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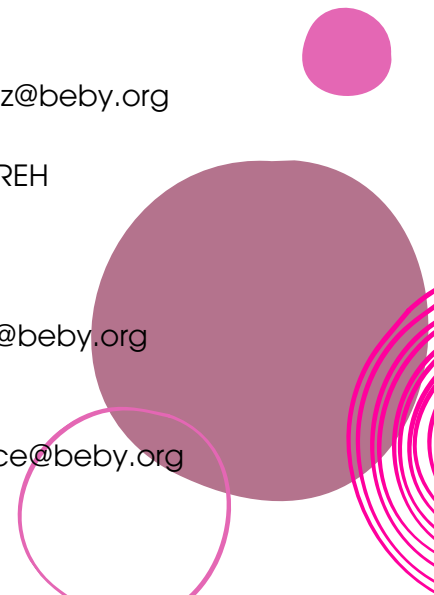
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# PURIM SERVICES SCHEDULE

## **EREV PURIM**

### **Saturday, March 23**

- Shacharit - 9:00 AM
- Mincha/Maariv - 7:00 PM
- Megillah Reading - 8:30 PM

## **PURIM DAY**

### **Sunday, March 24**

- Shacharit and Megillah - 8:30 AM
- Mincha/Maariv - 7:15 PM



# THE FOUR MITZVOT OF PURIM

1) The Reading of Megillat Esther – Every word of the Megillah must be read and heard by those present. The commandment applies equally to men and women because the “entire” people were under the threat of annihilation and thus deserve to celebrate the victory. Children, too, are strongly encouraged to listen to the entire Megillah reading.

2) Mishloach Manot – The exchanging of gifts of food is based on chapter 9:19: “...a holiday and an occasion for sending gifts to one another.” This obligation displays communal solidarity and creates a bond of friendship between fellow Jews.

3) Matanot Le’evyonim – The obligation of gifts to the poor on Purim is based on chapter 9:22: “...an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor.” According to Jewish law, it is necessary to give these gifts to at least two people.

4) Seudat Purim – The festive meal is also based on 9:22: “The same days on which the Jews enjoyed relief from their foes and the same month which had been transformed for them from one of grief and mourning to one of festive joy, they were to observe them as days of feasting and merrymaking...” Inviting the less fortunate to one’s festive meal is of primary importance.



Beth Emeth



**SUNDAY MARCH 24, 12:15**

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**BALLOONS, COSTUME PARADE,**

**MINI MEGILLAH READING**

**& LUNCH**



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## **PURIM - THEN AND NOW/ FROM HAMAN TO HAMMAS**

Dear Congregational Family,

On the one hand, Purim is the most joyous holiday on the Jewish calendar. There is more fun, revelry, and partying on Purim than at any other time in Jewish life. When else do people appear in shul wearing costumes and awaiting the mention of Haman in order to drown out his name with all kinds of noise?

On the other hand, Purim is a serious holiday as well. Prior to Purim is a Fast day, recalling that a three day Fast was instituted when the situation was dire for Persian Jewry during ancient times.

One particular word that occurs many times in the Book of Esther is the Hebrew, "Nahafoch," which basically means "upside down." The ancient Persian world was upside down - A foolish king; At first Mordecai was to be hanged before Haman was hanged; Esther at first was a closeted Jew and ended up saving her people; Haman's plot to wipe out the Jews resulted in his own demise; The Jews of Shushan once powerless became powerful by the end of the tale; etc.

Since the horrors of October 7, many feel that the world in which we live right now is "Nahafoch-upside down:" The U.N. and kangaroo courts ruling against Israel and without any mention of what took place on October 7 or the taking of hostages; The word "humanitarian" does not seem to apply to allowing the Red Cross even once being permitted to enter and see if hostages are alive or in what condition they are to be found; The word "genocide" is applied to Israel who is directing its attacks against Hamas and not at an entire nation, as contrasted to Hamas which indiscriminately hurls rockets into civilian areas of Israel without any regard for human life; The many universities around the world sponsoring the activities of hate groups while doing nothing to protect the lives of Jewish students; etc.

I strongly encourage us to celebrate Purim in its fullness. To do otherwise is to cheapen the holiday and its traditions for thousands of years. At the same time, I encourage us to contemplate the serious side of Purim and its relationship to the events of our time.

It is said that in Messianic times, only the joy of Purim will be observed, and there will be no need for any of the other holidays and their corresponding themes. Even in the world in which we live right now, may the day come soon when we will need to remember and celebrate only the joy of Purim. May the likes of "Haman" back then to "Hamas" right now be removed so that Israel and the world at large will be able to live in peace and freedom.

Chag Purim Sameach,  
Rabbi Howard Morrison



***On Thursday, February 29 grade 6 students from St. Raphael Catholic School came to learn about Judaism with Rabbi Morrison. The students saw the sights of the sanctuary and experienced a birds eye view of the Torah scrolls and Bimah.***





# **ISRAEL TRIP 2024**

## **BEBY Solidarity Mission May 14 - 22**

As many of you know, we are planning a solidarity mission to Israel arriving in Israel on Yom Ha'Atzmaut. We will devote eight nights and nine days to our mission.

Four goals are in mind:

- To offer help and support
- To learn from recognized dignitaries
- To see impacted sites and meet with impacted people
- To serve as witness and bring back testimony

I strongly suggest you consider joining us. The itinerary, pricing information, registration and payment links, are all accessible on the shul website - [www.beby.org/israeltrip](http://www.beby.org/israeltrip)

We do need at least 20 paying participants to make our mission viable. The Beth Emeth Israel solidarity mission is open to all and not exclusive to synagogue members.

From prior solidarity missions that I know of from the U.S. and Canada, our Israeli brothers and sisters desperately want to see us, share their stories with us, and help us to communicate with our local Diaspora neighbors.

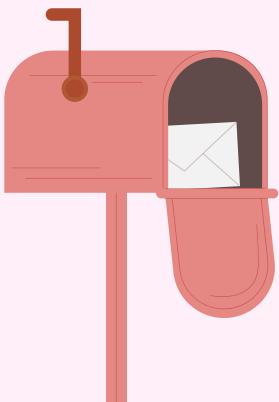
**Let us not only sing but see in action the words of  
Am Yisrael Chai.**

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## **CHECK YOUR MAILBOX!**

### **Tax receipts were sent out by mail**

Please note: if you made a contribution to our High Holiday Campaign via the online campaign you would have received a tax receipt directly from "Raise Days". Should you require a replacement for that receipt please contact Natalya at [\*\*accounting@beby.org\*\*](mailto:accounting@beby.org)



# WEEKLY STUDY CLASSES

with Rabbi Morrison



## THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION WITH INSIGHTS ON ISRAEL

- Monday, March 18 - 8:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 26 - 8:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 2 - 8:30 pm
- Monday, April 15 - 8:30 pm

**ZOOM / FACEBOOK LIVE**

## PIRKEI AVOT - ETHICS OF THE SAGES (CHAPTER 5)

- Tuesday, March 19 - 10:00 am
- Tuesday, March 26 - 10:00 am
- Tuesday, April 2 - 10:00 am
- Tuesday, April 9 - 10:00 am
- Tuesday, April 16 - 10:00 am

**LERMAN CHAPEL/LIVESTREAM**

# PASSOVER WORKSHOP

with Rabbi Howard Morrison

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14 | 10:00 AM**  
**CHAPEL/LIVESTREAM**

An overview of the seder structure; tips for great seder leading; preparing the home; beautiful seder melodies will be taught.





# MIRIAM ZIEGLER-GOLDBERG

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As Purim and Passover approach I cannot help but think how October 7 has impacted the Jewish people. October 7 triggered global Jewish solidarity, as well as a spike in global anti-Semitism. I reflect upon the significance of Moses telling Pharaoh to let the Jews leave Egypt and the current call to release the hostages. As we near the celebrations of Purim and Passover, I, like many others in the Jewish community, am having a difficult time rationalizing celebrating the upcoming holidays with my children and grandchildren with the grief, disillusionment, anger, and abandonment I feel since October 7.

The phrase: your silence is deafening - has taken on a profound meaning as Israel and the Jewish people feel abandoned by the non-Jewish community. But as Jews we always have hope, it is right there in Israel's national anthem, Hatikvah. So, you may ask: what has given me hope that we are not as alone as we feel right now? Although smaller in number than we would like, there are people who know right from wrong and are willing to stand up for Israel.

