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# AARON FLANZRAICH



## Return to Berlin

*"We shall not cease from exploration,  
and the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started, and  
know the place for the first time."*

-T.S. Eliot, Little Gidding, qt 4.

הכל צפוי, והרשות נתונה, ובטוב העולם נדון. והכל לפי  
רב המעשה

*Everything is foreseen yet freedom of  
choice is granted...everything is as we  
make it.*

-Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) 3:15

Sitting and writing this message to you is typical and yet so unusual. Every year late July/early August I sit and write my column for our Fall bulletin. The message of the Yamin Noraim (the Hebrew term for this time of year, literally "Days of Awe", referring to the High Holy Days) are understood and traditional. But these past years have turned "understood and traditional" inside out. Lockdowns, remote services, empty holiday tables, the separation of young and old are all remaining (haunting?) memories from our recent past. We pray our upcoming Holy Days will be filled with the awe of G-d and not of worry.

As things opened up I wish to tell you about something I was deeply honoured to do on behalf of our congregation.

Since 2018 I have had a deepening relationship with the Zacharias Frankel College in Berlin, Germany. The college is in fact a rabbinical seminary which draws students from all of Europe and beyond. The need for quality rabbinic leadership has never been greater in the Jewish world, it is true for Europe and particularly so for Germany. This is because Germany is arguably the only European Jewish community which has any sign of growth. Rabbis are indispensable to the survival and growth of these places and the Zacharias Frankel College does a remarkable job of educating and training this next generation. For the past five years I have taught there and am on the faculty of the school.

But for me it is also personal. My father

was German and was saved only because he was fortunate to escape in 1936 after being born leaving deep emotional fingerprints all over the country. I'll share one with you: about 1.5 kilometers from where I taught, cousins had been dragged from their homes on October 18 1941, sent to the Lodz Ghetto and then transported to Chelmno where they were murdered. When I go back there I walk by their homes, but rather than question 'why am I here?' I remind myself that being there denies their tormentors of any kind of victory.

In 2021 the school finally moved to its permanent location in the heart of the Potsdam University, which is a short ride outside of the city of Berlin. What they needed was a Sefer Torah for their beautiful new chapel. Of no surprise was our Shul's immediate and unanimous decision to donate one of ours. The timing of the delivery was May 2022 which dovetailed perfectly with the arrival of a congregational mission to tour Germany with me.

The morning of the dedication was filled with prayer, song, dance and joy. That morning some of my students read from it. I did too.



Later that week our group visited the Seminary on the university campus and had a chance to see the Torah in person.

Inscribed on the cover were these words:

ספר תורה זה נתנם בנדיבות קהילת בית שלום טורונטו  
קנדא לזכר העבר ולהבטחת העתיד של יהדות אירופה



*This Sefer Torah was donated by Beth Sholom Synagogue, Toronto, Canada in memory of the past and with hope for the future of European Jewry*

There are but few moments in our life when we are gifted to look back and forward. To understand what has come before and the power we have to shape what can come after. The words of the poet T.S. Eliot echo the rabbinic quote up above: to see where we have come from becomes a blessing when we are given a deeper insight into what it all comes to mean. Later that day when we returned to Berlin I left my hotel and went for a walk alone. I went to 10 Frankfurter Grosse, back to the house our cousins lived in before their deportation and thought about the day's events: of seeing my students, of delivering a Torah to this rabbinical seminary, of being there with congregants all on German soil and in my soul I felt a door close. I felt comfort and pride. Not to say the past is forgotten, heaven forbid, but to say I have "arrived where it started" and I have left better, deeper and richer than when I found it.

I want to thank our Ritual Committee, Board of Governors, my wonderful travel companions in Germany and this most special community of Beth Sholom for giving this gift to me, to my deceased father, to his murdered cousins Berta, Irene, Sarah, Moizes and baby Gunther Flanzreich and those passionate students who will be reminded that somewhere over the Atlantic there is a Jewish community who would not permit the end to be the end.

**Shanah Tovah**  
**Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich •**

# ERIC MOSES



## How Will I Be Remembered?

I have had the privilege to serve as the Cantor at Beth Sholom since 2001. Before that, I was the Hazzan at Shaare Zion Congregation in Montreal for four years, where I began my career in 1996. I was then 25 years old. I have now been a cantor for over 25 years. It has indeed been one of my life's great honours to serve two wonderful communities in Montreal and Toronto. While I am not yet fading into the sunset, I have recently started wondering how I will be remembered. What impact have I made on others? Have I done enough to inspire another generation to embrace Judaism, Yiddishkeit, and our longstanding traditions?

As a boy growing up in Sudbury, my only Jewish outlet was our small local synagogue. Everything I knew about Judaism came from my synagogue and its small Jewish community. To that end, I feel our little shul did a great job. We didn't have the resources to plan high holiday services with fancy choirs, guest lecturers, or children's programming. Rosh Hashanah consisted of two critical components – praying and eating – together as one community. Although I often found the davening was long, I enjoyed the songs and the traditions that accompanied our services year after year. The shofar was always a highlight when one of the "machers" would blow with great skill. Yizkor was an opportunity to leave the service and play around in the coat check with the other kids, or as a teenager, to flirt with the girls outside. One thing was certain...shul was the place to be on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

As Beth Sholom ramps up our efforts to bring people back to shul this year, it is with all the bells and whistles – the Ruach Singers, Rabbi Aaron and the In Conversation With Series, family services, children's activities, babysitting services, guest rabbis, guest hazzanim, and alternative programming. We often spend so much time figuring out what else to offer that we forget the primary reason we are required to attend shul – to pray and to hear the shofar – everything else is a bonus. To that end, we continuously look for every possible angle to encourage your attendance. In the final analysis, synagogue services are not supposed to be entertaining (although I am guilty of trying). They should be meaningful and inspiring.

