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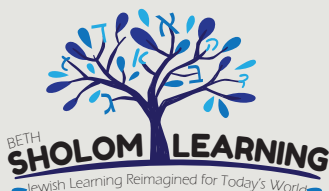
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# AARON FLANZRAICH



## DOING OUR PART TO CREATE MIRACLES

I remember the first time I saw an oil menorah – in my teens, in Israel.

For the entirety of my childhood we had two Hannukiyot (Menorahs) in our home. The first was an old silver one my mother had brought with her from Glasgow. It belonged to her grandparents and had small holes to hold the candles; actually, perfect for the small, multicolour wax candles we used. The second was an electric one we put in the large bay window which faced the street.

What I discovered about an oil menorah is the artistry of the wick. If it is not done just right, the menorah will not light properly: too large and it burns too quick. If the strands are too loose it won't light at all. Some of which helps give an answer to a 15th century rabbinic question about the miracle of Hanukkah itself.

The question comes by way of the Spanish sage Yosef Karo who asks why we celebrate Chanukah for eight days. After all, he points out – there was enough oil for the 1st day! It is the other seven which were miraculous. As we are told it took a week for oil to be produced under the supervision of the High Priest in Jerusalem and delivered. To this question a number of answers are offered but one stands out in my mind at this time: the artistry of the wick

means you can adjust the amount of oil being consumed by reducing the size of the wick. In other words, the Macabees could have made wicks that were 1/8th the usual size and thus stretched out the oil until the new batch arrived.

The miracle was that they didn't reduce the wick's size but poured the proscribed full bottle. They had faith that if we do 'our part' G-d will attend to the rest. Over the past weeks since the terrible events in Israel on October 7th, we have seen nothing less than doing 'our part' from the Jewish world, a small sample of which:

- UJA-Federation of Toronto's emergency campaign for Israel raising over 30 million dollars in one night alone.
- Tens of thousands showing up for rallies to show our public support for Israel
- Plane loads of supplies, medical equipment, and clothing to needed areas in Israel.
- Doctors and other medical professionals calling into the Israeli consulate to offer their services.

And wonderful Beth Sholom has been no exception. Our campaign has drawn close to \$90,000 (and still counting) and I am proud to report we have begun to place these funds where we believe they could be most effective. True to writing: we have sent close to \$30,000 to purchase clothing, supplies, and hot meals to some of the hundreds of thousands of Israeli families who have been displaced from their homes which are or very close to active combat zones.

I am proud to report the funds you contributed helped bring comfort and support to our people when it is most needed. My hope in the coming months is to get to Israel where I plan on distributing the remaining funds to wounded soldiers, displaced families who have children with special needs, and the families of reservists who are suffering financial distress.

Your leadership has reached over thousands of miles to tell our brothers and sisters in Israel: you will never be alone.

**Chag Sameach, Todah Rabbah, Am Yisrael Chai.**

**Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich •**

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# ERIC MOSES

## HAS HISTORY TAUGHT US ANYTHING?

Today is November 7. One month has passed since the atrocities of October 7. I feel guilty sitting in the comfort of my home in midtown Toronto, a proud Zionist, watching the endless news cycle and trying to make sense of any of it. Diaspora guilt is real – given the choice, I wish I was in Israel, contributing in a meaningful way. My daughter showed me a photo on Instagram of a boy from her graduating class at CHAT. He's currently serving as a lone soldier in Israel. He was deployed to Gaza last week on his 19th birthday. Given that I am prone to expressing emotion, particularly regarding Israel, she awaited my reaction after showing me the short video of a couple of soldiers sitting next to him, singing yom huledet sameach in the back of a pick-up truck. After the video, she asked me why I had not reacted. She expected a tearful moment from me. I responded that I was envious – wishing I was there, wearing my IDF uniform just as I had in 1990. On my 20th birthday, I was in basic training, and my platoon sang Happy Birthday to me. Israel was in a different war with the backdrop of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, the intifada, Saddam Hussein, gas masks, and plenty of scud missiles directed at Israel.

Has history taught us anything? Have human beings evolved at all? As I listen to the stories of the kidnapped hostages, the savagery, and the tragic loss of precious human life, I wonder. The brutality of Hamas' actions reminds me that although society has advanced in our usage of sophisticated technology and greater environmental awareness, at the core, human behaviour has not changed. The actions of Hamas can be compared to the Nazis and the pogroms of pre-war Europe. If you examine history through a zoomed-out lens, there have been atrocities committed in every generation. Each century presents senseless violence against a new backdrop. In the past 100 years alone, civilized nations have been marred by war, terror, and violence – WWI, WW2, the Cold War, Segregation, Korea, Vietnam, Iran-Iraq, terrorism, Apartheid, the Yugoslav Wars, Iraq, 9/11, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Isis, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, Hamas, and the list goes on and on. Israel desperately clings to our ancestral dream over a strip of land smaller than Lake Ontario -- forever surrounded by

hostile neighbours. Will it ever end? Can a sustainable and lasting peace ever be achieved in such a volatile part of the world? How can Israel reason with those who seek to erase its existence off the map?

At moments like these, I proudly watch our American neighbours who rise to defend right versus wrong as the world's watchdog. Without meaningful federal leadership, Canada shrugs and treads carefully like a wounded dog, taking a minimalistic stand on the world stage. How I long for the days of Prime Minister Harper's unwavering support of Israel. Notwithstanding, I am a proud Canadian, living next to people from all nations of the world in peace and harmony despite the hateful protests that have filled our city.



In the Neilah service, which marks the conclusion of Yom Kippur, the cantor recites ma anu – "What are we? What is our life? What is our goodness? What is our virtue? What is our help? All the heroes are as nothing, renown men as though they never existed, the wise as if they were without knowledge, the intelligent as though they lacked insight. Most of their actions are worthless, their life is a fleeting breath. Man is not far above beast." Perhaps this explains why the best-selling video games are

usually the most violent. History has proven that humans are predisposed to conflict. If only Israel's neighbours could love their people more than they hate their enemy.

