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GET ALONG?**

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Let's consider the dilemma Rabbi Moses ben Israel Isserles was faced with. Better known as the "Rema" – the acronym of his name – Rabbi Isserles was a renowned scholar who flourished in the mid-sixteenth century Poland where he was hard at work on a comprehensive code of law.

The Rema could have published his own book, but he knew that differences, that do not divide give rise to something greater. By allowing Jews to understand that differing thoughts and practices can coexist on the same page, these two great scholars set a model for the generations. Their book is called the Shulhan Arukh, the "Set Table", and it became the preeminent code of law in Jewish history. It is the essential code book for Jewish religious life to this very day. As so often happens in Jewish tradition, argument bred intimacy; the two great scholars - Rabbi Moses Isserles and Rabbi Joseph Caro - are now printed on the very same page. Caro's writing in the centre, Isserles's in the middle too but italicized.

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On Shavuot we celebrate the giving of the Torah. But we are charged to remember the Torah was given to the people of Israel, not the people of Israel to the Torah. As its "owners" we debate, disagree, get angry, slam doors but are called to realize through argument we draw closer to each another and to our tradition. Our tradition of elevating questions over answers might strike people as the antithesis of this wish. But in doing so our history has shown our concern isn't homogeneity but unity. Paradoxically, our differences create our shared success.



Chag Sameach and blessings for a safe and good summer!

A group of four young women are posing for a photo outside a building. The woman on the far left is wearing a yellow t-shirt and blue jeans. The woman next to her is wearing a white shirt and a grey cardigan. The woman in the back is wearing a dark blue shirt. The woman on the far right is wearing a black shirt and a patterned skirt. They are all smiling and looking at the camera. The building behind them has a large glass door and a sign that says "WELCOME".



Our Bar and Bat Mizvah families journeyed to the Big Apple with Cantor Moses April 14-16, 2023

**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 Ceil 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.



BETH SHOLOM  
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# ERIC MOSES

## Please Join Me on the Dance Floor....

Are we ready to dream big again? In a post-Covid world, can we change people's minds about coming back to shul? I admit that I am guilty of staying home much more than I used to. It's easier to order Uber Eats than to go to a restaurant, and to watch Netflix over going to a movie. Consequently, this translates into how I think about Beth Sholom's programming. However, this month I have been so pleasantly surprised.

on the sunny shores of Lake Ontario. Last night at the AGO, I was joined by my dear friend, Cantor Gideon Zelermyer from Montreal, along with former Governor General, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, for an inspiring conversation about their personal experiences and admiration for Leonard Cohen z"l. This was followed by an opportunity to view the wonderful exhibit entitled Everybody Knows. This coming shabbat, we resume a regular schedule with the Ruach Singers with shabbat services back in



As we begin to celebrate spring, we had a wonderful live concert (our first since 2019) featuring Rak Shalom, an incredibly talented and highly energized a cappella group of students from the University of Maryland. Instead of celebrating their spring break with other students on the beaches of Mexico, they were on a concert tour to share their love of Jewish music

the sanctuary. My bar/bat mitzvah program has amazing attendance at our monthly dinners, and I look forward to having 28 eager participants join me this year for our annual visit to New York City. All of this to say (metaphorically) that the party is only as great as the participants. On the heels of this success and with renewed optimism about our resiliency as a community, I

am already exploring the possibility to host the first major cantorial concert in the city in many years. Our last World's Greatest Cantors concert was held at the Toronto Centre for the Arts and featured the greatest cantorial talents of our generation along with a symphony orchestra. I understand that for some it is still too soon, but if I begin to plan now, by the time the project comes to fruition, my hope is that you will be ready. As usual, I want Beth Sholom to be a community leader in promoting new and innovative programming that galvanizes and brings our community together.

I have been a full-time Hazzan since 1996, with part-time roles for two years that began in 1994. It is hard to imagine that I am approaching 30 years as a Cantor. Since baseball season is upon us, I can safely use the analogy that the bimah is like the pitcher's mound. While it is the centre of the action, it is also a lonely place – where Hazzanim faithfully represent their people in prayer to the Almighty. With my eyes closed, I can sense everything that is going on in shul at any given moment. What a journey this has been and it's far from finished. As we welcome a dedicated new slate of officers to lead our synagogue, together, we can build on our previous successes and lead our community to reach new heights. As the saying goes, it takes two to tango. Are you ready to join me on the dance floor?

