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Purim's Surprisingly Sober Message

The ancient rabbis famously asked, "What is Hannukah?" and by doing so ignited a many thousand year discussion over what the holy day actually celebrates. You might wonder why they'd even ask such a question but part of that answer is found in the mystery of what is missing from Hannukah. There is no single book that teaches us the story of Hannukah. After all, nearly every Jewish holiday has a religious text connected to it: Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot all from the Torah. The fast day of Tisha B'Av has Eichah (and the writings of the prophet Jeremiah). Admittedly, there is a Book of the Maccabees (actually 3) but none of them are in the canon of the Hebrew bible. There's no shortage of scholarly material on the reasons but the surest explanation is the only surviving copies of the Book of the Maccabees are only in Greek and Jewish tradition was loathe to include a non-Hebrew book into the Jewish bible. Because of this remarkable deficit we still debate the reasons to Hannukah.

But Purim has the Megillah. Jewish law made reading and hearing it the central mitzvah of the holiday. Clearly we know what we celebrate.

That said the better question might be

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how we celebrate. Or think of it this way: if you were to ask 20 people they'd respond with an experiential answer. Answers about costumes, carnivals, religiously sanctioned inebriation. Very few people would mention the Megillah. Ask about Pesach and people say Haggadah! Books on Purim? Not so much.

A deeper look at this would be the experience of a parent who must buy a costume for their child's Purim party.

To be that parent is to open yourself into a fascinating world of not only a child's imagination but also a child's imaginative self. What we dream to see ourselves as. Adults are no different. In the search to find the "right" costume is in many ways the search to find the costume that shows our truer self. Strange? Not really. Most of us wear masks to be other things all the time: work, spouse, family member, parent... we don't often get to be just "me". Hiding behind a mask and



costume paradoxically makes us feel freer to be what we are.

So what is Purim: a holiday of *what* or *how*? A celebration of *books* or *experience*?

This difference is not just a philosophical one but a real world one too. Our Jewish lives are lived between the kinds of polarities we seldom see clearly because we are so accustomed to them, but they exist nonetheless: feeling and knowledge. Texts and emotions. These polarities are so powerful that entire religious movements have been created to save one of them from the other. The Hasidic movement began in the 18th century as a reaction to the dominance of the eastern European Yeshiva hierarchy. The Dead Sea Scrolls were written by a disgusted sect of Jews who abandoned Jerusalem and the governing Sadducees for the desert in the hope of establishing a "better" Judaism of purity and heart.

But in this search there is no end because there is no perfect measure.

However for one day on Purim we hold both. The book and emotion. Experience and text. We do this because Judaism refuses to accept the impossible. For us everything is possible. As Herzl said it, "If you will it, it is no dream."

Chag Purim Sameach!

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich •



ERIC MOSES



Ruach REBOOT

Join the Ruach Singers at Beth Sholom Synagogue
for innovative Shabbat and Yom Tov services

April 1 Shabbat

May 20 Shabbat Mevarchim

April 13 Pesach 8th day/Yizkor

May 27 Shavuot 2nd day / Yizkor

April 29 Shabbat

June 3 Shabbat

May 13 Shabbat

June 17 Shabbat Mevarchim



After a long stretch since Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, I am so happy to report that the Ruach Singers are back. Do you enjoy the sounds of Shabbat with Rabbi Flanzraich and myself? Well...coming to shul to hear the stirring, soulful sounds of the full ensemble -- Rabbi, Cantor, and Ruach Singers, is so much better!

It has been a long journey back to the bimah for our beloved beat boxer extraordinaire, J-M Erlendson. Many have asked about J-M's notable absence from the bimah and our services. As the heart and soul of the group, we are so excited to welcome J-M back to his spiritual home. He has been through a long and winding journey for the past 3 years as he has battled with stage 4 lymphoma. His struggle to survive and thrive as he moves past this dreadful disease serves as a humbling lesson. J-M's infectious spirit and enthusiasm through all of life's challenges is nothing short of inspiring. He has been beat boxing with us on the other side of his computer throughout his

“
Our greatest
resource is
found in each
other as we
draw strength
and renewed
energy
from being
together...”

journey, and now he's returning to Beth Sholom. On a personal note, it is a great honour to share the bimah with him, and also to call him my friend.

Ruach will be back for eight appearances this spring and I sincerely hope you will join us to elevate your shabbat and yom tov. If you are able, disconnect from your computer to experience live davning with your community followed by a kiddush lunch. I don't think there is any question as to what is more enriching.