On February 28th, I attended an event with 1300 people who came to listen to an ally and friend of Israel and the Jewish people; Douglas Murray. This experience has impacted me greatly. Not only because I had the opportunity to listen to someone I greatly admire and respect, but because of who else attended the event. A group of people walked in with a sign - Iran stands with Israel - and the audience stood and applauded. In addition to the group of Iranians there was representation from the Hindus of North America, the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem, the Network of Azerbaijani Canadians, and the Canadian Albanian Network.

On February 29th, Brian Mulroney passed away. While I was reading articles about him, I came upon an excerpt from the speech he made this past November, when he received the highest honour from the World Jewish Congress for his commitment to Israel. In his speech he emphasized, "the most sacred duty of any government is to provide for the security of its citizens. No government could let these obscenities go unpunished and retain the trust of its people." Mr. Mulroney also stated, " Hamas knew full well the reaction its murderous rampage against innocents would provoke. They knew and didn't care. Indeed, it is the reaction they sought. They chose to put the lives of the two million people of Gaza they claim to defend in mortal danger in a deliberate, nihilistic attempt to set the Middle East on fire."

At times it is hard to hear the voices of rational and logical people over the vocal hatred. Although it will be difficult to celebrate the upcoming holidays with the same enthusiasm as last year, I remind myself, that as Jews, we have survived the heinous haters who demand the elimination of the Jewish people on many occasions.

Just as prior generations have, we will continue to celebrate and teach the next generation that we are a people of strength and courage, and that we celebrate and value life.

In the words of John F. Kennedy – “Israel was not created in order to disappear - Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and the home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success. It carries the shield of democracy, and it honors the sword of freedom.”

On behalf of my husband Brian and my family, I would like to wish everyone Chag Sameach.

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As I sit to write my very first Keshet article I reflect on why I have chosen to become Vice President - Governance. Having served on the Board of Directors for the past 2 years I strongly believe that our synagogue community needs us more than ever. With that, the GAASC (Governance and Administration Steering Committee) encompasses numerous committees including Constitution, Legal, Catering, Cemetery, House, and Health, Safety and Security.

As the war continues on in Israel we find ourselves on the receiving end of heightened antisemitism in our own backyards. Under the GAASC umbrella, its committees have undertaken the responsibility of protecting our sacred building and the BEBY community it houses, all while continuing to work towards the future and the Strategic Plan that is being implemented.

Additional security initiatives have been undertaken both around and within our building - not all visible on purpose. Of course, with added security comes added costs for which we have applied and received some government funding.

The governance and legal committees have been diligently working to ensure that BEBY is in compliance with the new provincial legislation. This has involved developing a new constitution to be in conformity with the Ontario not-for-profit Corporations Act (ONCA). They have also been working with an external lawyer to ensure that we are fully compliant by the deadline of October 2024.

This is just a small portion of the ongoing work being done by the committees under GAASC.

Now is the time to get involved in various committees which may be of interest to you. Succession planning is vital for the future and we encourage and welcome those who want to take on such roles. Our BEBY community members have diverse skills, backgrounds and experiences that would be most beneficial in ensuring the continuation of our vibrant synagogue for the next generation.

Feel free to reach out if any of the committees are of interest to you.

On behalf of my family I would like to wish everyone Chag Sameach for both Purim and Pesach.

Am Israel Chai  
Sharon Eidelman

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When we pass along our good wishes at Purim and Pesach, what are we really saying? When we teach our children about the holidays, what messages are we giving them? I do not ask myself these questions facetiously but with the intent of always trying to link the present and the future with the past. Of course, we don't know where we are going if we don't know where we have been, but the real challenge today for Jews, in my opinion, is to continue to make ourselves relevant – and necessary – to those who will carry our values and ideals into the future. Still, we need to start with ourselves to understand what we hold dear and why we believe it is necessary to perpetuate our values. Carnivals, costumes and the spinning of gregors when we hear Haman's name in the Megillah Esther are a good start to engaging our children, as are all of the symbolic aspects of the Seder and of Passover itself, but we must use these tangible components to look at the lessons we learn from them which we can apply to our lives today. At the same time, we need to continue to rework our tactics to reach those whose needs are not yet currently being met if we want to perpetuate our Jewish legacy.

Your Membership Development Steering Committee focusses on how to stay relevant to our current members and works on ways to engage new members. To that end, we are very pleased to introduce Caren Leinwand as the Chair of the newly reinstated Israel Engagement Committee, and Melissa Pacht and Jay Hudes as Co-Chairs of the Tikkun Olam Committee. They will bring new direction and energy to our group, so stay tuned for upcoming information about their plans. Kol ha'kavod to Caren, Melissa and Jay!

Monday's e-blasts from the shul outline events coming up in the next 2 weeks, but we were asked as well to provide a list of events that are scheduled for the next 3 months. You will find copies of these on display as you enter the sanctuary. They will be updated regularly so that you can plan in advance to register and attend the programs that interest you. If there is a program you would like us to offer, please reach out to let me know. Our aim is to provide events and programs that speak to our entire congregation, from our newest members to our members of long standing.

All of this brings me back to the questions that I posed at the start of this article. What is important to pass down to the future generations is what we must be all about – what it means to be Jewish in the Diaspora of Toronto and how we demonstrate our values and ideals to our families and our community.

On behalf of the entire Membership Development Steering Committee, I wish everyone a joyous Purim and a wonderful Passover, and most of all, lasting peace in Israel.

Eleanor Minuk

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Dear Friends,

As we read through this BEBY Keshet issue, let's reflect on the profound significance of charitable giving and supporting our beloved synagogue. In the spirit of tzedakah and communal responsibility, let's explore why our contributions play a vital role in sustaining the vibrancy and vitality of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda.

**The Heart of Tzedakah:** At the core of Jewish teachings lies tzedakah, meaning righteousness, justice, and fairness. It's about ensuring the welfare and dignity of every member of our community. By giving generously, we embody compassion, empathy, and solidarity, strengthening the bonds that unite us.

**Nurturing Our Spiritual Home:** Our synagogue is more than just a physical space; it's the beating heart of our spiritual journey. Through our contributions, we invest in its maintenance and enhancement, ensuring it remains a welcoming space for generations. Every dollar we give nurtures the soul of our community.



**Empowering Social Action:** As Jews, we're called to pursue Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. By supporting our synagogue financially, we empower social action initiatives, amplifying our impact on the broader community and fulfilling our duty to make the world a better place.

**Investing in Future Generations:** Our children are the torchbearers of our faith and heritage. Investing in our synagogue lays the groundwork for a vibrant Jewish future. Our contributions pave the way for the next generation to embrace their identity, values, and traditions with pride and purpose.

**Strengthening Community Resilience:** Our synagogue stands as a pillar of strength and support. Whether offering assistance to those in need or celebrating life's blessings, our community flourishes through our collective generosity. By giving generously, we ensure our synagogue remains a source of solace, solidarity, and resilience.

**A Call to Action:** Let's heed the call to action with open hearts and hands. Let's commit to giving generously, out of love for our community and dedication to our shared values. Together, let's uphold the timeless tradition of tzedakah, ensuring our synagogue remains a beacon of light, hope, and healing for all.

**In Conclusion:** Every contribution, no matter how small, has the power to make a difference. May our generosity be a testament to the strength of our faith, the depth of our compassion, and the resilience of our community. Together, let's build a future filled with blessings.

B'shalom,  
Jason Rubinoff

## MEET THE 2024/25 SHINSHINIM

Hi, my name is Yoav Mulchansky.  
I'm from givat shmuel which is a small city near Tel Aviv.  
My fav place in Israel is a small club in Tel Aviv called Barby, it's a place for Israeli singers and bands to do concerts. I love going to concerts and supporting Israeli creators.  
The thing in Toronto that I'm most excited about is meeting the community and new people.  
Looking forward to meeting you all!!!!



Hello everyone!  
My name is Noga Avisar and I'm from Tsur Yigal, a small town (Yishuv) in the center of Israel.  
My favorite place in Israel is my hometown because of the vast fields surrounding it. I love taking walks there and breathing the fresh air. It always fills me with positive energies and makes me peaceful.  
The thing I'm excited for the most about coming to Toronto is getting to know the people in the community, and forming meaningful connections.  
I'm looking forward to meeting all of you! We are going to have a wonderful year together!