**Cantor Eric Moses •**



# DAVID KRIEGER

## A Message From Our President

As I sit down to write this Shavuot bulletin, I am keenly aware that this is my last as President. In the infamous words of Richard Nixon- "this is my last press conference". Upon reflection, my term as President has been very different than I had ever imagined. The effort was about what I had expected for sure, but what surprised me was that the experience was far more rewarding than I ever could have anticipated.



I learnt so much that will benefit me forever. My knowledge, collaboration, communication, and negotiation skills are improved. My public speaking as bad as it is, is much improved if not the jokes.

I owe much of this to the role for sure but mostly the team that I have been blessed to collaborate with- our office team & staff, the Senior Officer group, our Board of Governors, our clergy and all our other volunteers spanning over a dozen committees plus others. I stand on all your shoulders.

If you follow me here, you will note

that each contribution I have focused on the importance of contributing to minyan. My goodbye note to you is no different. We are so blessed to have members and non members who try to attend twice daily. People who have a minyan consciousness and attend so that mourners can say the Kaddish. Every day people attend just to support others by helping to count as one of 10. Is that not the essence of our people? So, if you read this, my

prayer is that you pay it forward. Pick one of our two weekday services and attend. I can guarantee that someone will welcome you. I know that the meaningful relationships I have build through our minyan are all part of Hashem's plan for me.

But also, please never complain if you arrive to say Kaddish for someone and we don't have a minyan that morning or evening. That experience for me was the moment I decided to get involved and here I am departing as the President. Hashem indeed had a plan. I don't want to go through any lists of accomplishment that I had

during my years as President. The truth is we, the collectives referenced earlier have accomplished so much, including managing COVID and our successful reopening; pivoting as necessary to ensure the success of the B'Koach campaign and renovations; we have started work on development of a long-term strategic plan to help guide our future; we are developing a legacy giving campaign; we continue to populate and operationalize the new committee structure and our Shabbat kiddish is better than ever!

And truthfully, the best is yet to come under the leadership of our incoming President, Margaret Lindzon and her colleagues, the Senior Officers. I have so much confidence and will be proud to support her as a Past President.

Lastly thanks to all our members and donors who support Beth Sholom Synagogue and make it all possible. It is a very special place with a rich and proud multi-generational history of warmth and caring. I could not be more grateful and proud to be a part of this community.

**Blessings.....David •**



# STEPHANIE KRASMAN

## Ruth and the Labour Market

In last year's Shavuot bulletin, I wrote about our office staff, their professional and personal transitions, and the impact of the pandemic on their comings and goings.

The dregs of COVID-19 continue to influence the labour market with significant staff turnover, the struggle to find qualified staff, and the steep rise in inflation which drives up salaries' candidates are demanding. And very few want to work in an office five days a week – the hybrid home-office model is the new normal. This can be tough for a service industry, like ours, where meaningful relationship building is one primary key to success.

Beth Sholom is not exempt from these challenges, and we have experienced our share of staff turnover in the last year.

On Shavuot we read the Book of Ruth. This megillat recounts the plight of

Ruth, Orpah, and Naomi, their mother-in-law. After each of the three women became widowed, Naomi thought to relinquish her comfortable life in Moab, and return home to the impoverished Bethlehem. Orpah decided to remain in Moab. With great loyalty, Ruth clung to Naomi and insisted on returning with her to Eretz Yisrael, where they would surely face a life of loneliness and poverty. This is a story of devotion, of commitment, perseverance, and duty. It is from the Book of Ruth that we learn not to underestimate the importance of our actions.

Beth Sholom's staff are well versed in the importance of their actions. We spend time talking about how our small, kind, caring gestures, go a long way in building relationships with members, and deepening member engagement. Sometimes the smallest of actions leave the most lasting of impacts. Emulating Ruth's characteristics and qualities would assist any professional working in

the Jewish community to be successful. Now that staff turnover in the office has somewhat settled, and our new staff are finding solid ground with several months of experience under their belt, I want you to know who they are! Who you speak to and engage with when you have a touch point with the office! I feel so fortunate and privileged to work alongside such talented people.

Chag Shavuot Sameach

Stephanie Krasman •



Accounting Manager  
**TATJANA KACINA**

Tatjana is the Accounting Manager at Beth Sholom Synagogue. She oversees all financials in the building. If you have any questions about transactions, keep an eye out for this stylish lady in the office.