For many months I resisted returning to my other home away from home – Mayfair Fitness Club. I thought that I could stay in my basement forever and workout with all of my fancy new “covid” gym equipment. As I recently resumed my exercise and tennis routine at Mayfair, I realized how much I had been missing – my workout friends, the camaraderie, and the encouragement which is an integral part of every communal experience.

Music is the common thread that unites us throughout the prayer experience. It elevates our soul and serves as a hiddur mitzvah, a beautification of the commandment to praise Hashem. Our greatest resource is found in each other as we draw strength and renewed energy from being together.

As we welcome our amazing Ruach Singers back on **April 1**, please be a part of the Ruach reboot. The Ruach Singers will be officiating at shabbat and holiday services on the dates listed above. We all look forward to greeting you personally at kiddush following services.

Chag Sameach

Cantor Eric Moses •



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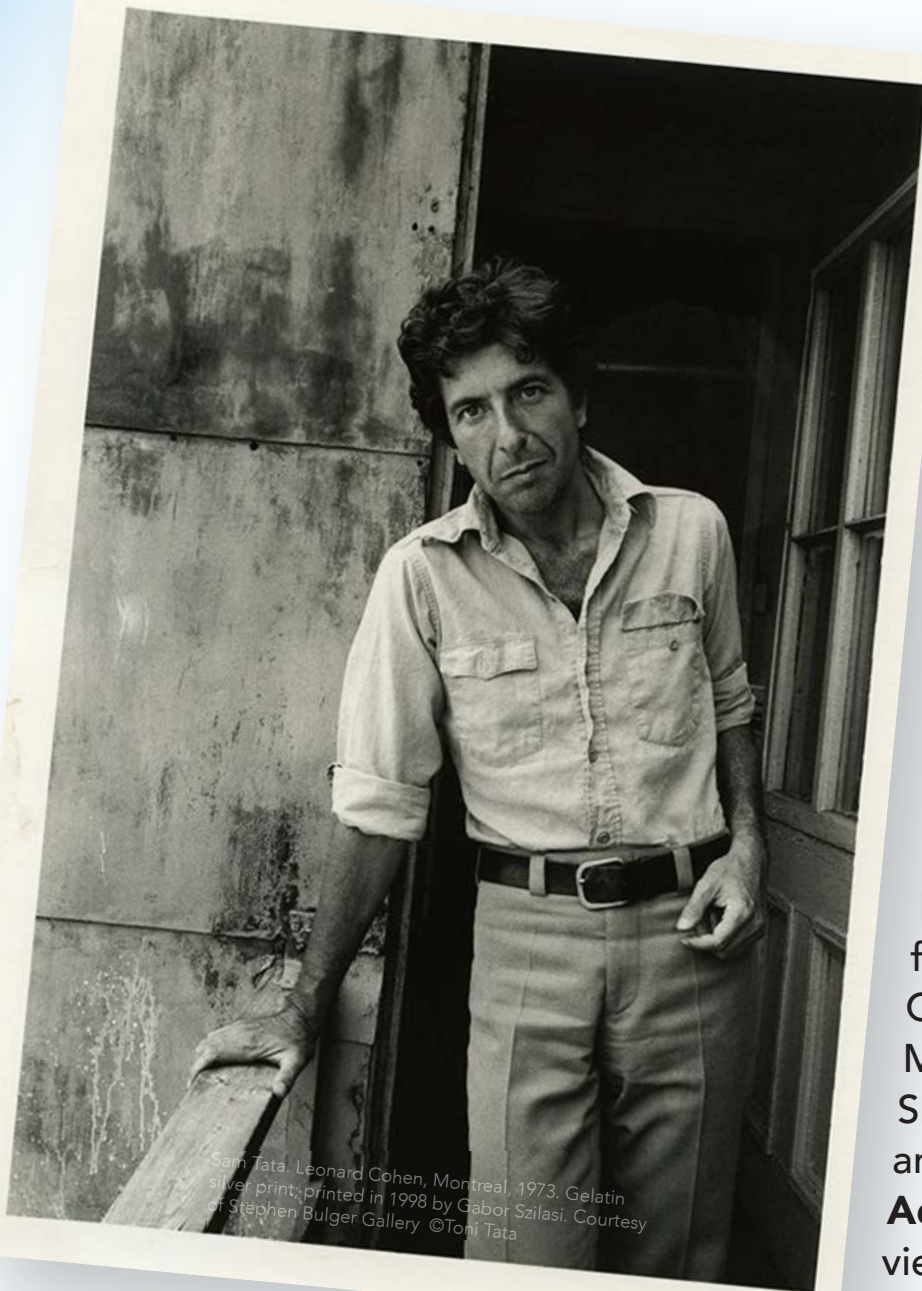
*University of Maryland
Jewish A Cappella Group*