As I crossed the divide a couple of years ago and am now north of fifty, I want to ensure that I leave a meaningful legacy behind. Just as my childhood roots in Sudbury inspired and infused me with Jewish tradition, I hope to be remembered by more than the guy on the bimah with his back to the congregation who sang loudly and blasted a solid tekiah gedolah (sometimes better than others). As a mentor to hundreds of bar/bat mitzvah students, I hope our time together has provided you with more than simply learning to recite your parsha. To the many families I have supported through times of joy and sorrow, I hope I have provided a meaningful bridge to your Jewish roots and further ignited your Jewish soul.

So how will I be remembered in my professional life as your cantor? I hope that it is as a modern, educated, and worldly person, who cared deeply about the importance of passing down our traditions. Like my own childhood experience, I want you, your children, and grandchildren to remember attending synagogue services that further enriched your Jewish lives. If I have not successfully accomplished this, my mission is not yet complete.



*...He who does not increase his knowledge decreases it"*

For the past couple of years, I have devoted hours of study to achieve Rabbinic ordination – semicha as it is called in Hebrew. I did not pursue this lofty goal to become the rabbi of a congregation. Rather, it was a personal journey to learn and grow as a person and as an educator. I no longer wanted to be intimidated by the texts of our sages that seemed far beyond my reach. It has been one of my most challenging and enriching experiences. I also believe it served as a wonderful example to my children as they saw me spend hours learning, studying, and

writing exams.

As we celebrate the dawn of a new year, let this be your opportunity to push the boundaries beyond your comfort zone. I understand the complexity of our liturgy, the difficulty in following a service in Hebrew, and the struggle to sit through a davening that you may not be able to follow. Some years ago, I took my Mexican cousin to a Blue Jay game. He didn't know the rules and didn't understand how it was played. Three hours later, he could not wait to leave. (Thankfully, there were hot dogs and beer to keep him entertained!) Synagogue services may seem like an endless ball game to someone who does not know how to participate. The only way to learn, to recognize the melodies so that they become familiar, and to transmit the timeless skill of davening to the next generation, is to lead by example. I credit my parents for taking me to shul; similarly, I have done the same for my children.

As we celebrate the dawn of a new year, I invite you to attend a Shabbat service or a minyan, join Rabbi Flanzraich or me for a class, or try one of our many innovative programs. If you want to learn a new synagogue skill, please message me at cantor@bethsholom.net or call me at 416-783-6106. I am here for you! I am determined to inspire the next generation of Jews who will serve as torch bearers to perpetuate our traditions. As we are taught in Pirkei Avot: "He who does not increase his knowledge decreases it. Set a fixed time for study, say little, and do much."

**Shanah Tovah**

**Cantor Eric Moses •**

# BAR & BAT MITZVAH FAMILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2023

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

In Judaism, these responsibilities speak to us in the language of tradition -- *shabbat, holidays, mitzvot, Israel, & community.* We are excited to bring families celebrating Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in 2023 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 & breakfast will be served on Sunday morning, Dec. 11.*

Wednesday, October 19, 6:30pm

## Putting the Mitzvah into your Bar/Bat Mitzvah!

Intro session with Cantor Moses – Meet all the other families celebrating in 2023. Learn how to keep the spirit of Shabbat at your simcha (less “bar” more “mitzvah”)

Introductory fun with Cantor Moses

• Tips for how to prepare for your mitzvah project • Prizes for the winners!



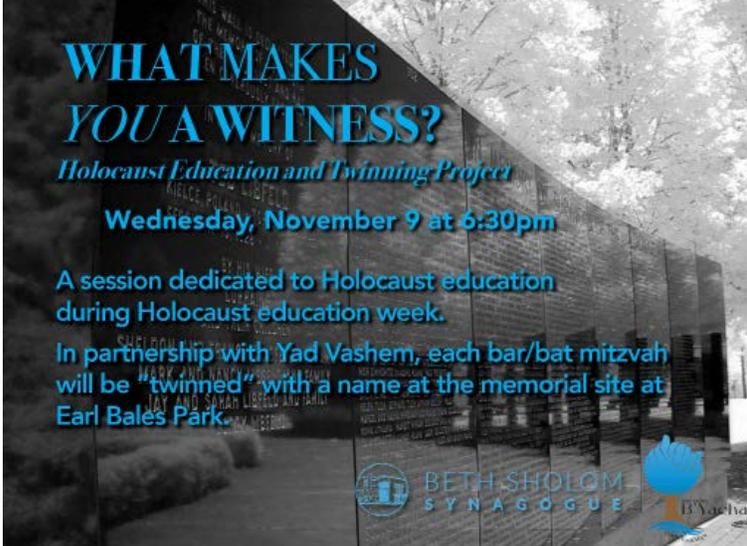
## WHAT MAKES YOU A WITNESS?

*Holocaust Education and Twinning Project*

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30pm

A session dedicated to Holocaust education during Holocaust education week.