Marketing & Communications Manager  
**LINDSAY NAFT**

Lindsay has a diverse work history, from arts administration and ticketing operations management to time as a post secondary registrar. She previously worked at Congregation Darchei Noam as their Manager of Membership & Communication. Outside of work, you can usually find her find her at a choir rehearsal or baking up a storm.



Coordinator of Family Learning & Engagement  
**FARGANA SARMASOVA**

Fargana works alongside Alexa for our camps and youth programs. She engages in Jewish activities and synagogue life with many children during her days. Fargana speaks several languages such as English, Hebrew, Russian, Turkish and Azerbaijani.



Ritual & Bookings Coordinator  
**ROSEANNE MASON**

Roseanne was born and raised in Toronto's Forest Hill neighbourhood and has spent her work career in the Jewish not for profit arena. She has worked in Lifecycle and administrative roles at Holy Blossom Temple, Beth Torah Congregation, UJA, Associated Hebrew School and Bialik Hebrew Day School before finding her new forever home at Beth Sholom. Roseanne has 3 fabulous adult children and still lives locally with her greatest companion, her dog Odin!



Special Events & Program Manager  
**SANCHIA RABIN**

Sanchia was born in South Africa, and moved to Toronto in 2002. She studied Public Relations, Sports Marketing and Events. She has been working in events for the past 27 years, focusing on charity work with the likes of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, S.O.S Childrens Villages, Bnai Brith, to name a few. She has had the pleasure of working with high profile Sportsman and celebrities in both, South Africa and Canada. Sanchia has worked with numerous Jewish organisations, synagogues and charities in Toronto. She was instrumental in bringing and organising the Shabbat Project Toronto and the biggest Challah Bakes boasting close to 3000 people. Sanchia is a huge sports enthusiast, a big Man Utd. Fan, and loves to watch the Raptors and Leafs too. In her spare time, she is involved with charity work, as this gives her great pleasure to give back to society. She is married with 3 children, and her 2 cockapoo dogs. She is always up for a challenge, so shoot her an email or come say hi, she would love to meet you, hear your ideas and make them happen!



Acting Membership Engagement & High Holy Days Coordinator  
**MARNI TURNER**

Marni spent many amazing years working in and being involved in the Jewish Community of New York City which included working in membership engagement at the renowned Congregation Emanu-El on Fifth Ave. Marni is delighted to have come back to be close to her family and her Jewish Community roots in Toronto. Marni is always happy to help you with anything and everything membership at Beth Sholom!



Director of Family Learning & Engagement  
**ALEXA RUBIN ABERGEL**

Alexa manages all aspects of the Sholom Learning curriculum. She works closely with parents and students to create an enjoyable experience for everyone enrolled in the programs. You may have seen Alexa leading discussions with adults and seniors at the synagogue.



Administrator  
**DINA BROWNSTEIN**

Dina grew up in Toronto and has spent the majority of her work life in the fashion industry after receiving a BA from York University and a post graduate degree in Marketing Management from Humber College. She is an avid runner and exercise enthusiast and lives with her daughter Jordyn and enjoys spending time with her extended family and friends.



Accounting Analyst  
**RIKA CIPRUT**

Rika has worked in Accounting and Finance since 2003, and has spent four years working at Congregation Darchei Noam as an Account Manager and Finance Administrator. She loves cooking, painting, and spending time with her three children and husband.



Membership Engagement & High Holy Days Coordinator  
**VICTORIA MESIHAYEV**

Victoria is responsible for our membership engagement and the High Holy Day planning and execution. She graduated from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel with a Bachelor's in Statistics & Economics. Victoria is inspired daily by her husband and three kids, and likes to hike, cook and play soccer with her family.



GET UPDATES ON UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Make sure you don't miss any news. If you are not receiving our weekly emails, please contact Lindsay at [lindsay@bethsholom.net](mailto:lindsay@bethsholom.net)

For information on upcoming programs, please visit the website calendar at [www.bethsholom.net/calendar](http://www.bethsholom.net/calendar)





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## PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE

At the 2022 Annual General Meeting, the community voted on bylaw amendments. Part of these amendments were to remove the 5 Past President seats on the Board of Governors, and to create a committee for the Past Presidents who would act as advisors to the Senior Officers.

Past Presidents are eligible to be nominated to the Board or another senior officer position, following the same process as any other of member of Beth Sholom.