If the animal instinct in human beings is "survival of the fittest," the same applies to us as Jews, only more so. At the Pesach seder, we read "bechol dor vador" – in every generation we must look at ourselves as though we were freed from bondage. It is a fitting reminder that we can never take our freedom for granted. Although Canadian values have always taught me to be a passive person, my Jewish values remind me that if I don't stand for myself, nobody will stand for me. I learned this lesson early in life on the playground as the only Jew in my school in Sudbury. As it is written in Pirkei Avot, "im ein ani li, mi li" – If I am not for myself, who will be for me? Just as the Maccabees fought with incredible bravery two thousand years ago, we depend upon the Israel Defense Forces to be our modern-day Maccabees. May G-d carry these brave souls to victory.

I write this painful message in despair for humanity. In our small microcosm of the world, I am often asked what can I do. On a macro level, it is challenging to effect change, but on a micro level, we each play a part by striving to be better, more intelligent, more educated, and well-informed. We can act with deeds of love, kindness, compassion, and generosity, showing the rest of the world the values Jews stand for. We may never win the war of public opinion because we will forever be outnumbered. Our duty remains to stand up for what is just and right at the office, on campus, and on social media. We must rise to the occasion, wherever we may be, by advocating and not being complacent, acting with courage instead of fear, and never hesitating to defend right from wrong. History has taught us that we have no choice.

The miracle of Chanukah reminds us that out of the darkness, the light shines even brighter.

**HAPPY CHANUKAH AND  
AM YISRAEL CHAI**

**Cantor Eric Moses •**





# MARGARET LINDZON

## OHR - LIGHT

Almost six months into my position as President and I can honestly say the joys have outweighed the challenges. While we have always taken security and safety as one of our highest priorities, our community has been tested as never before. My thoughts are focused on enhancing security further, further initiatives in Chesed, and staying focused on the work of meeting our memberships' needs. The Strategic Planning Committee continues its important work. In the not-too-distant future, the committee will be conducting focus groups to answer questions and to gather information on our membership needs and wants. I hope you will take the time to participate.

I am happy to report that, through the darkness of these times, we have experienced some beautiful moments of light and joy. Our High Holy Day Services saw the highest attendance since the pandemic. We have had many joyful and meaningful bar/bat mitzvah's and weddings. Shabbat Beth Sholom is back with the Rabbi's Learning Café and the Ruach singers. We had the first family Shabbat dinner at the shul with a wonderful time for all under the leadership of the Cantor and the organization of Alexa Abergel and Hershel Sahian.

Recently, one of members, Larry Banack, celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah in our shul, complete in matching suit to his original attire and beautifully read Torah portion. It was wonderful to see his extended family celebrate this beautiful moment by also celebrating the baby naming of two grandchildren. This will become a core memory for them all.

If there was ever a time to consider light in all its meanings, the time is now, at Chanukah, as we continue to navigate through this very dark time in history. As we receive news daily on anti-Semitic attacks both here and abroad, worry about our loved ones, again, here and abroad, we struggle to find light. With

a pervasive sense of anxiety weighing on us both physically and mentally, we strive to make it through the day as we juggle work, family and other activities.

Light infuses everything in our Jewish lives, both literally and metaphorically. In the Bible, references to light appear more than 30 times; and the Psalms contain hundreds. Light plays a significant part in our weekly and holiday rituals, from the candle-lighting ceremonies that usher in the major Jewish holidays and Shabbat, to the Havdalah ceremony that concludes the Shabbat, to the Yahrzeit candles we burn for 24 hours to commemorate the death of a loved one, and most significantly, the eternal light - *ner tamid* - that shines in our sanctuaries to remind us of the golden seven-branched menorah which burned continually in the temple.

As a family, we have taken immense joy in celebrating all the Jewish holidays. Chanukah is a particular favourite. It is meaningful to light the hanukkiah as the darkness comes so early this time of year. It is a family affair to fry latkes and eat our sufganiyot. We play dreidel and enjoy our chocolate coins. For myself,

my children will continue this tradition in their future families.



I am a naturally optimistic person. I believe in the good fight, and I believe together we will always suppress the darkness whether that be threats to Israel, threats at home in our community, or anxiety and fear over our safety and well being. For thousands of years, we have struggled as a people, and we will continue to prevail. I believe that the work to sustain our shul for the next generation to make it be a place of community for them and their families is achievable. For almost 75 years Beth Sholom has been a place of community and prayer and I will do my part to ensure it is for the next 75 years. Our leadership is focused on making Beth Sholom a meaningful place for all our members. We continue to strive to provide unique, meaningful and topical programming, carefully consider our building options to refurbish and build more useful and beautiful space for our members to provide support and services to best meet our membership needs.

This Chanukah it is my hope that you and your families will find special meaning in lighting your hanukkiah and treasure the light it brings to the darkness around us. This holiday reminds us of our historic resilience and strength. Wishing you a meaningful Chanukah and a peaceful new year for us all over the world.

**Chanukah Sameach!**

**Margaret Lindzon •**  
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the joy of finding special and unique dreidels and gifting them to my children each year is especially meaningful. This year I decided it was time to give them a special keepsake box as well. I hope



# STEPHANIE KRASMAN

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

"Recency bias", a term coined by researchers Gluth et al. in their 2015 journal article, is a cognitive bias that favors recent events over historic ones. Recency bias gives "greater importance to the most recent event". When I try to reflect back over the course of the past year, I am challenged to think of much before the horrific acts in Israel on October 7th.