In partnership with Yad Vashem, each bar/bat mitzvah will be “twinned” with a name at the memorial site at Earl Bales Park.



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# TOT

Sunday, December 10  
10:00 am

Learn how to put on Tallis 'n Tefillin with Cantor Moses. On the day a Jewish boy becomes Bar Mitzvah he is responsible for the observance of G-d's commandments. One of the most important of these commandments is wearing Tefillin. Join your Cantor as he teaches you and your son how to wrap Tefillin & answer all of your questions.

BYOT – Bring your own Tefillin!



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## Life as a Jewish Tween

Sunday, December 10, 10:00 am

The Jewish people have traditionally been highly driven, which sometimes comes with high pressure for achievement & perfectionism, especially for tween girls. In this program, tween girls & their moms will learn about surviving the pressures of living in a body-conscious culture, while valuing & respecting themselves, according to Jewish principles.

Led by Dr. Melissa Lieberman-Moses



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## “Unravel the mysteries of the Torah”

Wednesday  
January 11  
6:30pm

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!



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## The Value of \$1

Wednesday February 8 6:30 PM

So you're having a bar/bat mitzvah... but what will you do with your gift money? What's the value of \$1 to you? How about to someone less fortunate? After a discussion about the ways that you can do some a percentage of your gifts to worthwhile charitable causes, we'll invest (for fun) in the stock market. Don't miss this hilarious and very fun game of STOCK TICKER with Cantor Moses. Prizes for the top investors.



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MARCH 2023

# “AHAVAT ERETZ YISRAEL”

Loving the Land of Israel with our Shinshinim... Erel and Yahav are spending the year with us enriching our youth about life in the Promised Land before they return to Israel for their army service. Join them on this journey to experience the sounds, tastes and life of an Israeli.



(DATE TBA)

Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
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 2023 with kiddush, an opportunity to bless your children, zemirot, birkat hamazon and a shabbat story (of course!) A special presentation will be made to the bar/bat mitzvah class of 2023.

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# THE AMAZING RACE

## Scavenger Hunt Through Historic Jewish Kensington Market

Wednesday May  
17 5:30 pm

An evening dedicated to teaching your children about their Jewish roots in Toronto. Depart Beth Sholom by bus for an “Amazing Race” scavenger hunt through historic Jewish Toronto sites – including the Kiever Shul, Anshei Minsk, Kensington Market, historic Cecil Street & more. This is a great opportunity to show your children where your parents or grandparents lived, worked & went to shul! Trust me – you will have a lot of fun! Prizes for the winners & donuts for everyone.



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# DAVID KRIEGER

## WOW

I guess it would be odd to open an article from the synagogue President that started with the word WOW, so I thought it good to craft a short introduction- but WOW.

So, this article is an eclectic collection of some thoughts as I embark on my last Rosh Hashana message as your President.

WOW that Rosh Hashanah is days away!

WOW that Beth Sholom is fully operational for the high holidays and WOW to the programs we have planned!

WOW to where we were for the past number of years.

Do you remember those days of complete lockdown and the panic for toilet paper?

We are strange creations us humans, and we get used to things very quickly. We fall into habits and sometimes stumble out of them.

This seems especially true about synagogue, so I am urging you all to get back into the habit of making the effort to attend High Holy Day services this year.

Don't delay making the commitment to be part of our community and pray and learn together live and in person.

IF YOU ARE ABLE, plan as you have in the past and join us. I bet you leave the synagogue feeling better than when you walked in!

As a new year is upon us, it is appropriate to thank the Beth Sholom team. I am so proud of all our teams- The Clergy, the Office Staff, the Board, and my fellow Senior Officers.

Of course, where would we be without the many volunteers who span every aspect of the organization and are represented on over a dozen various committees. You are all making a huge difference to enhance the Beth Sholom community- internally & externally.

Thank you for all you've done and continue to do.

It seems that in every article I author, no matter what, I always talk about the daily

Minyan. I feel very passionate about this subject- and I am hoping you will too.

This morning at Minyan it was so wonderful to welcome back several members who attended to say yahrzeit for a loved one. It was so great to reconnect, and I even recognised those folks with masks on!

I am always astonished at the wisdom of the ancient Rabbis who created this minyan structure of praying together three times every day! They structured it this way so that we must always come back, come home to shul. As you can imagine, because we have the same dates no matter what, we all reunite for the same purpose. I have yahrzeits for both my parents over the next week. I expect to see the same mourners I say the Kaddish with every year, first for my father and then to stand with me a week later for my mother. We have a bond of sorts.

Minyan and the minyan community is very close, and we all share a connection, as a mourner or a minyan supporter.

Not long ago, for all the obvious reasons- and some that maybe aren't as obvious- attendance and making minyan was challenging. We put out a call to action for our members and friends to attend and things have been much better since- but not perfect yet.

My life has been enriched by our minyan and I invite you to join us and share the experience while simultaneously paying it forward. If a mourner cannot say Kaddish this only adds to the pain already felt by the loss of a loved one.

Several years ago, we started a low-barrier fundraiser of selling jars of honey for Rosh Hashanah, complete with a stylish wooden dipper and beautifully gift-wrapped. They are a perfect holiday

gift, or treat to enhance your own table. Tania and I have started the tradition of getting one jar for every person (or couple) attending Rosh Hashana dinners in our home. A sweet and lovely gift. Funds raised go to support the myriad of programs, events, learning opportunities, and family programming – so it is an easy way to support the synagogue and get something yummy in return!