All Past Presidents who remain members in good standing of the synagogue automatically have a seat on this new committee. The Past Presidents' Committee mandate will be submitted to the Board for approval as an amendment to the Synagogue's Operating Policies.

## ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

David Krieger	2021 - 2023	Tom Kolin	1999 - 2001	Dr. Morton Brown	1978 - 1980	Louis Soupcoff <sup>27</sup>	1959 - 1960
Abe Glowinsky	2019 - 2021	Warren Kimel	1997 - 1999	Sam H. Blank <sup>27</sup>	1976 - 1978	Max Shecter <sup>27</sup>	1958 - 1959
Steven Kelman	2017 - 2019	Alan Zelunka	1995 - 1997	Norman Shapiro <sup>27</sup>	1975 - 1976	Max Waylen <sup>27</sup>	1955 - 1957
Steven Goldenberg	2015 - 2017	Dr. Norman Talsky	1993 - 1995	Louis L. Burke Q.C. <sup>27</sup>	1973 - 1975	Samuel Feldt <sup>27</sup>	1954 - 1955
Sharon Platt	2013 - 2015	Marshall Folk	1991 - 1993	Fred Grossman <sup>27</sup>	1971 - 1973	Louis Cappe <sup>27</sup>	1952 - 1954
Allan Cheskes	2011 - 2013	Sam Zale	1989 - 1991	Frank Cadesky <sup>27</sup>	1969 - 1971	Harry Arnoff <sup>27</sup>	1951 - 1952
Jerry Sand	2009 - 2011	Carl Winer, Q.C.	1987 - 1989	Fred Ganz <sup>27</sup>	1967 - 1969	Leon Offman <sup>27</sup>	1948 - 1951
Stanley Z. Grossman	2007 - 2009	Arthur Lipton	1984 - 1987	Harry Polevoy <sup>27</sup>	1966 - 1967	Mac Shore <sup>27</sup>	1946 - 1948
Howard Orfus	2005 - 2007	Phil Stein <sup>27</sup>	1983 - 1984	Henry Donsky	1964 - 1965		
Barry Lerner	2003 - 2005	Mendel Green Q.C. <sup>27</sup>	1982 - 1983	William A. Crocker <sup>27</sup>	1962 - 1963		
David Shapira	2001 - 2003	Robert Rothman Q.C.	1980 - 1982	Sidney Silver <sup>27</sup>	1961 - 1962		



Mark your calendar!

**AGM**

Tuesday, June 13, 2023,  
7:00 pm  
in the Banquet Hall.

If you cannot make it,  
please send in your proxy form:

[bethsholom.net/form/agm-proxy-form-2023.html](https://bethsholom.net/form/agm-proxy-form-2023.html)

## SHAVUOT 5783/2023 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Thursday, May 25 · Erev Shavuot

Shacharit	8:30 am
Mincha	6:00 pm
Candle lighting	8:29 pm

### Friday, May 26 · Shavuot 1st day

Shacharit	9:30 am
Mincha	6:00 pm
Candle lighting	8:30 pm

### Saturday, May 27 · Shavuot, Yizkor

Shacharit	9:30 am
Yizkor	Approximately 10:30 am
Mincha	8:40 pm
Havdallah	9:41 pm

### Flowers

It's a tradition to decorate for Shavuot using flowers and greenery, based upon a midrash that the foot of Mount Sinai was carpeted with greens and sweet-smelling flowers upon the granting of the Torah.

### Shavuot

The word Shavuot means "weeks." It marks the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between Passover and Shavuot.

### Two Meals

On the holiday of Shavuot, a two-loaf bread offering was brought in the Temple. To commemorate this, we eat two meals on Shavuot—first a dairy meal, and then, after a short break, we eat the traditional holiday meat meal.

**Shavuot Charcuterie Cheese Board Demo**  
Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 pm

Learn how to prepare a charcuteriecheese board with Roberta Pludwinski from Cheesebox ART! \$36 per person

Includes a charcuterie board and the food to create your presentation

Wine and a light dinner will be served with cheesecake made by our Shinshin Maya



# TISHA B'AV

Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av, is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar because of the incredible series of tragedies which occurred on that date throughout Jewish History, including the destruction of both the 1st and 2nd Temples. We mark this occasion with a 25-hour fast, and by reading the book of Eichah (Lamentations). However, Tisha B'Av is not your run-of-the-mill fast day, as it is the only 25-hour fast day in our calendar other than Yom Kippur, and Yom Kippur isn't even a day of mourning. Yom Kippur is a Yom Tov, a day of rejoicing and celebration. We shower, put on fresh clothes and wish each other a "Gut Yom Tov" or "Chag Sameach". Our last meal before Yom Kippur is with our families and we smile and laugh throughout the meal. But on Tisha B'Av there are no such exchanges, no clean clothes, and no showers. Our last meal before the start of Tisha B'Av is eaten alone; just some bread and salt with a symbolic dash of ash on the bread. We have eggs present as a mourner does when he returns from the cemetery. Some Sephardic communities have the men putting the ashes on their foreheads.