On Chanukah, we are commanded to light one additional candle each night of the holiday. Jews are tasked to add light into the world, not to diminish it. And this happens, not so coincidentally, at the darkest time of the year.

And so, I will push farther back in time, previous to October 7, to find the good occurrences at Beth Sholom. To find the light...

The 5784 High Holy Days at Beth Sholom have been the highest attended since COVID. Members and guests came with great spirit and enthusiasm. Commentary from the High Holy Days Survey informs us about what was great from this year, and what we might want to consider changing for next year. A few highlights of the results were that over 73% of respondents agreed the services were meaningful and engaging; 80% agreed the Rabbi's sermons resonated with them; and 85% of respondents agreed the Ruach Singers added a tremendous amount to services. The addition of the new Learning Service in the Chapel was met with resounding success. If you didn't experience it this year, I encourage you to register for it next year.

Our membership renewal rate is 95%, the highest in the last several years at this time of the year, and we are not done yet! The office works actively with unrenewed members to assist them before the year end. Our philosophy is that finances should never be a barrier to participation – we work with all members to ensure they don't feel a financial burden to renewal, and they feel positive and joyful in renewing their membership. Every household adds so much value to the Beth Sholom family.

This year we gained 35 new households! This far overshoots the 21 new households in 2022 and 25 in 2021. I believe that, more than ever, people are looking to connect: to be a part of something meaningful and greater than themselves. Thank you to our interim Membership and High Holy Day Coordinator, Marni Turner, for her tireless efforts.

In-person programming and events have resumed in full force! Our adult programming has spanned the spectrum of creativity with a wide array of offerings. Our favorite staples, like Music with Allan Cheskes; The World Around Us with Gerry Ziedenbergs; and Holy History with Alexa Abergel, continue to flourish. And new programs such as the Leonard Cohen exhibit at the AGO; a book review with author of The Prison Lady; and the Shavuot Charcuterie Board Demonstration engaged hundreds of members and guests over the year. If you haven't checked out our reimagined weekly SholomChai for senior adults, formerly known as Chai Society, you must. Our new Program Coordinator,

Sanchia Rabin, has added so much to our busy calendar!

Another area where we are making tremendous impact is with our SholomLearning supplementary Hebrew school. School runs three days - Monday to Wednesday - after school. Classes are held in our synagogue on two of the days, and concurrently over all three days in four near-by public schools. We have been in Brown Junior Public School for the last several years, and this year have added Humewood, Rawlinson, and Hillcrest Public Schools. This fall, we had 90 new students try us out for a free three-week trial, and 98% of those registered in full after the trial! We currently have 152 students enrolled in school. This is an unprecedented number for us! In 2022 and 2021, we had 82 students. Even pre-COVID our highest enrollment was 120. Kol Hakavod to Alexa Abergel and Fargana Sarmasova, and their team of 11 teachers and assistants.

There are good news stories out there to find. And even during our darkest days, we must remain hopeful for finding light. I believe Beth Sholom is shining brighter than ever.

**Chag Chanukah sameach from my family to yours. May your holiday be blessed with laughter and with light.**

**Stephanie Krasman •**

## YIZKOR BOOK ORDER FORM

Each year we publish a Yizkor Book in time for Shavuot. It contains the Yizkor service, poems and readings, and the names of our deceased loved ones. This book is used four times a year (Shavuot, Yom Kippur, Shmini Atzeret and Pesach). Each year we publish a new book for our community, and we encourage you to include the names of your remembered loved ones.

**NAMES ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED FROM YEAR TO YEAR.**

**ALL NAMES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 AT 12:00 PM.**

For more information and to submit your form, please visit [www.bethsholom.net/yizkor-book](http://www.bethsholom.net/yizkor-book) or contact Dina by phone at 416-783-6103 or [dina@bethsholom.net](mailto:dina@bethsholom.net)



When the B'Koach campaign was launched our world was a different place. The effects of COVID had a significant impact in many areas of our lives, not the least of which being an incredible increase in the cost of construction. The project to revitalize and re-imagine Beth Sholom for the future that was originally estimated by professional consultants and approved by the board to be an \$18.2 million project, grew dramatically to a number that was simply beyond fiscal responsibility.

At the same time, what has not changed is the vision and need that brought about the campaign in the first place. Young families continue to move into our neighbourhood. Demand for family programming continues to grow. Our

need for proper space and facilities to provide these programs and meet our congregation's requirements is greater than ever. Our beloved Shul is bursting at the seams and we are called to answer this need.

The construction committee, led by George Grossman and Stan Grossman, has been hard at work exploring every option with the goal of reducing costs without sacrificing any key elements of the original plan. Planned upgrades to the sanctuary and main floor remain intact and several possibilities have emerged to provide additional programming space including better use of a renovated 3rd floor, a possible redesign of the current banquet hall, and enhanced use of the parking lot land.

B'Koach has received wonderful support from our Leadership Donors, with commitments already totalling almost \$15 million. In September, these donors were invited for an update where options were presented, feedback was received. The building committee is now ensuring items raised are being addressed in a thorough and cost-effective manner.

The path to completion has been a little more complicated than we would have liked, but given the circumstances we are in a very good position and once details of how best to move forward are decided, we will be able to fulfill the vision of strengthening Beth Sholom for generations to come!

## תּוֹנָה • CHESED

*KHesed/ noun  
loving kindness the  
attribute of grace,  
benevolence, or  
compassion*

## BETH SHOLOM CHESSED PROGRAMS

# KOSHER FOOD BANK



family for making this double mitzvah possible!

Our wonderful volunteers are hard at work and we are so grateful for all they do [also pictured]. Because of enhanced security protocols currently in place at the Shul, we are presently serving our clients outdoors to avoid additional foot traffic into the Synagogue foyer. Everything is running smoothly and our clients remain grateful for the assistance they are continuing to receive.