Special thanks to Helene Wahle and to the office for managing this initiative. I know how Beezee it must be!

I am thrilled to be welcoming you shortly.

From Tania and me, all the very best for a year filled with blessings....

**Chag Sameach,**

**David Krieger •**





# STEPHANIE KRASMAN

## Complex Systems: Preparing for the High Holy Days

The Thursday before the Ontario Civic long weekend in August, I bent over to pick something up, and felt my back go out. Sadly, this was not a new occurrence for me. However, over the course of the following days, my situation deteriorated and was presenting far worse than it had ever before. By Monday morning, my doctor was strongly suggesting I check myself into emerg at Sunnybrook Hospital. I consider myself to be a young (ish!), strong, independent, and overall healthy person, and so this recommendation did not sit well with me. Alas, I crawled into the passenger side of the car.

I could never have imagined what would unfold over the following 18 hours!

Halfway through the MRI, the supervising physician ordered additional images. Either they couldn't get the visuals they wanted, or they wanted a second look at something specific. When they pulled me out of the machine, the technician left the catheter, from where she inserted the dye for the imaging, in my arm "just in case they need it back in emerg". Neither of these occurrences left me with a warm and fuzzy feeling.

The images made it back to emerg before the orderly could wheel me back. There, the resident orthopedic surgeon was waiting for me. I had a completely herniated disc somewhere between L4 and S1 that was compressing nerves causing both numbness and searing pain down my leg into my toes. The surgeon explained that immediate surgery was necessary to relieve the pressure on the nerves to reduce the likelihood of permanent damage.

The doctor explained the surgery, and what they would likely need to do. There was a 50% chance they would have to fuse my lower spine. He told me about the risks involved. He asked me "routine" questions such as: have I thought about End of Life, and how far should they go to revive me should it become necessary? Never in my life have I faced such questions, let alone given them any prior thought.

Hint: I am writing this article, and so you know the story likely ends well...

While the Yamim Noraim, the High Holy Days, are a time for contemplation, introspection, and taking stock of life, I discovered major spine surgery has the same effect. Among many personal reflections about family, and friends, and relationships, my thoughts did at one point turn to my work at Beth Sholom and specifically what goes on (behind the scenes) to plan for the High Holy Days at one of the largest synagogues in the GTA. I likened it to my experience in the hospital.



*The sky is a little bluer and the grass a little greener. "*

From the moment I checked into the emergency room, a series of complex and sophisticated systems started to unfold in order to ensure I received the treatment and care I needed. Processes that had been put into place long before I arrived. Doctors, nurses, and administrators who had trained for years and years before I had even felt my very first back twinge.

Staff and lay leaders at Beth Sholom begin planning for the High Holy Days starting the day after Yom Kippur. Rounds of evaluations occur with all of the stakeholders, and meticulous notes are made – what changes and improvements would we make the following year? How can we ensure we offer our members and guests an elevated experience from the year before? We cover everything from enhanced spirituality, learning, engagement with prayer; to seat comfort, air temperature, organized flow of traffic, and our safety and security.

One of the most valuable documents in the office is the High Holy Days Critical Pathway. A spreadsheet that describes every planning detail – from very large

down to minute: including timelines and which staff and groups of staff are responsible for implementing which tasks. This document gets revised and honed every single year.

The office staff work closely together, diligently over many months, so that by erev Rosh Hashanah every "i" is dotted, and every "t" is crossed. Staff who have been extensively trained on our systems, as well as many years of work experience, come together to ensure the team runs at the highest caliber. There are countless meetings with clergy and lay people, which help inform and direct our work. The office staff deserve a huge round of applause for their diligence, hard work, caring and empathy, in relationship building with our members and guests; so do the lay leaders – for the literally hundreds of hours they spend on planning; and of course – the clergy who so eloquently guide us through learning, prayer, and spirituality.

Generally, I am a person who appreciates and knows what I have and how fortunate I am, but since the surgery, I have found a renewed and deeper sense of gratitude. The sky is a little bluer and the grass a little greener. In some ways I am grateful towards this experience because I entered into the month of Elul – the final month in the Hebrew calendar before the High Holy Days, with a more meaningful appreciation of my life. I know as time marches on, the memories and feelings of the surgery will fade, but hopefully the strong sense of appreciation will remain.

From myself and all the Krasmans – Joe, Kayla, Seth, Dava – we wish you a Shanah Tova U'Metuka. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for the year to come. And, may you feel a deep sense of gratitude.

**Chag Sameach,**  
**Stephanie Krasman •**

Thank you to Vered Yalinewitz for her time serving as our Ritual Coordinator. We wish her success and happiness in her life in Israel! Please say hello to Roseanne Mason, our new Ritual Coordinator who will help with your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Bris, Baby Naming, Wedding or death in the family.



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# Beth Sholoms Shinshinit for 2022/2023 is Maya Volpo

UJA's Israel Engagement ShinShinim are young Israeli leaders who have just finished high school and come to the GTA for one year to volunteer in our community. Each year, the UJA ShinShinim are hosted by local Toronto families, and engage more than 3,000 Jewish community members with cutting edge programs focusing on contemporary Israel. are young Israeli leaders who have just finished high school and come to the GTA to volunteer in our community for one year. The UJA ShinShinim are hosted by local Toronto families and engage more than 3,000 Jewish community members through cutting-edge programs focusing on contemporary Israel.