## MORE TISHA B'AV OBSERVANCES

- Beginning with the period of the 'Nine Days' (July 19) our mourning intensifies over the destruction of our homeland, therefore certain additional observances have been mandated through time by Jewish Law. Public celebrations are avoided, musicals, concerts, and the like. We also refrain from eating meat and wine during this time, with Shabbat being the exception.
- Tisha B'Av this year begins on Saturday evening, July 17. Following evening services, people sit on the

ground to recite Eichah (The Book of Lamentations by the Prophet Jeremiah) and Kinot (stories from the Jewish history and the Holocaust).

- On Tisha B'Av morning, Tallit and Tefillin are NOT worn, instead we put them on in the afternoon during Mincha and Ma'ariv. This is because we view wearing Tallit and Tefillin as adornments, much the same as if we were wearing expensive clothes or perfumes. Mourners refrain from these things.

- We do NOT wear any type of leather

## TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Wednesday, July 26 | Fast Begins at 8:48 p.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 27 | Fast Ends at 9:27 p.m.

Shacharit: 7:30 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:45 p.m.

shoe (you can wear a leather belt) for the duration of the fast.

- We do not sit on chairs of regular height (much the same as someone who is sitting Shiva) until the midday point of the fast (approximately 1:00 p.m.) and we customarily remove one of our pillows that we sleep on to discomfort us in the slightest of ways.
- Driving and using electricity is permitted, as Tisha B'Av is not a Biblical fast like Yom Kippur

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th - THURSDAY, JULY 27th 2023

### THE NINE DAYS

In our mourning for the destruction of the first and second Holy Temples, we refrain from:

- Eating meat & drinking wine (exception for Shabbat or Mitzvot)
- Buying or sewing new clothing (exception for Shabbat or Mitzvot)
- Swimming or bathing for pleasure
- Seeing movies or live theatre



## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Honour the memory of a dear one, in the most fitting, traditional and dignified manner - with a Memorial Plaque.

Each memorial plaque, bearing the **name and yahrzeit date** of your loved one, is mounted on a bronze plaque and placed in one of these locations:

Menorah Project plaques (outside the Sanctuary, by the Kiddush lobby)

Wall plaques (in the Sanctuary & Chapel)

Seat plaques (in the Sanctuary & Chapel)

Tree of Life plaques (outside the Chapel)

To purchase a memorial plaque, please contact [Roseanne@bethsholom.net](mailto:Roseanne@bethsholom.net)

Starting from \$250\*

\*Tax receipts will be issued for applicable amounts.

## ONE MORE CANDLE

The One More Candle initiative is an opportunity to **adopt the name** of a child murdered during the Holocaust. Many children have no one to say Kaddish for them.

This ensures someone remembers that they lived by saying his or her name out loud every year. Add light to the darkness. Light one more candle.



For more details on how to **adopt the name** of a perished child, visit [www.onemorecandle.org](http://www.onemorecandle.org)

Members are encouraged to attend our daily minyan services, as it builds community by ensuring there is a minyan for those in our Beth Sholom family who need to say Kaddish.

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OUT OF THE COLD

RAFI AARON

The Out of the Cold (OOTC) Meal Program at Saint Luke's United Church (U.C.) opened its doors for indoor meal service on December 13th, 2020 operating on Sunday and Wednesday nights. The Program was created as an emergency response to the pandemic. The Beth Sholom/Beth Tzedec OOTC had been a destination point for those experiencing homelessness during the winter months. During COVID it was not feasible to have people traveling long distances to receive a meal and other services. We therefore created a partnership with Saint Luke's U.C., to form an Out of the Cold in the downtown east where many of our guests reside. The Program was designed to operate twice a week on Sundays and Wednesdays, serving 350 hot meals a week for 5 months for a total of 7,000 meals a season. When it came time to close in April of 2021 we were serving 600 meals a week. We felt that during

this crisis we could not close our doors and sought out additional partners. The Out of the Cold Meal Program at Saint Luke's has grown into one of the largest interfaith initiatives in recent memory. We are proud to spearhead this Program along with Rev. Jim Keenan and his congregation at Saint



An outreach volunteer's vehicle loaded with hot meals and water that will be brought to those sleeping outside.