March 22 at 8 pm. \$10

** Free for students**

Singing a combination of
Jewish traditional songs,
Israeli & American pop





Sam Tata. Leonard Cohen, Montreal, 1973. Gelatin silver print; printed in 1998 by Gabor Szilasi. Courtesy of Stephen Bulger Gallery ©Toni Tata

**Wednesday
March 29
7:00 pm, \$36**

**Join us for this
special program at
the Art Gallery Of
Ontario (Jackman Hall)
317 Dundas St West, Toronto.**

Enjoy a panel discussion featuring:
former manager Robert Kory,
Cantor Gideon Zelermyer of
Montreal's Congregation
Shaar Hashomayim,
and **The Right Honourable
Adrienne Clarkson**, followed by a
viewing of the new exhibit

**Leonard Cohen:
"Everybody Knows."**

Experience a rare look into the life of a
Canadian icon through his
personal writings, instruments,
art and more.



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generously sponsored by
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פורים PURIM



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Monday, March 6

- at 4:30 pm in the Kiddush Lobby for a young families Purim Party (with bubble performance!)
- at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a Family (Partial) Megillah Reading with Parnas Jeff Green
- at 6:00 pm in the Chapel for Mincha, followed by the traditional (Full) Megillah Reading with Parnas Jeff Green
- at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary for Purim Encanto. Food served at 6:45 pm.

Tuesday, March 7

- at 7:30 am in the Sanctuary for a traditional (Full) Megillah reading

Got Shabbat

Purim Fiesta

Saturday March 4th, 1PM

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MONDAY MARCH 6, 6PM**

PURIM ENCANTO

Following our 5:30 pm Interactive Family Megillah Reading, join us for an appearance by Mirabel, dance party, churro bar, photo booth, & live animals!

Dinner served at 6:45 pm.

**\$20 PER FAMILY. ALL ARE WELCOME.
*FREE FOR 2 AND UNDER**



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Shema Yisrael

DON'T FORGET TO
STOP EATING CHAMETZ ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 AT 10:50 AM

PESACH

This year, Pesach begins on **Wednesday night, April 5, 2023**
and continues until **Thursday, April 13, 2023**

Pesach for our Pet Friends

To help pets celebrate Passover, several companies sell Passover friendly dog/cat food that contains no chametz (those disallowed grains). Corn is allowed during Passover, but it's not great for your dog/cat, so some companies now share healthy, Passover-approved lists for observant pet-owners.



Saturday, April 2
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **ON ZOOM**
Join us for a mock seder with
everything made of chocolate!



**FUN FOR
THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

The shopping list will be provided
when you register for the program

PESACH CAMP

Tuesday April 11 - Friday April 14

Day-School parents!

Celebrate Pesach at
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affordable supplementary
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FEATURING...

**Field trip to Ripley's Aquarium,
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Pack a Kosher for Passover Lunch.

Ages 4-10

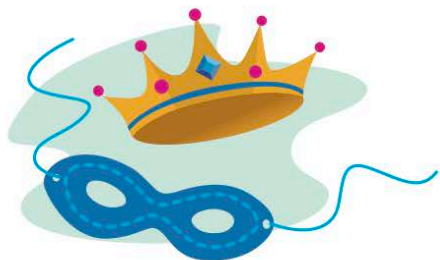
\$240 for 4 days

limited spots available!

Register at www.bethsholom.net/PesachCamp
For any questions ask Alexa at Alexa@bethsholom.net or 647. 873 . 1238

Purim “Mad-Lib”

One player acts as the “reader” and asks the other players, who haven’t seen the story, to fill in the blanks with adjectives, nouns, exclamations, colors, adjectives, and more. These words are inserted into the blanks and then the story is read aloud to hilarious results. There are no winners or losers, only laughter.