**I decided to go through this journey of being a UJA Shinshinit because I really believe that the connection between Jews around the world and Israeli Jews is so meaningful and important!**

**I can't wait to meet everyone, to form deep and meaningful connections and bring Israel in the best way possible - but also look forward to learn so much from the amazing Toronto community!**

**-Maya**



# SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICES

## EREV SUKKOT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

Morning Services 8:30 am  
Evening Services 6:00 pm  
Candle lighting 6:27 pm

## HOSHANA RABBAH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

Morning Services 8:30 am

## SIMCHAT TORAH

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

Morning Services 9:30 am  
Evening Services 6:15 pm  
Yom Tov ends 7:15 pm

## FIRST DAY SUKKOT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022

Morning Services 9:30 am  
Evening Services 6:45 pm  
Candle lighting 7:28 pm

## EREV SHMINI ATZERET

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

Evening Services 6:00 pm  
Candle lighting 6:15 pm

## חג סוכות שמח

## SECOND DAY SUKKOT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

Morning Services 9:30 am  
Evening Services 6:30 pm  
Candle lighting 7:26 pm

## SHMINI ATZERET

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

Morning Services 9:30 am  
Yizkor Service approx. 10:45 am  
Evening Services 6:15 pm  
Candle lighting 7:14 pm

Service times, schedules, and the link to virtual services for renewed members will be emailed the week before Sukkot

## WHAT IS A LULAV & ETROG?

On Sukkot we use four kinds of plants known in Hebrew as the Arbah Minim **ארבעת המינים** (literally, the 'four species'). They represent the oneness of Israel, and the harvest. They are:

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#### ARAVOT - ערבות

Willows that have no fruit and no fragrance

#### LULAV - לולב

Palm branch that has no fragrance, but has fruit which can be eaten

#### ETROG - אתרוג

Citron, a fruit like a lemon, that has a sweet fragrance and can be eaten

#### HADASSIM - הדסים

Myrtles, that have a nice smell but cannot be eaten

### DEADLINE TO ORDER:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

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New Members receive yours for free - call the office to request yours!

The three myrtle twigs and the two willows are tied together to the palm branch. **This bouquet is called the lulav.**

Thank you to Jeff and Honey Rubenstein for their generous contributions over many years in helping to warmly welcome our new members by sending them a lulav and etrog for Sukkot.



**Friday Oct 14th, 5:30PM**  
**Casual Family Shabbat Dinner**  
**in the sukkah**

- \$15 adults · \$8 children
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- Outdoor musical Kabbalat Shabbat
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- Games
- Make-your-own ice cream sundaes
- Meet our ShinShinit Maya!
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The mid term elections and three presidents: Obama, Trump and Biden - who was better?

NOVEMBER

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**Covid, Monkey Pox, Polio**

New plagues - our medical system in crisis

NOVEMBER

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Where does it stop: Cannabis, heroin, fentanyl - how are we coping

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IMPORTANT NEWS.



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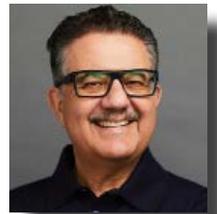
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# STEVE SKURKA

## Evening's With Steve

After the Covid pandemic struck in the spring of 2020, I was asked by our esteemed clergy to start a Zoom program for our members. The program grew to a community wide program, during the course of which I interviewed many luminaries including Deborah Lipstadt, Dennis Ross, Bret Stephens and Conrad Black. After two years and running close to thirty programs, Evenings With Steve ended with a celebratory tasting of Israeli wines with a guest sommelier.



anti-Asian tirade in a Montreal grocery store, a poster from a rally depicting the Prime Minister as a Nazi officer and a photograph of a swastika painted on an Ottawa courthouse.

After the program, Mark Sandler approached the Chief of Police for the Toronto Police Service (TPS) about conducting a similar program for the Toronto Police. Chief Ramer agreed and a full day program run by the TPS took place on June 20th on the topic of Combating Hate Crime in

Toronto: Community and Legal Perspectives. There was an impressive roster of diverse speakers with panel discussions on hate crimes on the community: legal perspectives, a case study of a hate crime prosecution, legal responses to hate group activity and a presentation by the Hate Crime and Extremism investigative team.

The TPS program utilized the same case study method and examples used in the Evenings With Steve program and credited me with the idea. I'm very proud to note that Beth Sholom's contribution to the study of hate crime was formally recognized at the program. I was

also informed that the TPS program sensitized a lot of the officers who attended, many with limited familiarity with the issues, and will likely become an annual TPS event. Every member of the Beth Sholom Synagogue is part of this meaningful outcome in fighting hate crime.