Luke's U.C. that is now into its 29th consecutive month of operation and has served some 65,000 hot meals.

Along the way we have achieved many firsts for the Out of the Cold Program. We are the only Program to: 1) have provided indoor dining during the height of the pandemic; 2) operate 12 months a year; 3) serve twice a week from the same place of worship; 4) serve by far the largest number of meals to those living in encampments and sleeping rough; and 6) provide meals to overdose prevention sites.

With the easing of health restrictions this was the first season we were permitted to have volunteers in large numbers. We are hoping to increase our volunteer numbers. For volunteer opportunities please email us at: volunteer.ootcsbt@gmail.com

Rafi Aaron • Co-coordinator

KOSHER FOOD BANK

DEBBY POLLIT, MICHAEL DAVIS & MICHELLE BERMAN

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible team of volunteers for their ongoing commitment and enthusiastic support of the Kosher Food Bank. This program could not run without them!



We would also like to thank the Beth

Sholom community, for continuing to support the Kosher Food Bank via directed chesed donations and contributions of non-perishable food items. Thank you!

We would also like to thank First Foundations Jewish Community Preschool for their beautiful and personalized mishloach manot (pictured) which our clients always look forward to receiving on the occasion of Chag Purim. Thank you First Foundations! For Passover we once again procured boxes of matza and matza ball soup mix (also pictured).A special shout out to the J-Serve Toronto team of student volunteers who once again collected non-perishable food items

and decorated reusable bags for food bank clients. Thank you!



This year we anticipate giving out over 2,300 bags of non-perishable items to our food bank clients. Please

keep the Kosher Food Bank in mind as you restock your pantries after Passover. For your convenience our donation bins are located in the Synagogue lobby. Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Debby Pollit, Michael Davis & Michelle Berman •

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WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

To the family of Pearl Freedman<sup>z”l</sup>, beloved wife of Stuart Freedman; devoted mother to **Ian Freedman and Shelly Markel** and Andrea Freedman; adored **Bubby of Michal, Ari and Roni Markel-Freedman**, devoted sister of Sheldon Neuberger, and sister-in-law of Norman and Norma Freedman.

To the family of Ann Millman<sup>z”l</sup>, beloved wife of Norman Millman<sup>z”l</sup>; devoted mother of Cindi<sup>z”l</sup>, Debbie and Irwin, and **Steven and Michelle Millman**; dear sister to Bernie Katz, Pearl Meyers<sup>z”l</sup>, and Rose Goodman; the adored Bubbie of Josh and Cara, Alex and Jess, Andrew and **Marissa Millman, Nikki Millman** and Cody, Emily, Victoria and great-grandmother of Miley, Mia and Ari.

Condolences to the family of Karen Springer<sup>z”l</sup>, beloved wife of **Benjamin Springer**, loving mother and mother-in-law of **Amanda, Laura, Andrew and Isaac**; cherished daughter of Jack and Joanna Perelmutter; loving daughter-in-law of Norman and Janet Springer; amazing sister and sister-in-law of Martin and Farah Perelmutter, Michael and Melissa Springer, Douglas and Carolyn Springer, Heidi Springer and Shannon Thompson.

Condolences to the family of Les Solomon<sup>z”l</sup>, beloved husband of Reeva; loving father and father-in-law of Steven Solomon and Nicole English, and Philip and Candice Solomon, and **Natalie and Jordan Talsky**; proud grandfather of Rebecca, Noah, Danielle, Jay, Zachary and **Faith Talsky**.

To the family of Irving Aaron<sup>z”l</sup>, beloved husband of Ruth Aaron. Predeceased by his dear parents David z”l and Sarah Aaron<sup>z”l</sup>, and siblings Hilda<sup>z”l</sup> and Max Gennis z”l and Jack Aaron z”l. Devoted father and father-in-law to Carol and Gord Sussman, Stanley and Orly Aaron, **Rafi Aaron and Michelle Barclay** and Leslie and Lisa Aaron. Adoring papa to 14 grandchildren: Michael, David and Erin, Joseph, Katie, Akiva, Eli, Noah, Jacob, Talia, Sarah, Jonah, **Natacha** and Yael. Great-papa to 3 precious boys: Max, Myles and Benjamin.