Since we have seen such a drastic increase in demand at the Food Bank, we are currently seeking alternative funding sources. We have applied for a grant to Mazon Canada and have also reached out to other government and non-government agencies in an effort to bridge the anticipated funding gap. If anyone has any contacts they think might be able to assist us, kindly let us know by contacting the Synagogue office.

During these trying times, we extend our best wishes for your safety and the safety of our community both here and in Israel.

Wishing everyone a Chag Chanukah Sameach,

**Deborah Pollit & Michelle Berman •  
Food Bank Committee**

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Synagogue's Annual High Holiday Chesed campaign. Your support makes a direct impact, funding the purchase of non-perishable food supplies for those in our community facing food insecurity.

Thank you also to the Levy/Kulik family for donating their beautiful bar mitzvah centerpieces to the food bank [pictured]. Mazel Tov to Dylan and his



# OUT OF THE COLD

We are very excited to announce that The Out Of The Cold program jointly run with Beth Tzedec will be restarting in January of 2024. This amazing opportunity to give back to the community and provide for our younger generation to volunteer with a segment of our population that needs our support. More information and registration can be found on the Beth

Sholom website. Please note that the program has moved to Monday nights. As part of the return of this program we will once again be accepting winter clothing donations of gently used and new items for adults only. We are always in need of winter boots and running shoes. If you have any questions please email us at [volunteer.ootcbsbt@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.ootcbsbt@gmail.com).

With the increased cost of food and security all donations are welcome and can be made on the Beth Sholom website.

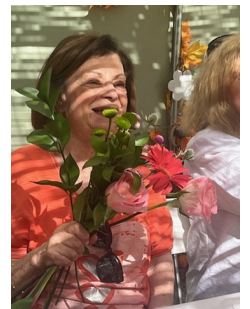
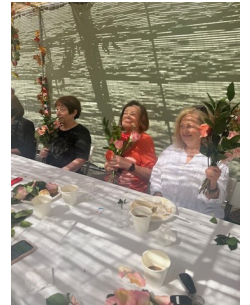
**Matthew Krofchick •**

The newly re-imagined Chai Society, now known as SholomChai is a wonderful way to spend Wednesday afternoons. Seniors, members, non-members, males, females, all attend to enjoy lunch and a program together as a community. Elizabeth's famous homemade soups are one of a kind! Sanchia Rabin, Beth Sholom's Special Events and Program Manager, plans fun, interesting, and thought-provoking programs geared towards retired seniors. Recent programs include what Ve'ahavta does in our city for the hungry and homeless, flower arranging, and canasta lessons. We are looking forward to upcoming events such as a visit to the Toronto Holocaust Museum, a book review, light fitness, photography using cell phones, table games, and, how NOT to fall for computer hackers and scams. If there is something you are interested in, contact Sanchia 416-783-6103 or [sanchia@bethsholom.net](mailto:sanchia@bethsholom.net). Each get together is \$5 and includes lunch. Where can you have lunch and fun for \$5?

Come out and join us and see what we're all about!

**Barbara Grossman • Member**

# FLOWER ARRANGING



# CANASTA



## BAR & BAT MITZVAH TUTORING TEAM

As the Beth Sholom Community has grown, so has our team of dedicated teachers.

*I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of professionals who have joined me in preparing our children for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations. I work with each family to find the best match to create a dynamic teacher/student relationship. Here is a little information about our team:*

- Cantor Moses

### SADIE BOMB DEUBE



Sadie has taught hundreds of students since 1981 as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor in Thornhill, Ontario. She is known for fostering a very positive and enthusiastic attitude while motivating each student to achieve their fullest potential. In 2006, after 22 years in the field of Jewish education, Sadie retired to focus on her private tutoring specializing in Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons and upgrading children in their Hebrew reading skills. Sadie finds it most gratifying to enable students to enhance and discover their true inner potential by helping them to achieve beyond their own expectations at their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

### LEAH GREEN



Leah Green is an Associated and Chat graduate. She graduated from York University's Jewish Education Program and spent a year at Hebrew University focusing on Judaic Studies. As an educator, Leah has worked at many different Jewish Day Schools. She is currently teaching Social Sciences at TanenbaumChat. Leah has been tutoring in and around Toronto for the past eight years.

### AVIVA AND TALIA MOSES



Aviva and Talia have been teaching at Beth Sholom for the past three years. They attended Associated Hebrew Schools followed by CHAT (class of 2022). While they are now at university, they continue teaching virtually. Talia is studying Management at McGill and Aviva is in the Health Science program at Queen's. They bring warmth, enthusiasm, and a love of learning to all of their students.

### ADAM SAMUEL



Adam has been teaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons since 2004. He works with students who have a range of skills from beginner to advanced. Every lesson includes a brief look at the Parsha of the week which encourages thoughtful discussion and questions. Adam is a 06' CHAT grad and currently has two children at Associated Hebrew.

### FARGANA SARMA SOVA



Fargana received her Bachelor's degree in Hebrew Studies and Literature from Baku State University. She also completed her academic studies in Jewish Civilizations in Sweden and Germany. Fargana has been working as an educator for more than eight years in Jewish schools within and outside Canada. She currently works as the Programs and Education Coordinator at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Additionally, Fargana provides tutoring to Bar and Bat Mitzvah teens to help them get fully prepared for their simcha.



## BAR & BAT MITZVAH FAMILY PROGRAM

Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a beginning as well as an end. It is the end of childhood and the beginning of a growing and emerging sense of adulthood and responsibility.

In Judaism, these responsibilities speak to us in the language of tradition -- shabbat, holidays, mitzvot, Israel, and community. We are excited to bring families celebrating Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in 2024 together to learn and share in this meaningful experience as a community. Your entire family is welcome to join us at all programs. Dinner will be served at all of the evening programs.