**If you, or anyone you know, are interested in being a host family, please contact [candace@beby.org](mailto:candace@beby.org)**

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*There's a grief that can't be spoken, there's a pain goes on and on  
Empty chairs at empty tables, now my friends are dead and gone*

-Claude-Michel Schonberg

As you may be aware, I was recently in Israel on a solidarity mission with my professional organization, NAASE (North American Association of Synagogue Executives). It was an extraordinary (exhausting!) week of deeply meaningful experiences, learning and relationship building.

The packed schedule and intensity of our encounters didn't leave much time to process what we saw, heard and felt. Like many of my colleagues, I am challenged to find a framework in which I can articulate some of my experiences.

On our first full day we visited Kikar Hachatufim (Hostages Square). This area has become a gathering place for family members of hostages, tourists, supporters and protesters. A number of installations have been set up in the square. One of the most chilling is a makeshift, above-ground tunnel which approximates the dimensions and conditions of those underground in Gaza, where many hostages are believed to be held.

Perhaps the most recognizable display was the Shabbat table. It features a beautifully set Shabbat table- with empty chairs representing the hostages still in captivity who can't be at their own Shabbat table. It is a stark reminder of how much has been lost since October 7th.

It was hard to walk away from that feeling anything other than grief and sadness. The tone was set for the following day - definitely the toughest one emotionally. We met with an evacuee from Netiv Ha'asara, who shared his and his family's harrowing story of October 7th. Next, we travelled to Kfar Aza and the area around the Nova festival, where so many beautiful young people died. I was in tears for the better part of the day.





So much pain, so much loss, so much heartache.

The words and images we heard and saw made a significant impact on us individually and as a group. Our hearts were heavy and there was no conversation as we boarded the bus that late afternoon. In the same way that I wondered how those affected would move forward with their lives and try to return to some sense of normalcy, I also wondered how we would do so. How do we express the depth of our own pain? How do we share what we have borne witness to?

While it couldn't provide answers to those questions, another table was something of a balm for our battered souls.

Have food truck will travel met us at an army base, where we enjoyed a casual, outdoor barbecue. Despite the loud music blasting, we got to know each other as best we could, given the broken English and broken Hebrew. Stories were traded and there were lots of laughs.

We handed off the supplies, gifts and letters we brought from home. We were somewhat surprised to hear every soldier express their gratitude to us: for coming, sharing and listening. It was clear that despite being together they were feeling a powerful sense of loneliness and isolation.

We were grateful to be able to end the day on a lighter note. I'd like to be able to say that the trip was an emotional rollercoaster but in reality there were very few "highs". These two tables embodied, for me, two ends of the spectrum: despair and hope.

As we think about the joy of Purim and the freedom of Pesach, I pray that the people of Israel will soon be able to experience both, and most importantly...peace.

Wishing you and yours Chag Sameach,

Candace Vogel  
Executive Director



# KOREN SACKS MACHZOR DEDICATIONS

We were delighted to be able to use our beautiful Koren Sacks machzor once again this past year and will do so again for the upcoming yamim noraim.

Now you have the opportunity to dedicate individual copies of the machzor in honour or memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion.



- Individual dedications - \$72 each
- Up to six (same) dedications - \$65 each
- Seven or more (same) dedications - \$60 each

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## *Women's Minyan Service*

Under the spiritual guidance of Rabbi Morrison, women of Beth Emeth are coming together to form a Women's Minyan during a special Shabbat Mincha service. **All women in the shul are welcome.** It is a safe space to learn, to daven and to connect. Please join us.

**Next service: Saturday, April 6  
4:00 PM - Lerman Chapel**



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## DID YOU KNOW?

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

Available scholarships fall into categories:



### THE RABBI KELMAN FUND

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



### THE ANISMAN ISRAEL FUND

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



### JOSEPH SMITH SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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




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

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

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

**Applications can be found on our website at [www.beby.org/scholarships](http://www.beby.org/scholarships)**



Whether you're ready for Pesach...or not  
Take a break and join us for  
Shabbat dinner

# Pre Pesach Shabbat Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH  
KABBALAT SHABBAT 6PM  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER

**MEMBER ADULTS \$40 NON MEMBER ADULTS \$50**  
**CHILDREN (5-12) \$25 CHILDREN (0 -4) \$12**

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# VACANT CHAIR

*by Sheldon Zelsman*

A vacant chair, draped in prayer and name, sits facing west. It faces away from family, from friends, from life; its back toward the holy heart of its home. It's a vacant chair, but its gaze is not empty.

A vacant chair, draped in prayer and name, sits facing west. It faces towards bloody trails of murder, of butchery, of sexual savagery unknown to humanity. It's a vacant chair, but its gaze is not empty.

A vacant chair, draped in prayer and name, sits facing west. It faces towards ignominious corridors of subterranean kidnap, swallowed forcibly into concrete caverns of accursed catacombs: human cages in secretive spider traps of an unseen terror world. It's a vacant chair, but its gaze is not empty.



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A vacant chair, draped in prayer and name, sits facing the world toward the muted peroration—a lurid, obstreperous silence: the undraped phlegm of global turpitude suffocating the suffering of our sons and of our daughters; asphyxiating the grieving for the living and for the dead.



A vacant chair, draped in prayer and name, sits facing the world defiantly, in upright confrontation with an upside-down world that crucifies the massacred—their widowed homes and their orphaned playgrounds, their dauntless champions and their fallen stars, their eternal heart and their mourning earth; disaffirming their bedraggled blood of tears.



**It's a vacant chair, but its gaze is not empty and will never be empty if together, unified, we bring ourselves home.**

# NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS



Mazel Tov to Carly & Jonathan Weinstein on the birth of their daughter, ELLIE DREW. Proud grandparents are Sharon & Lloyd Eidelman and Sharon & Lawrence Weinstein.

Mazel Tov to Noah & Shannon Shapiro on the birth of their first child, MOLLY EMMA. Granddaughter to Marty Shapiro and niece to Robbie & Rachel Shapiro.



Mazel Tov to Marlon Bernhard, son of Caroline Cohen & Roy Bernhard, brother to Raphy Bernhard. Grandson of Jacob and Mery Cohen, Ricardo and Hana Bernhard

Mazel Tov to Shayne Deutsch, son of Marnie Schwartz & Sender Deutsch, brother to Sydnee Deutsch. Grandson of Susan Schwartz and Diane & Meier Deutsch. Lovingly remembered at this time are Saul Schwartz ל"ה and Helen Schwartz ל"ה

Mazel Tov to Jonah Goldfarb, son of Rena Schwartz and Adam Goldfarb, brother to Samara Goldfarb. Grandson of Susan Schwartz and Hyla Goldfarb. Lovingly remembered at this time are Saul Schwartz ל"ה, Helen Schwartz ל"ה, Aaron Goldfarb ל"ה and Anne Ginsberg ל"ה

Mazel Tov to Samuel Sager, son of Mark & Lisa Sager. Grandson of Joel and Ora Sager and Eric and Judy Starr. Brother of Jordyn Sager.

Mazel tov to Abigail Steinman, daughter of Jennifer and Andrew Steinman. Granddaughter of Sarah & Larry Yarmus.

Mazel Tov to Aviva Leah Goldberg on her recent Bat Mitzvah, granddaughter of Eric and Gloria Goldberg and Joseph and Sharon Kaplan, daughter of Jason and Raquel Goldberg and siblings Ezra and Liora.

Mazel Tov to Adin Dov Parker on his recent Bar Mitzvah, grandson of Eric and Gloria Goldberg and Mitchell and Cheryl Parker, son of Rina and Jonathan Parker and brothers Amiel and Noam.



## Engagements

Mazel tov to Leila Title and Michael Ditkofsky on their engagement. Proud parents are Rochelle & Sheldon Title and Nancy & Jack Ditkofsky. Grandparents are Alice Title and Joseph Ditkofsky. Lovingly remembered at this time are Shirley ז"ל & Henry ז"ל Springer, David Title ז"ל, Beatrice Ditkofsky ז"ל, and Gustawa ז"ל & Henry ז"ל Mansfield.

Mazel Tov to Carey & Sharon Rosenzweig on the engagement of their son, Josh to Lindsay, daughter of Max and Tammi Rebbah.