The Absolute ADJECTIVE Purim Costume

Every year our school holds a huge Purim carnival with a _____ costume contest.
ADJECTIVE

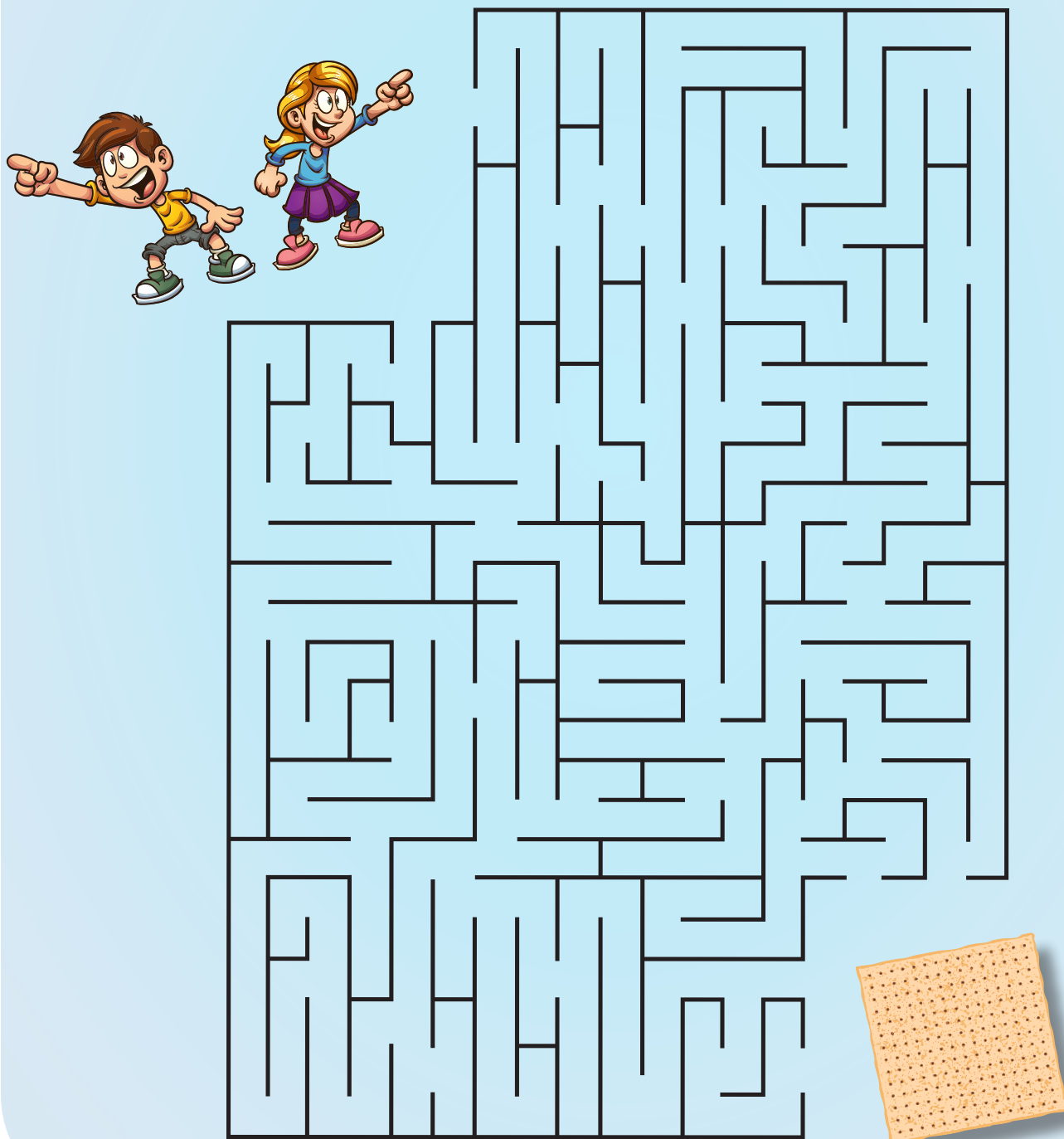
There are tons of prizes. People win _____ gift certificates, and
PLURAL NOUN ADJECTIVE
even season tickets to the _____ team games.
CITY ANIMAL SPORT

For the last _____ years, I’ve been second place or first runner up. This year though, I’m
NUMBER
going to win the grand prize: _____ dollars and unlimited _____
NUMBER FOOD ITEM
from _____’s _____! That prize basically has
LAST NAME TYPE OF BUSINESS EXCLAMATION
my name on it.