# JOIN US FOR A BAR/BAT MITZVAH INFORMATION NIGHT

**Celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Beth Sholom?**  
join us for a Q&A session on  
**Wednesday January 31, 2024 at 7:00pm**

Do you have a son born in 2014 or a daughter born in 2015?

**Member bookings for 2027 Bar/Bat Mitzvahs open on  
Monday, February 19, 2024 at 9:00 am.**

<https://www.bethsholom.net/BBM>

Children of members are eligible for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony after their 12<sup>th</sup> Hebrew birthday for girls, and 13<sup>th</sup> Hebrew birthday for boys.

Beth Sholom accepts a maximum of two Bar/Bat Mitzvah bookings for each Shabbat morning. To ensure your first choice of date is available, we encourage members to book early as dates fill up quickly.

## Can your child read Hebrew?

A minimum of five years of formal Hebrew training and education is usually required before celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Beth Sholom.

**Contact Alexa Abergel** for more information about our SholomLearning Program at [alexa@bethsholom.net](mailto:alexa@bethsholom.net) or visit

[www.sholomlearning.com](http://www.sholomlearning.com)



*"Unravel the mysteries of the Torah"*

**Wednesday  
January 10, 2024**

Join us as we unroll the entire Sefer Torah from one end of the banquet hall to the other...an experience you won't soon forget!

**BETH SOLOM  
SYNAGOGUE**

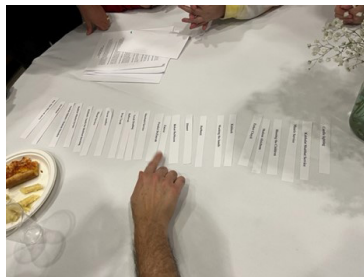
## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 ONEG SHABBAT

Experience Shabbat the "Beth Sholom" way. Join Cantor Moses for Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by shabbat dinner exclusively for the BM class of 2024 - with kiddush, blessing your children, zemirot, birkat hamazon, songs and a shabbat story (of course!) A special presentation will be made to the bar/bat mitzvah class of 2024.





## PUTTING THE MITZVAH INTO BAR/BAT MITZVAH



## THE VALUE OF \$1





# CHANUKAH חנוכה

## Blessings to light your Chanukiah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה

Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh hah-oh-lahm ah-sheer ki-deh-shah-noo beh-mitz-voh-tahv  
veh-tzee-vah-noo leh-hahd-lik nayr shel ha-noo-kah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה

Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh hah-oh-lahm sheh-ah-sah nee-sim lah-ah-voh-tay-noo bah-yah-  
mim hah-haym biz-mahn hah-zeh

## On the first night:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Bah-rookh ah-tah ah-doh-noi eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lekh hah-oh-lahm sheh-heh-kheh-yah-noo veh-kee-mah-noo ve-hig-  
ee-yah-noo liz-mahn hah-zeh

Chanukah begins in the evening on **Thursday, December 7** and continues until the evening of **Friday, December 15.**

There will be a **community candle lighting** nightly during evening services.

## BETH SHOLOM Shabbat Dinners

**OVER 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED!**

**November 17**  
Themed dairy dinner with cupcakes and latkes  
Kabbalat Shabbat at 4:45 pm  
Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm

**NOW ON SALE!**

**December 8**  
Celebrate Chanukah with a themed Shabbat meal  
Kabbalat Shabbat at 4:30 pm  
Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm

**February 23**  
A traditional Shabbat dinner for the whole family  
Kabbalat Shabbat at 5:15 pm  
Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm

**May 3**  
A unique Moroccan themed evening  
Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 pm  
Shabbat Dinner at 6:45 pm

Single Dinner:

\$20 per adult  
\$60 per family

**\*NEW\* 3-Dinner Bundle:**

\$45 per adult  
\$160 per family

## Make a Menorah Workshop

Design and build your own menorah!

Tuesday, December 5

6:15pm - 7:30pm

For ages 6+

\$30 per person

Includes dinner

Stay after Hebrew school or drop off!

**PJ Library**  
Invites you to...



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[www.bethsholom.net/event/chanukah-shabbat-dinner.html](http://www.bethsholom.net/event/chanukah-shabbat-dinner.html)  
(416) 783-6103



# TU B'SHEVAT טו בשבת

Tu B'Shevat takes place on  
Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Tu B'Shevat is celebrated  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Shevat and  
is the "New Year for the  
Trees!"

## BLESSING FOR EATING FRUIT FROM TREES

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ

Baruch atah A-donoy, Elo-heinu Melech Ha'Olam borei peri ha-aytz.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.

## שבעת המינים SEVEN SPECIES

The 7 species are listed in the  
Torah as special products from  
Israel. They symbolize attributes  
said to be shared by G-d and the  
human spirit!



• Wheat	חטה	as kindness
• Barley	שעורה	as strength
• Grapes	גפן	as kindness
• Figs	תאנה	as perseverance
• Pomegranates	רמון	as humility
• Olives	זית	as foundation
• Dates	תמר	as royalty

## Tu B'Shevat Paint & Bake



Wednesday, January 24

6:15pm - 7:30pm

For ages 8 - 12

\$10 per person

Dinner included

Tree of Life inspired  
guided painting and  
cookie baking



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# ALEXA ABERGEL

Shalom Families,

This fall has been an exciting period of growth and expansion for our congregational school, SholomLearning. Currently sitting at over 150 happy students, we are connecting with children all over midtown Toronto. We have rebounded to surpass pre-Covid numbers of students engaged, and we have expanded our public school programming to include 4 TDSB public schools under our SholomLearning umbrella.