**Shanah Tovah**

**Steve Skurka**



*...I'm very proud to note that Beth Sholom's contribution to the study of hate crime was formally recognized..."*

I'd like to share a wonderful story about one of the Evenings With Steve programs. It examined Canada's hate incitement laws with two outstanding lawyers, Annamaria Enenajor and Mark Sandler. I was inspired to run this program after Beth Sholom Synagogue had been defaced with a swastika in a hate crime. Hate crime is a pernicious crime that scars and injures its victims from vulnerable communities including Blacks, Jews, Asians, Muslims and the LGBTQ community. During the program, we examined possible examples of hate crimes with Mark and Annamaria, including a video of an



# CHATTAN TORAH, CHATTAN BERESHIT, & AISHET CHAYIL



## Marshall Matias

*"Bereshit's Groom" or "The Groom of the Beginning". The one honoured with this aliyah marks the moment of our cyclical "reboot" - the moment we begin again with the opening of the first five books of the Torah, Sefer Bereshit, the Book of Genesis.*

Over the years, I have had the privilege of being able to serve on the shul's board of directors. It allowed me to observe the inner working of how the shul operates. I have enjoyed organizing individual programs such as shul football trips to watch the Buffalo Bills, as well as Scotch & Seder nights. More recently, I was able to be involved in bringing BBYO program to the shul. It is very important to me that we make

teen programming a priority as a way to have youth attend and participate in activities at the shul.

I have been blessed with many opportunities and believe in the importance of giving back and tikkun olam.

## Chattan Bereshit

חתן בראשית



## Jill Mayer

*A Woman of Valour, a person of courage. This expression comes from the third chapter of Sefer Mishlei, the Book of Proverbs, which poetically frames the courage and dedication that women bring to their families, homes, and communities. This award recognizes persistence, and tireless dedication of those women who continue to redefine the strength of our Jewish life at Beth Sholom.*

I have been a member of Beth Sholom Synagogue's Board of Governors since 2019. I currently serve as Co-chair of the Membership Committee, Lay Leader for our Shinshinim program and our representative on the Toronto Community Mikvah Board. Over the last several years, my family and I have had the privilege of hosting two Beth Sholom Shinshinim and several Peace of Mind Canada participants. Outside of

Beth Sholom I enjoy being an active participant in the Jewish community, working to create Holocaust education, fight antisemitism and alleviate poverty in Israel. I appreciate the opportunity to volunteer at Beth Sholom as it gives me a chance to give back to the community and to form new and meaningful friendships.

## Aishet Chayil

אשת חיל



## Stephan Sommer

*On Simchat Torah we complete and restart the yearly cycle of Torah readings. The Chattan Torah, literally "The Torah's Groom", is one wedded to this auspicious moment when they read the last words of Moses' Torah from Sefer Devarim, the Book of Deuteronomy*

It is an honor for me to be recognized by the BSS leadership as Chattan Torah on this Simchat Torah. Shortly after Deborah and I had moved to Toronto and joined BSS in 2010 I was approached by then president Jerry Sand to consider joining the board. It was at that time a pleasant surprise that I was asked to work on the board in our newfound home. During the first years I got acquainted with the different processes and rituals at BSS and its different board committees - supporting a variety of committees such as the young family, community education grants/scholarship, security and the Out of the Cold program. I enjoyed and looked forward to our regular monthly meetings with my fellow board members, executive directors and staff, the Rabbi and Cantor very much. In 2017 I got more involved in the Out of the Cold program, supporting in the

committee and working with our partners, as well as taking on weekly shifts at the volunteer sign-in desk. It was a humbling and gratifying volunteer role for me. During that time and because of touchpoints with security staff I became more interested in the area of synagogue and community security, which led me to the role of security committee chair that I have held since 2019. The team consisting of Sol, Shawn, Faith, Marnie, Stephanie, Jorgé and our security consultant Akiva Sandler have been working very hard over the past three years to enhance our security and safety protocols, as well as support our renovations committee efforts. I look forward to many more years with the Beth Sholom family and want to thank my wife Deborah for her support during the past years and the many hours spent away from her.

## Chattan Torah

חתן תורה

# DONATIONS

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A DONATION TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS OR WHO HAVE SPONSORED THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS IN HONOUR OF A SIMCHA OR IN HONOUR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

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## WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

Condolences to the family of Donald (Don) Neil Charness z"l; beloved husband of Elaine Sturman, devoted father and father-in-law of **Robbin & Larry Yunger**, Mitchell Charness and Janice Palmer; Cherished grandfather of **Matthew** and **Blair Yunger**, Hannah Charness, and Grace Charness; Pre-deceased by his adored granddaughter Erin Yunger z"l whom he greatly missed; Dear brother-in-law of Sandee and Alan Zatz.

Condolences to the family of **Gayle Cooper z"l**, wife of Larry Cooper; beloved daughter of the late **Sam z"l & Betty Blank z"l**, and sister and sister-in-law of Perry & Gloria Blank and Arthur & Chris Blank. The funeral, led by Cantor Moses, took place Monday, May 16, 2022 at Mount Sinai Memorial Park.

Condolences to the family of Dorothy Greenbaum z"l, beloved wife of the late Martin Greenbaum; adored mother and mother-in-law of Marla & Jay Rosen, Bram & Chantal Greenbaum, and **Gayle & Richard Farb**; cherished Grandma of Steven and Elizabeth, Mark and Michael-Jane, Kara and Oren; Kyle and Jake; **Sarah** and **Matthew**.

Condolences to the family of Harry Horlick z"l, beloved husband of Harriet Horlick, loving father and father-in-law of **Eric Horlick & Sheri Steinberg** and Jennifer & Sean Frydman; proud grandfather of **Olivia, Jonah, Cooper** and Rylan; brother and brother-in-law of Ethel & the late Simon Kendall z"l, Leba & the late Larry Cartman z"l, and Ruthie & the late Eddie Felsher z"l. The funeral, led by Cantor Moses, took place on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Steeles Memorial Chapel.