## Wedding

Mazel Tov to Bernice Levine on the marriage of her grandson, Josh Levine, son of Warren and Jodi Levine to Marlee Engel, daughter of Susie Engel and Chuck Engel, granddaughter of Louisa Hostick. Lovingly remembered at this time are Nathan Levine ז"ל and Sandra Clavir ז"ל and Marshall Clavir ז"ל.

## Nachas

Mazel Tov to Marlene & Ron White on their grandson Justin Moncik on obtaining his CPA

# BEREAVEMENTS

- **Eddy Mercer ז"ל**, father of Ruth Mercer Lowy
- **Yetti Weisselberg ז"ל**, mother of Morty Weisselberg
- **Sonia Ricmond ז"ל**, sister of Mina Goldberg
- **Sharon Golan ז"ל**
- **Marcia Dodick ז"ל**, mother of Mark Dodick, Elyssa Feldberg
- **Vicky Berman ז"ל**, mother of Tracy Berman
- **Bella Robinson ז"ל**, mother of Helene Korn
- **Florence Salvator ז"ל**, mother of Diane Nusbaum
- **Shulamit Besser ז"ל**
- **Samuel Brill ז"ל**, father of Herbert Brill
- **Vivien Fisch ז"ל**, wife of Leon Fisch
- **Sheldon Gilbert ז"ל**, husband of Ruth Gilbert
- **Fanny Steinberg ז"ל**, mother of Igal Har-Even
- **Frank Risman ז"ל**, father of Linda Zysman
- **Larry Herman ז"ל**, father of Ashley Herman, Dayna Herman
- **Irving Buchbinder ז"ל**, husband of Bernice Buchbinder
- **Mervyn Rosenstein ז"ל**, father of Jonathan Rosenstein

# BROTHERHOOD



On Sunday, February 11 over 40 of our members came together for the World Wide Wrap.  
Dedicated to our Brotherhood past president, Al Mervin ז"ל.

**BETH EMETH BROTHERHOOD PRESENTS:**

**Yom Hashoah  
Candle Lighting Ceremony**

**MAY 2024**

**Watch for details**

**Samuel Edelstein Garden - Beth Emeth**





# CHESED KNITTERS

Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words. We are thrilled to share a note that we received from Israel.

*Dear friends,*

*We wanted to extend our deepest heartfelt gratitude to your talented community members for the extremely generous donation of beautiful winter hats. These days we are facing a great existential challenge on the homefront and further tension is felt from the international community abroad. Your kind gesture has been a graceful reminder of the support we have, both warming our hearts and our heads!*

*Thank you once again for lifting our spirits!*

*Batallion 5035*



**Happy Purim and Pesach from the Chesed Knitters.**



# TIKKUN OLAM, ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

NEW!

We're excited to announce two new committees at Beth Emeth to focus on activities related to Tikkum Olam and Israel Engagement. The committees include Melissa Pacht, Jay Hudes, Caren Leinwand and Dan Leinwand.

The first activity is called the "Letters to Israel Campaign" and here's how it works:

- You're invited to write letters of support to Israelis – they'll be hand delivered by a Beth Emeth member during the upcoming BEBY Solidarity Mission trip to Israel.
- Check out the trip itinerary on the Synagogue website to see who the group will be visiting and write to any of those on the list. Some examples include those who are missing loved ones held hostage in Gaza or who are mourning those they lost on October 7.
- We're looking for as many handwritten letters or pictures drawn by you, your children or grandchildren as possible! Be creative with your stationary and ideas. We know just how meaningful these heartfelt letters can be at this difficult time.
- To make it easier for you, simply email us at [israel@beby.org](mailto:israel@beby.org) with which pick-up date and time works best and a committee member will come by for pick-up. And if you have donations for the Passover Food Drive, we can pick those up too.
- Pick-up dates are: **April 14-15 or May 5-6**. You're also welcome to drop off your letters at the Synagogue office. Just let the office staff know it's for the Letters to Israel Campaign.

Please contact us at [israel@beby.org](mailto:israel@beby.org) if you have any questions. Let's show Israelis our love and support from all of us here at Beth Emeth!

JOIN  
US





# BEBY BOOMERS



Spring is presenting itself and the BEBY Boomer's are looking to provide our members with innovative and entertaining opportunities. We try to present virtual and in person programs. Our programs include, twice weekly fitness, tips for retirement, biographies of actors and actresses in film and much more.

In the next few months our showcase will feature the following:

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

**10:00 AM**

**Julius Ciss**

Executive Director of Jews for  
Judaism

Topic - Confessions of a former  
Jew for Jesus

**THURSDAY, MAY 23**

**7:30 PM**

**Arlene Chan**

Chinatown historian

Topic - The Intersection of Jewish  
and Chinese Communities in  
Toronto

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

**7:30PM**

**Merle Nudelman**

Poet, Educator, Lawyer

Topic - Love, Faith and  
Transcendence, a Poet's Journey

This year as celebrate Purim, remember that the celebration is a toast to laughter, liberty, life, love and loyalty. As we celebrate this holiday, think this thought. Hamen, who planned the destruction of the Jews of Persia, was crushed himself. Hopefully the evil that currently prevails will be vanished soon.

We encourage our members to view the synagogue website on a regular basis to be aware of our upcoming programs.

From our committee to all our Synagogue families Chag Sameach.

Marlene White & Ruth Gilbert

BEBY Boomers presents:

register here: [beby.org/event/may23](https://beby.org/event/may23)

## THE INTERSECTION OF JEWISH AND CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN TORONTO

**With many lines of connectivity between the Jewish and Chinese  
communities in Toronto, learn about the ties that bind both.**



**Thursday May 23 - 7:30PM  
IN PERSON**

### GUEST SPEAKER ARLENE CHAN

Chinatown historian, retired librarian and author of seven books and  
publications about the history, culture, and traditions of the Chinese in Canada



Beth Emeth Continuing education & BEBY Boomers

Present

# CONFESSIONS OF A FORMER JEW FOR JESUS

HOST JULIUS CISS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JEWS FOR JUDAISM

After 5 years of involvement in the Jews for Jesus community [targeting Jews for conversion to Christianity], Julius Ciss left the movement and founded Jews for Judaism. Hear about his insider perspective and learn about his activism to undo the damage he'd caused and save Jews from conversion.

IN PERSON

SUNDAY MAY 5 - 10AM

register here:

[beby.org/event/julius\\_ciss](http://beby.org/event/julius_ciss)



Beth Emeth's Music Committee and Continuing Ed present:

## A 2 part series with Mike Daley

THE LIFE & MUSIC OF TINA TURNER

Wed, May 29 - 7:30pm

THE LIFE & MUSIC OF GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Wed, June 19 - 7:30pm



IN PERSON - BETH EMETH SYNAGOGUE

\$10 EACH PROGRAM - REGISTER: [BEBY.ORG/EVENT/DALEY](http://BEBY.ORG/EVENT/DALEY)

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

Welcome back to another edition of insights and information from our Committee as we begin the Spring season of festival celebrations. Both Purim and Pesach bring together families to study, explore, understand and celebrate the history of the Jewish people a long time ago. In both cases we went from being disadvantaged and ill-treated to become free people who could possess their own future and ensure that life as a Jewish people would carry on.

As you can understand from the programs and speakers that we bring forth each month this concept of being taken advantage of and fighting to be free has always been a part of the Jewish people. When you explore what happened and how circumstances evolved toward the eventual favourable outcome you can benefit from the learning process. Our aim in providing educational and entertaining programming is to offer helpful ways to better understand the processes from which we have been able to emerge as a strong people in the modern world.

Each month we have taken interesting and meaningful programs from the library of Lockdown University, such as the Art Garfunkel story and Edith Piaf bio, to bring our Jewish world closer to you. Many Jewish people in the arts and entertainment worlds have been introduced to you over the months to bring their contributions to light which helps us learn about their upbringings and rise to fame and notoriety.

Many of you know of the joy and amusement our Reel and Spiel movies bring each month. Coming up over the next several months we will be offering more of these movies in coordination with several synagogues in our area. What better than a large group of moviegoers enjoying these quality dramas and comedies at the same time in person, like being in a theatre. Keep a watch on the weekly e-blast for dates and times of these upcoming movies.