There are challenges that go along with running a publicly Jewish learning program in a secular environment during times of increased tension and antisemitism. During these difficult times for Am Yisrael, our wonderful and

dedicated team of staff have persevered through some fear and nerves, as well as to some changes to security concerns and protocols. Nevertheless, it gives us great pride to watch our students blossom in their Jewish pride and commitment to Jewish values.

As we enter this Chanukah season, I join you all in continuing to pray for the safe return of our hostages and soldiers. My commitment to our community is that we will continue to find new and inventive ways of promoting Ahavat Yisrael (Love of Israel) into the hearts and minds of the next generation, whether by writing letters to soldiers, hanging out and having dinner with our ShinShinim, or by actively learning about the history of Israel in our classrooms. We are also

committed to creating a safe space for Jewish students to explore their feelings and thoughts, both in our synagogue and elsewhere, guided by Beth Sholom's long-standing mission of Achdut, Jewish Unity. Since October 7th, we have had to answer many difficult questions in our classrooms, but we grateful to have the opportunity to make an impact in the lives of so many young Jewish people.

As we say weekly at the end of each of our 18 joyous SholomLearning classrooms, Am Yisrael Chai!

Wishing you a Happy Chanukah and much peace in 2024.

**Alexa Abergel OCT •**  
**Director of Family Learning and Engagement**

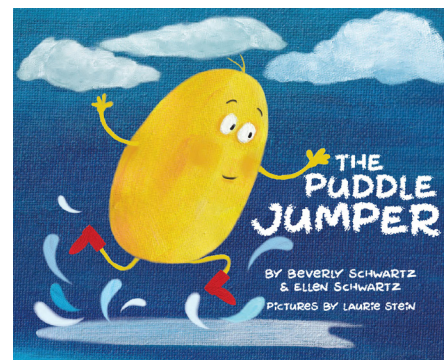


## CHILDREN & GRIEF

Grief is a complicated and seldom understood emotion. When facing loss we each see it the same but experience it differently at different times. This is especially true for young people and children.

Beverly Schwartz and Ellen Schwartz have created a caring and gentle tool to help realize these emotions and begin the process to see, understand and accept what has happened. In addition, they provide a message to assist in moving forward in life.

Visit [bethsholom.net/children-and-grief.html](http://bethsholom.net/children-and-grief.html) for a free download or to purchase a hard copy.





# UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMMING



# UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMMING

## DECEMBER

**SholomChai** • Wednesdays at 12:00 pm • December 1, 8 & 15

## JANUARY

**SholomChai** • Wednesdays at 12:00 pm • January 17, 24 & 31

**Holy History Book Club** • Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • January 17, 24 & 31

**Pickleball at Beth Sholom** • Dates to be Confirmed

## FEBRUARY

**SholomChai** • Wednesdays at 12:00 pm • February 7, 14, 21 & 28

**Holy History Book Club** • Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • February 7

## MY EXPERIENCE AT THE LEARNING SERVICE

During the high holidays my fiancée and I elected to join the Learning Services to see if there was something we could gain from a more discussion oriented atmosphere.

As we left the traditional service, I felt somewhat guilty for leaving halfway through, but that feeling quickly subsided when I stepped into the chapel, and was approached by Rabbi Joshua Kulp. Josh, as he preferred to be called, introduced himself to us, and asked why we decided to join the learning service. Frankly, we didn't have a simple answer but I think we said something to the effect of, "we wanted to explore a different style of service". Josh was quick to assure us that he would offer just that.

The next hour felt more like an open class discussion and a true learning experience as compared to the boredom of a traditional service. Josh engaged with the group of eager attendees and created a very welcoming environment. In the past, I tended to go through the motions on high holidays at shul without much connection to the information, and this experience was something like a reintroduction to the stories and themes of the holidays.

Josh spoke with an enthusiasm about the material that I had only ever experienced in lecture halls with my favourite professors at school. He challenged us to answer questions and provided us with an opportunity to ask our own questions as well. He opened the door to curiosity, and most of the attendees seemed more than willing to share their thoughts. I couldn't believe the level of participation in the discussion. It was like everyone had questions that they wanted to ask, but never had an outlet

in the traditional service setting within which to ask them.

Josh was able to steer the conversation and created breaks in the discussion to allow for the necessary prayers and hymns to be recited. We also had Sammy Moses in the service as cantor and he did a fantastic job. It was an informative journey from start to finish, and by the end we decided to attend the second day learning service as well.

Josh was obviously a seasoned scholar with a passion for Judaism. I came to learn after that he teaches at a yeshiva in Israel and has been working at Jewish summer camps for much of his life. He spoke with confidence and familiar self-deprecating humour that we all appreciated. He began each day with a few anecdotes and a warm greeting that immediately put the audience at ease. If I could sum up the style of service, I'd say that he aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of the religious teachings associated with the holiday, and would explore and expand on our understandings of the history, beliefs, rituals, and cultural significance relating to the holiday.

With each service, Josh had a story which commenced with an historical narrative that traced the roots of Judaism back through history. Josh effortlessly navigated through ancient texts, and made reference to historical events, painting a vivid picture for the audience to engage with. Often he used examples from his own life to bring some meaning to the words of the text.

The presentation seamlessly integrated textual analysis with real-world examples, making the content accessible and

relatable. Josh's adept storytelling brought historical figures and biblical stories to life, creating a bridge between the ancient past and our contemporary existence.

The exploration of Jewish rituals was another enlightening aspect of the service. The significance of the shofar to the observance of Rosh Hashana was presented not only as a moment of significance within the service, but also as a meaningful expression of faith and community and our connection to the past. The Q&A within the services further enriched the experience. Josh encouraged a collaborative learning environment, fostering a sense of community among the diverse audience. Questions flowed freely, and the exchange of perspectives added layers of depth to the lecture. It was heartening to witness a collective thirst for knowledge and a genuine eagerness to understand and appreciate the nuances of the text from each holiday.