Condolences to the family of Dov Lev (Levkovitch) z"l; Cherished husband of Nancy Lev, loving father of **Aimee Lazarus, Karen Lev** and Deborah & Ruby Langer; beloved brother of Ya'akov & Leah Lev; the best Saba of **Benjamin, Oliver** and **Charley Lazarus, Nathan Lev**, Hadas, Ayelet and Eitan Langer.

Condolences to the family of Betty Maldoff z"l, beloved mother and mother-in-law of Eric Maldoff and Andrea Wolff, **Gerry & Susan Maldoff**, Barbara Maldoff and the late Harry Hopmeyer z"l, and the late Charles Kotler; Cherished grandmother of Daniel Maldoff & Andrée Lalonde, Gabriel Maldoff & Kat O'Konski, Hannah Maldoff; David and Ali Maldoff, Matthew & Elyssa Maldoff, **Stephanie & Josh Bank**, Jacqueline Hopmeyer & Matt Goldsmith, Joseph Hopmeyer & Lauren Weber, and Michael Hopmeyer.

Condolences to the family of Shirley Ray z"l, beloved wife of the late Stanley Ray z"l; loving mother and mother-in-law of **Wendy & Danny Bernstein**, and the late Howard Ray z"l; dear sister and sister-in-law of Miriam and the late Isadore Lidsky z"l.; devoted grandmother of Rebecca, Adam & Ilana.

Condolences to the family of **Norman Slatt z"l**, beloved husband of the late **Mayna Slatt z"l**; loving father and father-in-law of Shevy & Cornelius, Corinne & Eamonn, and Jeffrey & Jocelyn; devoted grandfather of Cara, Adam and Miriam, Garrett, Julia, Jessica and Alex, and David. The funeral led by Cantor Moses took place Wednesday, May 17 at Mount Sinai Memorial Park.

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A bereavement notification email is sent when a member or a relative of a member passes away. If you would like to receive this information, please e-mail [Roseanne@bethsholom.net](mailto:Roseanne@bethsholom.net) and she will ensure that you are opted in to receive this email.



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Todd & Roz Schweber  
Paul Stein & Beth Weingarden  
Elliott & Elisa Weinstein  
Randi Rose & Oren Zusman

## October 2022

Richard & Rhonda Diamond

## November 2022

Mark & Shelley Diamond  
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Stephen & Marnie Lewis  
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# BIRTHDAYS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING  
MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

## September 2022

Mark Altow  
Tammy Anklewicz  
Phyllis Chapnik  
Pearl Drabinsky  
Diane Erlick  
Karen Glasberg  
Lawrence Goldstein  
Nathan Kaufman  
Jory Kesten  
Howard Lis  
Gerry Maldoff  
Freema Pellman  
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Michael Rich  
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Celia Rumm  
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Shayna Singer  
Tillie Spears  
Toby Starr  
Shelley Sukerman  
Sean Teperman  
Thomas Ungar  
Marguerite Winer  
Oren Zusman

## October 2022

Lorne Cooper  
Irvin Doren  
Murray Farb  
Mark Katz  
Reuben Lieblein  
Ellen Nash  
Pearl Newman  
Ronald Otis  
Sandra Parl  
Ida Racko  
Howard Rosenberg  
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Miriam Slan  
Laury Snow  
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Lisa Vankay  
Sheryl Wasserman  
Elissa Weinberg  
Merril Weisfeld  
Maralyne Wolinsky

## November 2022

Rosa Bergman  
Allan Bronstein  
Aviva Dworkind  
Beena Gans  
Hindy Greben  
Clifford Hart  
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# NEW MEMBERS

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

Jordana Berke & Mark Glogauer  
Shelby Draper & Kurtis Scissons  
Betty Goldkind  
Alexandra & Bradley Krawczyk  
David Lieberman

# FAMILY NEWS

## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BAR & BAT MITZVAHS

To **Lora & Jeff Birman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Abigail Birman**, granddaughter of **Howard & Rita Sloan** and Harry & Ann Birman.

To the Dudkiewicz family on the Bat Mitzvah of Sadie; loving parents Steven Dudkiewicz & Wendy Glaser, proud grandparents Aaron & Marcy Dudkiewicz, Stuart & Linda Glaser; fondly remembered are Sasha Friedenstein & Mali Rubin, Max & Sarah Dudkiewicz, Eddie & Anne Katz, Willian & Grace Glaser.

To **Corey and Jennifer Elmaleh** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Liv Chelo Elmaleh**, granddaughter of Mike & Chelo Elmaleh and Jerry and Lorna Sussman. Fondly remembered at this time are Grandpa Irving z"l and Grandma Renee Sussman z"L, Grandpa Charles z"L and Grandma Mary Finch z"l, Papa Jacob z"l and Mama Estrella Elmaleh z"L, Mama Marie Assayag z"l.

To **Noah Galet** on his bar mitvah; loving parents **Sam & Jennifer Galet**; proud grandparents Helene & Joel Galet and Barry & Melanie Cohen; and brothers Zachary and Joshua.

To Maggie and Shani Kernerman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Yael Kernerman. Proud Grandparents are Shlomo and Sarah Kernerman and Rolande Bengino. Lovingly remembered is Yaacov Bengino z"l.

