think of a gift idea, you can always call our synagogue office 416 633 3838 and make a cash donation. All monies that are donated go 100% to the toy drive. I use the donated monies to purchase gift cards for the teenagers, which are so appreciated. All toys and gift cards will be donated directly to Chai Lifeline- Chanukah Toy Drive.

I know my parents Barbara & Norton Grimson ל"ה are shepping nachas from all the hard work that my family and I have done and the huge support of BEBY synagogue to support this fabulous cause for the past 13 years.

If you have any questions, if you know of any companies that can donate new toys/gifts, please don't hesitate to contact me, I am more than happy to pick up all donations.

**GIFT DEADLINE IS:
Sunday December 17th, 2017.**

Happy, Healthy Rosh Hashana wishes to you and your families.

Rochelle Kerzner
yourpalrochelle@aol.com
416 450 7600

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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SEPTEMBER

September 17 26 Elul Mincha: 7:05 pm	September 18 27 Elul Mincha: 7:05 pm	September 19 28 Elul Mincha: 7:05 pm	September 20 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashana Mincha: 7:00 pm	September 21 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashana Day 1 Tashlich: 5:45 pm Mincha: 7:00 pm	September 22 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashana Day 2 Mincha: 7:00 pm	September 23 3 Tishrei Mincha: 6:45 pm
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September 24 4 Tishrei Mincha: 6:55 pm	September 25 5 Tishrei Mincha: 6:55 pm	September 26 6 Tishrei Mincha: 6:55 pm	September 27 7 Tishrei Mincha: 6:55 pm	September 28 8 Tishrei Mincha: 6:55 pm	September 29 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre: 6:45 pm	September 30 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Yizkor Mincha: 5:00 pm Neila: 6:15 pm
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OCTOBER

October 1 11 Tishrei Mincha: 6:40 pm	October 2 12 Tishrei Mincha: 6:40 pm	October 3 13 Tishrei Mincha: 6:40 pm	October 4 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot Mincha: 6:45 pm	October 5 15 Tishrei First Day of Sukkot Sukkah Hop Mincha: 6:45 pm	October 6 16 Tishrei Second Day Sukkot Mincha: 6:45 pm	October 7 17 Tishrei Mincha: 6:20 pm
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October 8 18 Tishrei Mincha: 6:30 pm	October 9 19 Tishrei Mincha: 6:30 pm	October 10 20 Tishrei Steak in the Sukkah Mincha: 6:30 pm	October 11 21 Tishrei Hoshana Rabah Mincha: 6:30 pm	October 12 22 Tishrei Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Service Mincha: 6:30 pm	October 13 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah & Luncheon Mincha: 6:30 pm	October 14 24 Tishrei Mincha: 6:10 pm
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October 15 25 Tishrei Mincha: 6:20 pm	October 16 26 Tishrei Mincha: 6:20 pm	October 17 27 Tishrei Mincha: 6:20 pm	October 18 28 Tishrei Mincha: 6:20 pm	October 19 29 Tishrei Food for Thought Mincha: 6:20 pm	October 20 30 Tishrei Mincha: 7:00 pm	October 21 1 Cheshvan Mincha: 5:55 pm
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October 22 2 Cheshvan Mincha: 6:05 pm	October 23 3 Cheshvan Mincha: 6:05 pm	October 24 4 Cheshvan Mincha: 6:05 pm	October 25 5 Cheshvan Mincha: 6:05 pm	October 26 6 Cheshvan Lunch & Literature Mincha: 6:05 pm	October 27 7 Cheshvan Mincha: 7:00 pm	October 28 8 Cheshvan Mincha: 5:45 pm
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MORNING SERVICES:
Shabbat ~7:30 and 8:45 am Sunday ~ 8:00 am Monday to Friday ~ 7:15 and 8:15 am
Rosh Chodesh Services ~ Weekdays: 15 minutes earlier at 1st Minyan



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INFORMATION SESSIONS

Posluns Education Centre

18 Neptune Dr.
(Bathurst & Wilson, Toronto)

➤ **WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST**
➤ **7:30PM**

Kamin Education Centre

300 Atkinson Ave.
(Bathurst & Centre, Thornhill)

➤ **TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 7TH**
➤ **7:30PM**

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