As the service drew to a close each day, a sense of gratitude and fulfillment lingered in the air. I left the chapel not only with a wealth of information about the holidays, but also with a newfound respect for the faith and traditions we follow as a Jewish Community in the modern world. In light of what's been happening since the end of the high holiday season, I would encourage anyone who is even remotely interested, to try the learning service at least once, and to see if you'd benefit from this change of scenery the way we did.

**Michael C. •  
Learning Service Participant**

## THANK YOU TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAY USHERS!

Joseph Alloul  
Paul Bernstein  
Allan Cheskes  
Mike Gangel  
Abe Glowinsky  
Steven Glowinsky  
Kyle Goldenberg  
Steve Goldenberg

Leila Goldstein  
Barbara Grossman  
Eric Grossman  
**Stan Grossman\***  
Jack Herson  
David Herson  
Ted Korn  
David Krieger

**Matthew Krofchick\***  
Arlene Lapowich  
Don Lapowich  
Philip Lieberman  
Solomon Mathalon  
Jill Mayer  
Lionel Newman  
Sherri Pinsler

Amy Platt  
Stephen Polevoy  
Hershel Sahian  
Gary Samuel  
Ayal Schaffer  
Sky Schapiro  
Lorynne Schreiber  
Pat Silver

**Stephan Sommer\***  
Larry Tobin  
Helene Wahle

\* Usher Captain

Thank you to Beth Sholom's Security Committee, for their tremendous service in advance of the High Holy Days. Thank you also to the team at Synchro Security, Toronto Police Services, and A.S. Consulting for their significant roles and presence during the High Holy Days. Every contribution assists in creating a safe and secure environment for all our members and guests.

### **Stephan Sommer, Chair**

David Krieger  
Sol Mathalon  
Faith Sherman  
Shawn Tock

### **Staff Liaisons:**

Dina Brownstein  
Jorge Hernandez  
Stephanie Krasman



# LATCHMAN TRIPLETS' 90TH BIRTHDAY

In 1946, Rabbi David Monson invited Philip and Sally Latchman to join Beth Sholom Synagogue as founding members. 77 years later, Beth Sholom has served as the synagogue of, and community centrepiece for, four generations of the Latchman family.

The Latchman triplets, Donald z"l, Marvin, and Victor were born on November 5th, 1933 to Sally (nee Sugarman) and Philip Latchman. With pre- and post-natal care looking much different in the 1930s, Philip and Sally didn't know they were nourishing three heartbeats until late in the third trimester. Victor, my father, was delivered 15 minutes after Marvin and 30 minutes after Donald z"l. He weighed 2lbs and 7oz (1.23 kg) and was not expected to survive. In the 1930s, there were no incubators; for months, Victor stayed in the hospital inside a shoe box, a warm light (previously used for baby chicks) beaming down on him. I'm thrilled to say that this November, Victor and Marvin celebrated their 90th birthdays, surrounded by family and friends, at the Nosh in Baycrest.

The identical Latchman triplets are seen here, at Victor's wedding to Rosalie z"l, on October 26th, 1958. (Left to right: Donald z"l, Victor, and Marvin.) The wedding took place at Beth Sholom Synagogue, and was officiated by Rabbi Monson.

**Warmly recounted by Faith Sherman •**



## ANNIVERSARIES

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING  
MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

### December 2023

Michael & Jayne Elman  
Alan & Frumie Lewis  
Edwin & Deanna Peranson  
Caren Sherman & Elizabeth  
Sherman Graif  
Barry & Maxine Tissenbaum

### January 2024

Larry & Arna Banack  
Richard & Morlyn  
Shurman



## BIRTHDAYS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

### December 2023

Madeleine Bryks  
Stanley Dinoff  
Yetta Freeman  
Robert Freeman  
Shirley Goldenberg  
Joseph Grader  
Jimmy Gross  
Alan Kenigsberg  
Eleanor Maxwell  
Allan Rothman  
Margaret Shiff  
Frimette Snow  
Beth Sokol  
Andrew Stevens  
Norm Talsky  
Maxine Tissenbaum  
Andrew Wiseman

### January 2024

Leo Belfer  
Leslie Bomza  
Samuel Elfassy  
Sam Galet  
David Holland  
Carol Kassel  
Howard Mager  
Raisyl Mandel  
Steven Pearlstein  
Arnold Prashker  
Ted Richmond  
Gloria Shan  
Patricia Silver  
Stephanie Slavens  
Cecile Stein  
Elsa Stringer  
Lisa Wiseman



### February 2024

Seymour Baum  
Robert Berger  
Bobbi Epstein  
Ronald Grossman  
Ellen Herson  
Ruth Moscoe  
Lewis Steinberg  
Marvin Teperman  
Moss Weinstock

## NEW MEMBERS

WE ARE PLEASED TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING **NEW MEMBERS**:

Jenni Diamond & Joshua Barr  
Norman & Rubina Blustein  
Marisa Rosenberg & Shane Edson  
Paul Tenenbein & Rachel Gropper  
Carly & Samuel Hollend  
Ron Soreanu & Rayna Lerner  
Laura Baum & Ari Lesniak

Michael & Elaine Lipton  
Shana Gilbert & Jonah Midanik  
Joanna Lambert & Daniel Naymark  
Albert & Bonnie Oppenheimer  
Michael Karp & Jaclyn Rosen  
Howard Rosenblat

Geoff & Paula Seigel  
Ari Kirshenblatt & Daphne Stivelman  
Stephanie Karp & Stanton Strasser  
Dr. Rachel Tenenbein  
Tamir & Gina Wolfson  
Dr. Renat Zaltz

# FAMILY NEWS

## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BAR & BAT MITZVAHS

To **Kyle & Mira Appleby** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Noah**, brother to **Ryan**, grandson of Ronald & Bunnie Appleby, Zoe Margolis and Julian Piper. Fondly remembered at this time are Marshall Margolis z"l, Moishe & Jenny Appleby z"l, Elaine & Manny Spring z"l, Major & Connie Margolis z"l, and James & Syble Klady z"l.