In the coming months we will be presenting several programs which cover different areas of interest. On **May 5**, at Beth Emeth we offer Julius Ciss who will speak to us about his time in Jews For Jesus and his decision to start Jews For Judaism. On **May 15**, we will offer an interesting look at the role played by folk singers during the 1960-1970's period of war in the U.S.. Along the way we will be offering other programs via Zoom and in-person just like these to help you learn and understand how we all came to this point in time and who were involved in bringing us here.

On behalf of everyone involved in the committee we want to wish all of you a happy and enjoyable Purim and Pesach season with friends and family. Any time you want to make a suggestion for programming or films please contact us through the synagogue office.

Perry Davis and Marlene White



# LIBRARY COMMITTEE



Here are some of the new books we have added to our library collection in the past few months:

*Kiss the Red Stairs* by Marsha Lederman is an introspective account of the author's adult life as she comes to grips with the intergenerational trauma she has experienced as a child of Holocaust survivors.

*Hotel Cuba* by Aaron Hamburger is the story of two sisters who end up in Cuba on their way to the United States in the 1920s. Through the many obstacles that they face, their story resonates for every immigrant who must adjust to a new life and situation. Be sure to read the acknowledgements at the end for a lovely surprise.

*Impossible Takes Longer* by Daniel Gordis is another of the must-haves on your personal library shelf along with Noa Tishby's *Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth* and Dara Horn's *People Love Dead Jews*. Gordis does a deep dive into the history of Israel, what we've done right and what we could have done better. He presents a very balanced view of history right up to a few months before the Oct. 7 invasion.

*The Netanyahus* by Joshua Cohen is the Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and is a darkly humorous account of the Netanyahu family's travel to a small-town university while Ben-Zion Netanyahu, the patriarch, attempts to be accepted on staff. Irony abounds in this beautifully crafted novel that has some basis in truth but where poetic licence has been taken to fill in gaps. Antisemitism, historical revisionism, assimilation, and numerous Jewish tropes are just some of the themes addressed.

In *Free as a Jew*, the prolific author Ruth Wisse chronicles her life and outlines the challenges she faced as professor of Yiddish first at McGill and then at Harvard. As a child of Holocaust survivors, she believed in her youth that the terrors her parents faced were no longer relevant in our modern and superior society, but she comes to the sad conclusion that little has really changed.

Save  
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DATE

*Lunch & Literature*

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award

**SIGNAL FIRES**

DANI SHAPIRO

NATIONAL BESTSELLER

**Signal Fires**

Reviewed by: Sheli Meyers

Sponsored by:

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TWO NEPTUNE DRIVE  
A Licensed Residential Property  
Terraces of Baycrest  
Residences and Condominiums  
Offices 4th Floor

THURSDAY APRIL 4 - 1PM

\$25

IN PERSON,  
REGISTER HERE:  
BEBY.ORG/EVENT/APRIL4

**BOOKS AND BAGELS**

**SESSION 6**

Sunday, April 14, 10AM IN PERSON

REGISTER - BEBY.ORG/EVENT/BOOKSDEC3  
MEMBERS - \$5/ NON MEMBERS - \$10

Written and discussed by the author  
Judith Friedland

PRESENTED BY:

Aspira Retirement Living

**JUDITH FRIEDLAND**

**There Was a Time for Everything**

A MEMOIR

### Book Events:

On **Feb. 11**, Rena and Marni Schwartz, the driving force behind Vibe Dance Studio, spoke about how they harnessed their passion for dance to build a thriving Thornhill business, intentionally built their brand, and developed a new invention that helps teach people how to do cartwheels. In their book, Empower Your Vibe, they share with their readers their personal journeys as they worked towards their goals. This event was generously sponsored by Four Elms Retirement Residence.

On **February 15**, Mitch Consky reviewed for us his book Home Safe, about his family's lovingly coming together to care for his ill father at the start of the pandemic. Support systems were tenuous at the time and families were left to fill in. Fortunately we are past most of that now, but Mitch continues to advocate for patients and their families to ensure that all available supports are accessible. This event was generously sponsored by Mosaic Home Care.



*Rena, Susan and Marnie Schwartz*

Mordechai Ben Dat reviewed The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton, by Andrew Porwancher on **March 3**. Not only does the book convincingly show that Alexander Hamilton had some Jewish parentage, but it also explores the significant role that Jews played at the time and the influence their ideas had on Hamilton himself. Many thanks to Forestview Retirement Residence for their generous sponsorship.

### Upcoming Book Events:

We round out this year's programs with Sheli Meyers' review of Signal Fires on **Thursday, April 4**. The book looks at the continued psychological impact of a traumatic event on a family even years after it occurred. The ending of the book is especially sweet. Baycrest and 2 Neptune are the kind sponsors of this event.

Our last program of the year is on **Sunday, April 14**, when Judith Friedland speaks about her book There was a Time for Everything. Judith took advantage of the many opportunities presented to her, each providing her with the skills and background for the next, and in the end, she found a balance that was both satisfying and enriching. We appreciate Aspira Retirement Living's sponsorship for this program.

Copies of all of the books reviewed in our book events are in the synagogue library, so please visit us on Sunday mornings when Aleph Beit Hebrew School is in session.

Thank you to all of our sponsors this year, and we look forward to having the opportunity next year to share with you, our members, our love of books.

Happy Purim and Pesach from the Library Committee!

# GREENING COMMITTEE



On August 1st, our Greening Committee's guest speaker was Dr. Melissa Lem, who spoke about the Transformative Power of Nature for Health and Healing and her initiative to provide Park Prescriptions.

In Israel, this same concept of the healing effect of nature has been utilized by SPNI, the Society for the Protection of Nature to help traumatized and displaced youth and children around Israel utilizing eco-therapy activities. Thousands of traumatized youth and children who were suddenly evacuated and displaced after October 7th, needed help to process their traumatic experiences and to start their mental recovery. SPNI organized Desert Camps to meet the needs of these teens. Since November, there have been over 20,000 Israelis who have participated in the Nature Heals program. As we prepare for Passover, SPNI will provide desert camps for any Israeli teen who wants to take a break from their stressors in the desert wilderness. Desert Camps for Displaced Youth is a three day experience in Israel's desert wilderness. Initially, parents were reluctant to have their children participate in this program, but after the first few groups returned and parents saw their teenager transformed, demand for this program is overwhelming and evolving responding to the public's needs. One of the side effects of this program is that there is increased caring about preserving and advocating for our environment.

This year's international Earth Day theme is Planet vs Plastics. There is so much plastic pollution everywhere. It is easy for each of us to take an active role in decreasing plastics while we celebrate our upcoming joyous holidays of Purim and Passover.

During Purim, we see an upside down world as ours is today and pray that in the future, good will finally overcome evil.

Every Passover, we conclude the Seder singing next year in Jerusalem. For my husband and myself, this will become our reality in the spring or early summer as we make aliyah and join our son and grandchildren who already live in Haifa.

This, evolving over time, from 1973, when Mel and I, were an engaged couple, looking for a venue for our wedding and entered Beth Emeth. The warm welcome we received from Rabbi Joseph Kelman and Cantor Danto solidified the feeling that we had found our second home.

We became involved members in 1991 and have remained active, in various roles throughout the years. Beth Emeth is and will remain close to our hearts and with the advancement in today's technology, we will still remain remotely involved.

I thank Rabbi Morrison and the rest of the Beth Emeth family for all they do to make this an inclusive, warm, welcoming spiritual home for each of us.



Our traditions of Baal Taschit, teach us not to destroy or waste, not even a mustard seed. We are stewards with traditions such as Tikkun Olam; repairing the world.

As we enjoy the festivities of Purim and Passover and once again the renewal that spring brings, Mel and I wish you and your families joyful Chag Sameachs abundant with peace and prosperity.

Hilda Swirsky  
RN, BScN, MEd

# Thank You

***Hilda and her husband, Mel, have been members for over 30 years. After her retirement, Hilda stepped up her involvement and volunteerism. As a stalwart community organizer, she championed BEBY's Greening Committee, bringing unique and important speakers and initiatives to our attention. Mel and Hilda are now preparing to make aliyah, joining their family. Thank you Hilda, and hatzlaha to you both. May you enjoy many healthy, happy years in Israel.***

## MARTY KESHEN CHESSED

*Helping Shul Members and the Community*

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

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

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

You can call the shul office or email us at [chesed@beby.org](mailto:chesed@beby.org)

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

Given the needs in the community, please, if you are able, consider making a donation of food or funds to a local food bank or to a Passover food drive such as the National Council of Jewish Women Passover Food Drive.