Condolences to the family of **Howard Kirsh<sup>z”l</sup>**, beloved brother of Gerald Kirsh and son of Morris and Rose Kirsh<sup>z”l</sup>.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING  
MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

June 2023

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Terry & Mimi Green  
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July 2023

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Richard Saunders & Raisyl Mandel  
Richard & Karyn Pasternac  
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Ian Shore & Lorynne Schreiber

August 2023

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# BIRTHDAYS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING  
MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

June 2023

Tayla Baum  
Rochelle Blackstien  
Gary Bomza  
Irwin Cooper  
Ruth Frisch  
Eric Grossman  
Norma Hundert  
Ronald Kauder  
Faida Kenigsberg  
Tama Kossman  
Tania Little  
Harold Mandel  
Ken Pearl  
Minnie Pearl  
Molly Rose  
Joan Shapero  
Faith Sherman  
Ricki Shore  
Bryan Tannenbaum  
Kevin Viner

July 2023

Thomas Ali  
Lowell Berger  
Marvin Bernstein  
Amy Brown  
Josh Epstein  
Gayle Greenbaum  
Elizabeth Kaufman  
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Elaine Kuretzky  
Nancy Libfeld  
Lori Ross  
Sandra Singer  
Gloria Ungerman  
Walter Viner

August 2023

Frima Berk  
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Evelyne Michaels Nayman  
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Melvyn Solmon  
Lisa Steinman  
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MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING  
BAR & BAT MITZVAHS

To **Michelle Porepa** and **Moss Weinstock** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Sari Maya**. Excited grandparents are Marline and Joe Porepa and Faigie (Florence) and Joe Weinstock. Proud great grandparents are Paula and Adam Porepa. Fondly remembered at this time are great-grandparents Ruth and Moe Kumecz<sup>l</sup>, Anjah and Abram Weinstock<sup>z</sup>l and Manya and Herschel Wise<sup>z</sup>l.

To **Angelica & Bryan Tanenbaum** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Lily Rebecca**, granddaughter of Judy & Boris Velman and Sarah Tanenbaum. Fondly remembered at this time is Milton Tanenbaum<sup>z</sup>l.

To **Stephen Bloomberg & Robyn Mendelson** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Dylan Sylvie**, granddaughter of Elaine Bloomberg, Irving Bloomberg of blessed memory, Sheila and Jack Roth, and Eddie Mendelson also of blessed memory.

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING  
WEDDINGS

To Elyse Wahle, daughter of **Helene Wahle and Elliott Wahle**<sup>z</sup>l and Branden Miller, son of Maureen & Jeff Miller on their upcoming marriage. Proud siblings are **Melissa & Aaron Komlos**, Beth & Jay Miller and Spencer Miller. Fondly remembered are grandparents Renee & Larry Wahle, Elinor & Edwin Fishman and Dorothy Ross.

# FAMILY NEWS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING  
BIRTHS

To Jordana Skurka & Eli Grimblat on the birth of their daughter Cassie Mila Grimblat. Thrilled first-time grandparents are **Randi & Steven Skurka** and Judy Grimblat. Proud great grandparents are Sam Madonik and Rene Skurka. Lovingly remembered at this time are Gary Grimblat<sup>z</sup>l, Dodie Madonik<sup>z</sup>l and Fred Skurka<sup>z</sup>l.

To Carly Diamond & Sam Holland on the birth of their second baby boy, Louis Maurice Hollend. Thrilled grandparents are **Mark & Shelley Diamond**. Fondly remembered at this time are Ephraim Diamond<sup>z</sup>l, Shirley Diamond<sup>z</sup>l, and namesake Maurice Lever<sup>z</sup>l.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To **Reuben & Carolyn Segelbaum** on winning a year of free Beth Sholom membership in our 2023 Contribution Pool!

# NEW MEMBERS

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

Carol Kassel





Mazel tov to Beth Sholom members **Sol Mathalon** and **Mayeer Pearl** on receiving the 2023 Eglinton-Lawrence Volunteer Service Award from MPP Robin Martin. They were recognized for their volunteer work with Beth Sholom and Associated Hebrew Schools respectively.

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