**Jo-Anne & Eric Blumer** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Harrison Monty**, brother of **Samantha**. Fondly remembered at this time are grandparents Sylvia and Monty Blumer z"l, and Lois and Herb Walter z"l.

To **David & Shelby Fisch** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Leora Danielle**, sister of **Jadyn & Kaleb**, granddaughter of **Steven Wolk**, Bill & Tova Fisch. Missed at this time are Buby Darlene Wolk z"l, who would be so proud of Leora, and great grandparents Esther & Lou Kesten z"l, Fay Wolk z"l, Avrum & Zina Mendlowitz z"l, and Ichel & Guta Fisch z"l.

To **Shayna & Sean Galante** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Isabella Mia**, granddaughter of Joyce & Sam Galante, Gary Staniloff, and Cindy & Gary Cass. Proud great grandmother is Lillian Pelchovitz.

To **Mark Steinman & Mariel Heller** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Eva Steinman**, granddaughter of Bernice and Stan Steinman, Beverly Kupfert and Brian Heller. Fondly remember at this time are Eva & Morris Kupfert z"l, Rosalie and Leon Heller z"l, Judith and Alter Steinman z"l and Regina and Rafael Fass z"l.

To **Craig & Rebecca Slan Jerusalem** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Kylie Rose**, granddaughter of Jack & Glynis Jerusalem and **Michael & Miriam Slan**. Proud great grandmother Selma Chanock. Fondly remembered at this time are Herby Chanock z"l, Harry & Maimie Jerusalem z"l, Robert & Rose Slan z"l and Mark & Grace Hillman z"l.

To **Avigail Lavi** on her Bat Mitzvah. Proud mother **Miriam Zucker**. Grandparents Shlomo & Lia Zucker will come from Israel to celebrate their granddaughter's Simcha at Beth Sholom. Fondly remembered at this time are Raya & Chaim Brailovsky z"l and Rivka & Chaim Zucker z"l.

To **Aaron & Amy Platt** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Brooke Alexandra**, sister of **Avery** and granddaughter of **Sharon Platt** and Jerome and Marjorie Shore. Fondly remembered at this time is **Fred Platt z"l**.

To **Robert & Jennifer Schwartz** on the B'nei Mitzvot of their twins **Merrill Ruby** and **Lewis Roman**. Proud sister is **Nathalie Hannah** and excited grandparents are **Linda & Ricky Schwartz**, Beatrice Rothman and Marsha Neinstein. Fondly remembered at this time are Stanley Neinstein z"l and Eugene Rothman z"l.

To **Paul & Shelley Winton** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Emma Grace**, granddaughter of Hana Rosenbaum and David & Sandi Winton. Proud brother is **Harry Winton**. Fondly remembered at this time is Frank Rosenbaum z"l.

## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING ENGAGEMENTS

To **David & Stacey Cynamon** on the engagement of their son Josh to Nicole Courteau.

**Marvin Gorodensky & Laurence Lustman** and Heather & Mitch Gorski on the engagement of their children Jonah and Brett.

## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING MARRIAGES

To **Blake Libfeld & Kayla Burstein** on their marriage. Proud parents are **Mark & Nancy Libfeld** and David & Mina Burstein.

To **Elden & Jane Freeman** on the wedding of **Adam Freeman** to Paulina Mendel.

To **Wayne & Debbie Karp** on the wedding of their son Michael Karp to Jaclyn Rosen.

To **Myles Rosenthal & Dana Kriszenfeld** on their marriage. Proud parents are **Ron & Cyndy Rosenthal** and Dalia & Phil Kriszenfeld.

## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BIRTHS

To **Brandon Koffler & Michelle Hankin** on the birth of their daughter **Cali Capri**. Proud grandparents are Tom & Anna Koffler and Rita & Yefim Hankin.

To Julia Posluns on the birth of her first child, Mira Rose Silverman. Proud grandparents are **David & Felicia Posluns**.

To Morgan & Sam Rosenbaum on the birth of their son, Russell Penn. First time grandparents are **Roseanne & Elliott Fishman** and Debbie Strauss & David Rosenbaum. Thrilled great grandparents are **Merle & Stanley Fishman**, Arnold Weinberg and Judy Strauss. Lovingly remembered at this time are Pearl Weinberg z"l, Eugene Strauss z"l, and Ruthe & Sydney Rosenbaum z"l.

To Sabrina & Josue Salazar on the birth of their daughter, Eve Olivia. Proud brother is Ari Elliott and proud grandparents are **Howard David Mager**, Esther Mager, Meera Bharadwaj, and Giselle Zuniga Gomez.

## YASHER KOACH ON THE FOLLOWING ACHIEVEMENTS

To the clergy and guests, service leaders, and volunteers for all of their work that resulted in the success of this year's High Holy Days.

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*Dates between August 1 - October 31 are listed above.*

*If you have been inadvertently omitted, we apologize. Please let us know & we will include you in our next bulletin.*



# BEREAVEMENTS

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

To the family of **Mort Arbuck z"l**, beloved husband of the late **Edith z"l**. Loving father of Susan (Martin Goldrosen), Sandy, and Naomi (Yossi) Kalev. Adoring grandfather of Dan and Aleeza Goldrosen, and Shani Kalev, Adi Buzov (Israel Buzov), and Tali Kalev (Roei Matan). Great grandfather of Eden Kalev-Erich and Lee Shai and Liam Buzov.

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