Helen Katz





# MUSIC

Greetings fellow congregants and music lovers.

We are pleased to welcome our newest member, Arnold Machtinger, to the committee.

We have been busy planning some exciting programs for the coming year. To name just a few:

As they were tremendously received last year on Chol Hamoed Passover, we are delighted to bring back on **Thursday, April 25**, The Toronto Jewish Chorus, with Cantor Judy Adelman Gershon. Two of our committee members, David & Andrea Kirshenblatt, are proud members of this choir.

Together with Continuing Education, we are bringing back the ever popular Dr. Mike Daley. The first program will be held on **May 29**, and he will be speaking on the life and music of Tina Turner. The second program will be held on **June 19**, with the life and music of Gordon Lightfoot. Interesting to note that both of these two programs were presented to sold out audiences. These are programs you do not want to miss.

Guess what, we've got Talent!!!!!! Do you have a talent that you would like to share, dancers, singers, musicians, story tellers, comedians, the list is endless. We are planning a talent show to be held on **Sunday, June 2**. Applications are available on line at [beby.org](http://beby.org). Applications together with video will be accepted until April 14th and sent to [bethemethsgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:bethemethsgottalent@gmail.com). In person auditions will be taken by request by contacting Ilene Kuchinsky at (647) 884-7974.

We have been thinking outside of the box and have come up with a Parisan Jazz Night featuring Club Django on **Sunday, October 27**. Club Django is a gypsy swing band which has been active on the Canadian Jazz scene for over 18 years and is Toronto's longest running swing band. Watch for upcoming details.

Once again we ask for your suggestions of programs you would like us to investigate. If music is your passion and wish to become a member of the Music Committee please reach out to either Bernice Levine or Ilene Kuchinsky.

All of our programs will be advertised in the e-mail blasts and flyers are available at the synagogue.

On behalf of the Music Committee we wish to take this opportunity to wish your families for a Happy Purim and Frailachen Pesach.

Bernice Levine & Ilene Kuchinsky





Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda  
A World of Jewish Experience



# WE'VE GOT TALENT

*Show us what you  
got!*



**LIVE Sunday June 2**

Welcome singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, etc!

Share your talent with us and participate in our first ever talent show.

Applications here - [www.beby.org/event/talentapply](http://www.beby.org/event/talentapply)

Application & audition videos due April 14 at [bethemethsgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:bethemethsgottalent@gmail.com)

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Beth Emeth's Music Committee presents:

Chol Hamoed Pesach

with



TORONTO  
JEWISH  
CHORUS



Entry \$10 Register here:  
[beby.org/event/chorusapril25](http://beby.org/event/chorusapril25)

Thursday April 25 7:30PM  
Beth Emeth synagogue



# OUT OF THE COLD



Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue has been a long time supporter of programs to aid the homeless, especially by running our very successful Out Of The Cold Program. Given the focus on addressing homelessness in the downtown core, where homelessness is running rampant, our location is not currently viable as an Out Of The Cold site.

To this end, we have partnered with the Coalition To Fight Homelessness that runs an Out Of The Cold Program at Saint Luke's United Church. Last year we provided the site with 300 sandwiches each week for a 6 week period during the months of January and February. The sandwiches were a huge success .

The OOTC Meal Program at Saint Luke's opened its doors for indoor meal service on December 13, 2020 operating on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. The program, which was supposed to run for 5 months, completed its 20th month serving over 48,000 meals and is still going strong. The need is very apparent and the cost is rapidly increasing. Presently the organization has been able to secure hot meals at a cost of approx. \$10.00 per meal.

To this end, Beth Emeth Synagogue is planning to increase its involvement as follows:

- Establish a weekly sandwich making program (300 sandwiches per week for 52 weeks per year). Volunteers will be needed to prepare and pack sandwiches.
- Collect and sort gently used clothing as the homeless are in dire need of clothing. Volunteers will be needed to come on Sundays and sort the clothes. We will transport them downtown to be given out.
- Sponsor some of the weekly hot meals.
- Put together personal hygiene kits (consisting of toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap). Volunteers will be needed to source the products and to put together the kits.
- Source new clothing, specifically undergarments, gloves, hats and socks.

What we need to make our program successful:

1. Monetary donations to pay for ingredients for the sandwiches
2. Volunteers
3. Gently used clothing
4. Monetary donations to pay for some of the weekly meals (600 meals per week are needed at a cost of approx. \$8 each)
5. Donations of personal hygiene products (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
6. Donations of new undergarments, gloves, hats, socks

A big thank you to Brands International and Justin Socks for their generous donations of shampoo, soap, and socks.

We are hopeful that next winter we will be able to commence hosting guests at the synagogue. Our OOTC program was very successful thanks to the commitment by our many volunteers

Sincerely,  
Your Out Of The Cold Steering Committee  
Allan Fleisher and Renee Henry

A big thank  
you to the  
Silverberg  
family



# Join Us!

*Saturdays  
during kiddush*

**March 23, April 6, May 4, May 25**

*Grab your Kiddush &  
Learn with the Shins*





# BEBY Gift Shop

Check out our Pesach gifts!



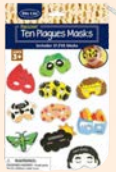
\$50  
seder plate



\$10



\$10  
drying mat



\$15  
plagues mask



\$60 glass  
matzah plate

To make an  
appointment -  
call Ilene  
647-884-7974



Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda  
A World of Jewish Experience

## Culture Club



Tuesday, March 26 - 6:30pm

Adults! Join us for dinner and an  
evening making Israeli desserts with  
our Shinshinim



register here:

[beby.org/event/cultureclub](http://beby.org/event/cultureclub)

members - no charge

non members - \$10





# ALEPH BEIT CHADASH

Getting closer to Purim we remember the threat from Haman, the continuance of Amalek and the important quote from the Passover Haggadah: "Every generation they are trying to kill us all but G-D is saving us from their hand."

At school, we are learning about the story of Purim, the mitzvot and the costumes. We are trying to understand the characters in this part of our Jewish history. Purim will be celebrated with a megillah reading carnival and a school parade. The students will have the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of - Matanot La'Evyonim (gifts to the poor) when they bring food items to use as ra'ashan (greggor) and after as a donation.

Our students are learning how the holidays are celebrated in Israel- even in hard times like this.

The Shinshinim came back from their visit to Israel with more energy and commitment to connect us even more to the holy land!

At the beginning of March, we had our B'nai And B'not Mitzvah graduate from the program with a beautiful graduation ceremony. **Our next sessions will start in January 2025.** Be sure to watch for details.

Lots of family events are coming soon to Beth Emeth:

I invite you and your family to join our Purim Celebration on **Sunday, March 24** at 12:15 which will include a DJ and dancing, games, prizes, a meat lunch and much more. Please RSVP on our website at [beby.org/event/purim](http://beby.org/event/purim).

Right after that we are starting to get ready for Passover.

On **March 31st** we will visit a matzah factory and make our own matzah. On **April 7** we will have a Passover program with our Shinshinim and help pack food for the Passover Food Drive, taking place right here at BEBY.

Our Shabbat Families program will be back on **April 13th** and the school registration and Open House will be on **April 14.**

To get ready for the Shabbat after Passover I invite you on **Thursday, May 2** to make the special key-shaped challah for "segulah for Parnassah," or an omen for good fortune. Please check our website for all details of our family programs and make sure you pre-register.

Purim and Passover are both holidays that recall our enemies trying to strike down the Jewish people. Sadly, the situation in Israel today is no different. No matter how many times they try, we will rise and become stronger!