To **Jeffrey & Michelle Levine** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Robyn Marci**, granddaughter of Gary & Jackie Levine and Roanne Latner & Norm Tollinsky. Proud great-grandmother Laya Lefton. Fondly remembered at this time are Joe & Ruth Levine z"l, Mel Lefton z"l, Mark Waese z"l, and Mac & Sylvia Latner z"l.

To Anthony & Lisa Rosenberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Olivia Rosenberg. Granddaughter of **Meyer & Michelle Katz** and **Howard Rosenberg**. Fondly remembered at this time are Helen Rosenberg z"l, Jane and Israel Katz z"l, Woolf and Freda Katz z"l, Martin and Belle Rosenberg z"l, and Irving and Goldie Hertzman z"l.

To **David Adam** and **Stacey Shapira** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Ashley Morgan**, granddaughter of **David and Wendy Shapira** and Paul Adam. Fondly remembered at this time are Connie Adam z"l, Morris (Puddy) z"l and Myrna Finer z"l, **Morris z"l** and **Eva Shapira z"l**, Arthur z"l and Dawn Adam z"l, Harry z"l and Lily Lerner z"l.

To **Randi Rose & Oren Zusman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Izzie**, younger sister of **Zoe**. Proud grandmother is Clara Rose. Fondly remembered at this time are Irwin Rose z"l, Jack & Ita Bojtm z"l and Rose & David Rose z"l

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## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING ENGAGEMENTS

To **Leonard & Marcy Abramsky** on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Hillary Jane to Ryan Marc Snow, son of Rhonda and Stephen Snow. Proud grandparents are **Herb & Fran Binder**, **Shirley Abramsky** and Esther Climans. Fondly remembered at this time are Mortimer Abramsky z"l, Donny Back z"l, Al Climans z"l and Milton z"l & Marilyn Snow z"l.

To **Beth and Lorne Sokol** and Sharmeen and Sass Khazzam, who are thrilled to announce the engagement of Samantha and Robbie.

## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING WEDDINGS

To **Joyce and Harvey Mandel** on the marriage of their son, Daniel Lawrence to Sarah Joanna Garb, daughter of Ruth and Alby Garbe. Proud grandfather is Irving Matlow. Lovingly remembered at this time are Hilda and Manny Ezrin z"l; Toby and Joseph Mandel z"l; Lorna and William Garbe z"l; and Esther Matlow z"l. Excited siblings are Marnie Mandel and Leonard Bienenstock.

To **Stephen & Sandi Singer** on the marriage of their son, Cory Earle Singer to Jaime Ciobataro, daughter of Shawna Reubin & Dov Ciobataro. Fondly remembered at this time are all grandparents.

To **Francie Bay-Smith & Arnold Smith** on the marriage of their son, Zev Michael to Alana Engelberg, daughter of Jack & Nancy Engelberg. Fondly remembered are Samson Bay z"l & Patricia Aylie Sherman z"l, Henry z"l & Ann Smith z"l, Gertrude z"l & Myer Engelberg z"l, Esther z"l & Saul Schwartz z"l, and Jack Sherman z"l.

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## MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BIRTHS

To Baylee and Kyle Bunker on the birth of their son Parker Frederick. Proud grandparents are **Richard & Morlyn Shurman** and Rick & Dar Bunker of NJ. Proud great grandmother is Eva Lieberman. Lovingly remembered is Sam Lieberman z"l and Fred z"l & Frances Shurman z"l.

To Leanne Campbell & Kenny Fishman on the birth of their daughter, Lily Madeline Fishman; proud grandparents **Henry & Barbara Campbell** and Phyllis Hauptman. Fondly Remembered is Vicki Campbell z"l.

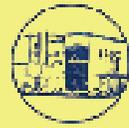
To **Steven & Danielle Glowinsky** on the birth of their daughter **Gabrielle Liv Glowinsky**. Excited grandparents are **Abe & Janice Glowinsky** and Rick & Linda Fleming.

To **Larry Rich** and **Wendy Lavine** on the birth of their great-granddaughter Yehudis Yittela Rich. Proud parents are Yoseif Meir and Leeba Rich of Philadelphia. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Yaakov and Susan Rich of Dallas and Rabbi Shimon and Chana Silver of Pittsburgh. Excited great-great-grandmother Rose Lavine. Fondly remembered Rosalie Rich z"l, Harold and Irene Linder z'l, Harry and Lillian Barkin z'l, Sam and Eva Rich z'l and Rose Rich z'l.

To **Larry Rich** and **Wendy Lavine** on the birth of their great-grandson Chaim Dovid Rich. Proud parents are Tzvi Eliezer and Bracha Rich of Baltimore. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Yaakov and Susan Rich of Dallas and Naphtali and Chaya Rochel Strauss of Brooklyn. Excited great-great-grandmother Rose Lavine. Fondly remembered Rosalie Rich z'l, Harold and Irene Linder z'l, Harry and Lillian Barkin z'l, Sam and Eva Rich z'l and Rose Rich z'l.

To the **Sherman family** on the naming of their youngest daughter, **Ella Jerri Sherman**.

To David & Brittany Sand on the birth of their son, **Everett Daniel (Aron Eliyahu)**. Proud grandparents are **Brenda & Jerry Sand** and Lisa & Scott Wasserman. Proud great-grandmother is Sandy Halpern. Lovingly remembered great grandparents Mickey & Eve Alter, Aaron & Sylvia Sand, Dave Halpern and Allan Wasserman



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