Am Israel Chail

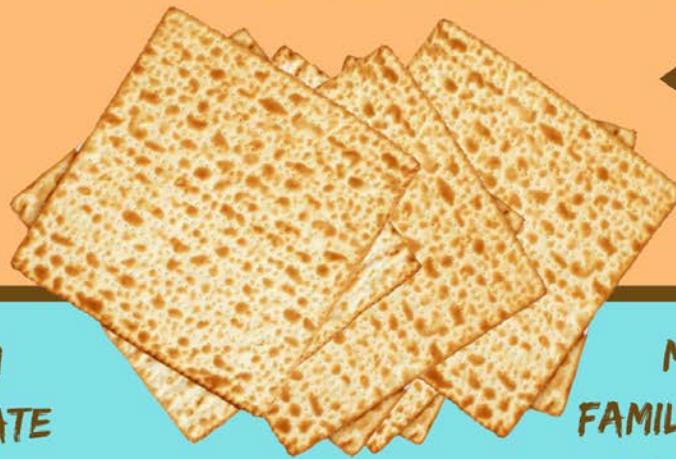
# FAMILY HANDS ON



Beth Emeth

## MATZAH MAKING EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST 4PM



SPACE IS  
LIMITED  
REGISTER  
TODAY!

MEET AT 4PM  
770 CHABAD GATE  
THORNHILL

MEMBERS/SCHOOL  
FAMILIES FREE AGES 3 -12  
NON MEMBER KIDS \$10

[BEBY.ORG/EVENT/MATZAH](http://BEBY.ORG/EVENT/MATZAH)

# FAMILY

## PASSOVER PACKING



Beth Emeth

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 12 -2PM



HELP US  
PACK!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH,  
ACTIVITIES WITH OUR SHINSHINIM  
& PASSOVER FOOD PACKING

REGISTER HERE: [BEBY.ORG/EVENT/PACK](http://BEBY.ORG/EVENT/PACK)

NO CHARGES, AGES 4 +





# MAZEL TOV

## TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM GRADUATES!

Students preparing for their bar or bat mitzvah in the coming year joined together for 8 sessions to learn about their Jewish identity and what becoming a bar or bat mitzvah is all about. Joined by our Shinshinim, Omri and Sharon and by Rabbi Morrison for some sessions, the group learned, laughed and ate a LOT of pizza. A great time was had by all.



## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Is there someone in your family looking to complete Community Service Hours for **high school** graduation?

We have a variety of volunteer activities that will qualify.  
Please contact Eleanor Minuk - [mdsc@beby.org](mailto:mdsc@beby.org)



# FAMILY BEAT



*On Sunday, March 3 - families came together with Living Rhythm creator, Ora Goldin for rhythmic drumming!*






# NEW! FAMILY shabbat



family friendly activity & songs  
with our Shinshinim  
followed by a hot lunch!



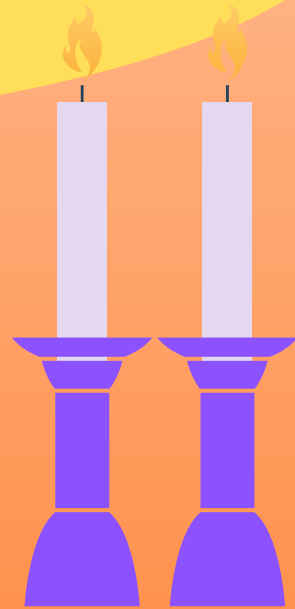
SATURDAY, APRIL 13  
10:30AM

Family Adventure challenge



register here:

[beby.org/event/shabbatfamily](http://beby.org/event/shabbatfamily)







# FAMILY *key Shaped!* CHALLAH★ ★ BAKE

(EVERYONE WELCOME!)

6:00 PM -  
pizza supper

Thursday

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May

6:30 PM -  
let the baking  
begin!



The Jewish reason for baking a shlissel challah (key shaped challah) is for a “segulah for Parnassah,” or an omen for good fortune. Translation: Bake a shlissel challah after Passover, in the hopes of securing financial status for your family.

★ Members/School families - \$18

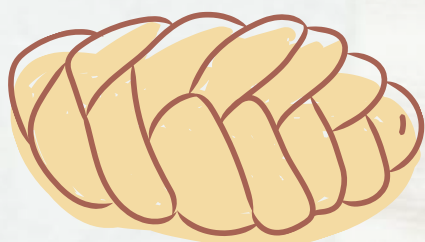
Non Members - \$28  
(per challah)

★ Registration required by Friday, April 26  
beby.org/event/challahbakemay



# FAMILY CHALLAH BAKE

On Dec 6 BEBY families came together for a Challah Bake! Delicious Challot were made!





# CHANUKAH TOY DRIVE

## Thank You

To our Beth Emeth community,

I want to extend my deepest appreciation to all of you for your incredible support in this year's 19th Annual Chanukah Toy Drive. Despite the challenges, we successfully transitioned to online donations, and your enthusiastic participation made it a great success. Your generosity has brightened Chanukah for numerous families from Chai Lifeline in our community. It's heartening to see how, even in a virtual setting, our community came together to make a positive impact. Thank you for embracing the change and demonstrating the true spirit of Chanukah through your kindness and generosity.

Year-round, when you are thinking of donating in honour or in memory of a loved one, please consider directing that money to the Chanukah Toy Drive Fund.

Wishing you and your family a Chag Purim and Pesach Samech!

Rochelle Kerzner and Family

TO OUR FRIENDS  
AT  
BETH EMETH

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פורים  
שנה

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שנה

*The Wierzbniaker  
Society*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**10:30 AM**

**WIERZBNIKER SOCIETY  
BREAKFAST MEETING**

**Beth Emeth Synagogue**



Our amazing Chanukah party took place on Sunday, December 9. It was so wonderful to have our group together again. We had an amazing turnout of about 70 guests including PSW's. There were many new attendees.



# WE'RE BACK!

*returning*

**Sunday, April 7** (bi-weekly)



# CHANUKAH PARTY ROUNDUP

Our *Pre Chanukah Party* took place on Sunday, December 3. We had Soufganiot making, lots of crafts for the kids and singing with Rabbi Morrison. Over 200 people joined! We look forward to seeing everyone at our next party!









# RALLY IN OTTAWA

December 5, 2023

In a strong demonstration of solidarity with Israel, Beth Emeth filled a bus with members (and a few friends from outside our community) and travelled to Ottawa for a rally on Parliament Hill. We heard heartbreaking personal stories from family members of those kidnapped along with rousing testimonials of support from within and outside the Jewish circle. Despite the cold, we stood strong, made our voices heard and showed up for Israel.







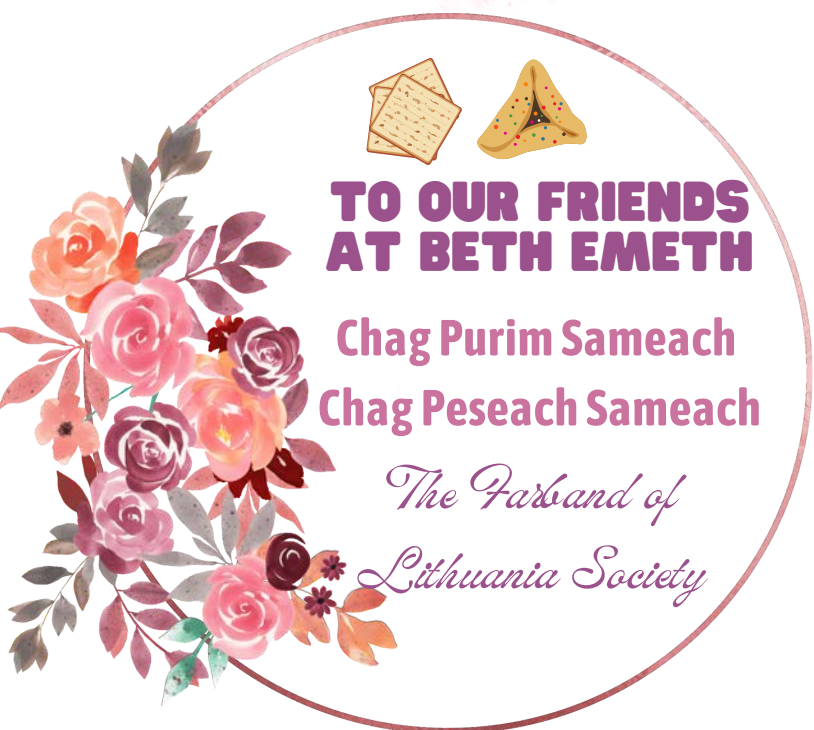
## The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Toronto

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

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

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

Take a moment and check out our web site [www.pomegranateguild.ca](http://www.pomegranateguild.ca)



## SHAVUOT KESHER

We'd love to share your news!  
If any members would like to share recent births, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, engagements, weddings, nachas announcements!

Please email Sari at [sari@beby.org](mailto:sari@beby.org)  
by Friday, May 17





# THANK YOU

# BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA

FOR HOSTING

# THE PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

### KEY PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE DATES:

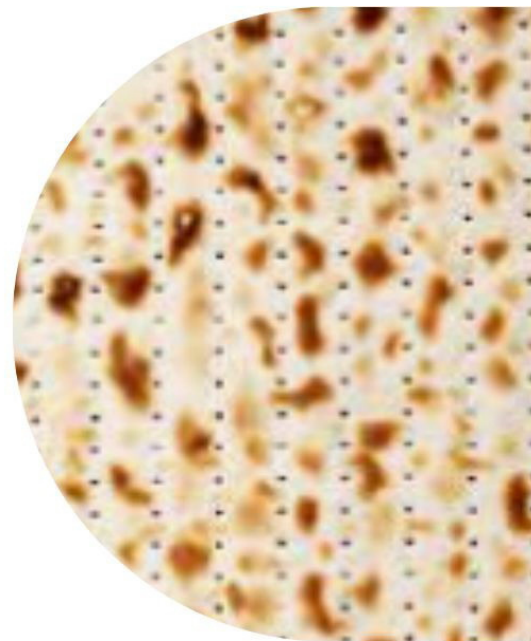
Pack: March 31–April 9th

Volunteer: March 31–April 9th

Deliver: Sunday April 14th

**SIGN UP. VOLUNTEER. DONATE.**

SCAN THE QR CODE.



**PASSOVER**  
FOOD DRIVE



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# Happy ✧ Passover!

May your blessed Passover be filled with  
happy moments, and joy.

Passover menu available at  
[www.apexkoshercatering.com](http://www.apexkoshercatering.com)







SOUPS & APPETIZERS

- ☐ QTY
- ☐ Butternut Squash and Pear Soup  
\$18 per litre (serves 4)
- ☐ Chicken Noodle Soup  
with Brunoise of Carrot, Celery, Onion and Diced Chicken  
\$20 per litre (serves 4)
- ☐ Clear Chicken Soup  
\$14 per litre (serves 4)
- ☐ Matzah Balls  
\$2 per piece
- ☐ Sweet Gefilte Fish  
With Beet Horseradish  
\$5 per 4oz portion
- ☐ Salt and Pepper Gefilte Fish  
With Beet Horseradish  
\$5 per 4oz portion

SALAD

- ☐ Mixed Green Salad  
with Orange, Grapefruit, Mandarin Segments, Sweet Pickled  
Heirloom Carrots, Honey Berry Dressing  
\$6 per portion
- ☐ Baby Spinach Salad  
With Roasted Red and Golden Beets, Balsamic Vinaigrette  
\$6 per portion

SIDES/STARCH

- ☐ Herb Crisp Potato  
with Garlic Chimichurri  
\$6 per portion (6oz. portions)
- ☐ Potato Kugel  
\$15 per pan (7" x 4")
- ☐ Apple Kugel  
\$17 per pan (7" x 4")
- ☐ Herb Sautéed Mixed Vegetables  
\$6 per portion (6oz. portions)

SEDER SET MENU

- ☐ \$47 per person  
Minimum 2 People
- ☐ \$42 per person  
for set of 10

Seder Set Menu includes:

- Chicken Noodle Matzah Ball Soup
- Baby Spinach Salad with Roasted Red and Golden Beets, Balsamic Vinaigrette
- ☐ Pan Seared Chicken Supreme Served with Mango Peach Salsa with Au Jus  
OR
- ☐ Citrus Glazed Salmon  
Served with Citrus Pomegranate Salsa (add \$4)
- Herb Crisp Potato with Garlic Chimichurri
- Sautéed Mixed Vegetables
- Choice of Dessert:
  - ☐ Frozen lemon cake
  - ☐ Flourless chocolate cake

MAINS

- ☐ QTY
- ☐ Pan Seared Chicken Supreme  
Served with Mango Peach Salsa and Au Jus  
\$19 per portion
- ☐ Chicken Schnitzel  
with Mushroom Caramelized Spinach Velouté  
\$21 per portion
- ☐ Citrus Glazed Salmon  
Served with Citrus Pomegranate Salsa  
\$23 per 6 oz portion
- ☐ Montreal Spiced Braised Brisket  
Served with Au Jus  
\$28 per 8oz portion cooked weight
- ☐ Beef Meatballs  
Smokey BBQ Tomato Sauce  
\$27 per 12oz portion

ADDITIONAL

- ☐ Cajun Spiced Chicken Leg Quarters  
\$12 for 2 pieces
- ☐ \$25 for 6 pieces
- ☐ Chicken Fingers  
with Ketchup and Plum Sauce  
\$30 per dozen
- ☐ Crispy Chicken Wings  
with Smokey BBQ Sauce  
\$24 per dozen
- ☐ Charoset  
\$16 per 500 ml
- ☐ Seder Plate  
(enough for ceremonial plate)  
\$20 per plate
- ☐ Red Beet Horseradish  
\$8.50 per 250 ml

PLEASE NOTE:  
MINIMUM SPEND  
\$90 + HST

INDIVIDUAL DESSERTS

- ☐ Frozen Lemon Cake  
\$8.50 per individual piece
- ☐ \$70 per whole cake
- ☐ Flourless Chocolate Cake  
\$8.50 per individual piece
- ☐ \$60 per whole cake

CLIENT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT INFORMATION (Minimum spend \$90 + HST)

☐ CREDIT CARD  
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ E-TRANSFER: [m@apexkoshercatering.com](mailto:m@apexkoshercatering.com)

☐ PICK UP/DELIVERY ☐ Beth Emeth  
☐ Beth Tzedec ☐ Delivery (\$25.00+HST)

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# BROTHERHOOD SEFER HAFTARAH

## PLEDGE FORM

Beth Emeth is fortunate to have a beautiful Haftorah scroll. Haftorah readers may elect to read from this scroll on Shabbat or holidays. Consider dedicating a Haftorah in honour or memory of a loved one.

### REMAINING HAFTARAH

#### **SHEMOT**

- Mishpatim
- Vayekhel (Ashkenazic)
- Vayekhel (Sephardic)
- Pikudei

#### **BAMIDBAR**

- Bamidbar
- Pinchas
- Mattot

#### **HOLIDAYS**

- Yom Kippur morning
- Sukkot Day 1
- Sukkot Day 2
- Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot
- Zachor
- Ha Chodesh
- Pesach Day 1
- Pesach Day 2
- Chol Hamoed Pesach
- Pesach Day 7
- Pesach Day 8
- Shavuot Day 2
- Tisha B'Av morning
- Fast Days (afternoon)

#### **VAYIKRA**

- Tzav
- Metzora
- Acharei Mot

#### **DEVARIM**

- Devarim
- Reeh
- Ki Tavo

#### **Dedications might include the following:**

Bar/Bat Mitzvah • The anniversary of a past Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
Birth of a child/grandchild • Wedding anniversary  
Graduation • Yahrzeit or other memorial dedication  
Public service honour • Other significant milestones

### **The cost of a haftarah dedication is \$1000**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Haftarah selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_





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# PASSOVER SERVICES SCHEDULE

## **MONDAY, APRIL 22**

NOON  
CLOSING

Shacharit (Siyum Bchorim) - **7:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **7:00 PM**

**First Seder**

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

OFFICE  
CLOSED

First day of Pesach

Services - **9:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **7:50 PM**

**Second Seder**

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

OFFICE  
CLOSED

Second day of Pesach

Services - **9:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **7:50 PM**

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

Chol Ha'Moed

Services - **7:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **7:50 PM**

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

Chol Ha'Moed

Shacharit - **7:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **7:00 PM**

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

Chol Ha'Moed

Shacharit - **9:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **7:40 PM**

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

Chol Ha'Moed

Shacharit - **8:30 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **8:00 PM**

## **MONDAY, APRIL 29**

OFFICE  
CLOSED

Seventh day of Pesach

Services - **9:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv - **8:00 PM**

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

OFFICE  
CLOSED

Eighth day of Pesach

Services **Yizkor recited** - **9:00 AM**

Mincha-Maariv **8:00 PM**

## BURNING OF CHAMETZ

### **MONDAY, APRIL 22**

**7:00 - 11:00 AM**

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