This year, I’m dressing up as _____, I’m going to wear _____
CELEBRITY NAME COLOR
_____, dye my _____, and add _____
TYPE OF CLOTHING BODY PART COLOR NUMBER
rhinestones and _____. To top it all off, I’m going to carry around a _____
SMALL ITEM, PLURAL NOUN
and my two best friends are going to follow me shouting, “_____” My _____
NONSENSE WORD RELATIVE
thinks it’s the most _____ idea ever.
ADJECTIVE

My costume is going to be so _____ and _____ that no one will be able
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE
to take their eyes off of it. In fact, I bet everyone who sees it will say: “_____!”
EXPRESSION

Help Find The Afikoman !



TIME FOR "JEWISH" SPRING CLEANING!

This year, Passover begins on the evening of Wednesday, April 5th. In preparation for the holiday, your house and any other establishments you own or rent (including cars and boats), that will be entered into or used during the holiday, must be completely free of any forbidden Passover items, like chametz. Other properties you rent or own, if they are not going to be used during the holiday, must be locked up and included in your Sale of Chametz. You cannot own any Chametz during Passover.

A form can be submitted online to sell your chametz. This form must be submitted before 9:00 am on Monday, April 3, 2023.

We hope that the following guide is helpful as you prepare for Passover.

If you have any questions regarding Passover, not answered here, please contact the synagogue office at info@bethsholom.net or 416.783.6103.

חמץ - Chametz

Chametz is simply defined as any food that's made of grain (rye, wheat, barley, oats or spelt) and water that have been allowed to ferment and "rise."

קיטניות - Kitniyot

In addition to chametz, Ashkenazic Jews should not eat foods in this category. This includes rice, legumes, corn, beans, peas and peanuts.

✔ WHAT IS PERMITTED?

Although it may seem like all the delicious foods are forbidden, foodies can still enjoy many treats. For example, any unopened packages of: pure natural coffee, pure granulated sugar, pure tea (not including herbal teas), non-iodized salt, black pepper, fresh vegetables (except peas or beans) can still be eaten on Passover. Frozen fruits are acceptable as long as other ingredients were not added.

You can enjoy the following items, as long as it has been certified "Kosher for Passover" by a competent Rabbinical authority: matzah, matzah meal, matzah farfel, cake meal, Passover noodles, candies, cakes and cookies, beverages (including fruit juices), canned and processed foods, milk, butter, cheese, margarine, jams, jellies, vinegar, wines, liquors, liqueurs, gelatin, relishes, salad and cooking oil, shortening and dried and canned fruits.

Kosher for Passover labels must have a reliable heksher or rabbinical signature. This also applies to products produced in Israel. Laundry detergents and aluminum foil certified kosher require no special Pesach heksher.



✗ WHAT IS FORBIDDEN?

No Chametz whatsoever is allowed during Passover, starting from 10:30 am on March 27 and ending on the evening of April 4. Chametz is simply defined as any food that's made of grain (rye, wheat, barley, oats or spelt) and water that have been allowed to ferment and "rise." One may not eat anything that is or may have come into contact with Chametz during the holiday of Passover, not even a crumb! Bread, cereal, cake, cookies, even beer are all examples of Chametz, but you should pay close attention for any food that contains grain or grain derivatives as some food may have come into contact with Chametz.

Any utensils (pots, pans and the like) that came into contact with Chametz cannot be used unless they are properly Koshered. Please see below for how to Kasher your utensils.

Ashkenazic Jews are also forbidden to eat foods in the category of "Kitniyot". These include rice, maize, millet, legumes, corn, beans, peas and peanuts. Sephardic Jews are not prohibited from "Kitniyot" and may eat these foods during Passover.

Forbidden foods also include vinegar, any alcohol or beverage that contains or came into contact with chametz, rice, cereals, coffee containing cereals, biscuits, cakes etc.

KASHERING UTENSILS

Generally, for Passover, most households have a separate set of all kitchen utensils set aside exclusively for Passover. However, contrary to popular belief, you can use your everyday utensils and dishes as long as they are made Kosher for Passover. Check it out below and see how you can Kasher your kitchen for Passover!

SILVERWARE & FLATWARE: If you would like to use your silverware on Passover, it must be made

entirely of metal and must be Kashed by scrubbing thoroughly and leaving unused for 24 hours. Lastly rinse the silverware with boiling water and you're ready to go.

GLASSWARE: If you'd like to use your glassware during Passover, you can Kasher it by washing it thoroughly, leaving unused for 24 hours, and then soaking in water for 72 hours, keep changing the water each 24 hour.

POTS & PANS: Any of your everyday metal pots and pans used for cooking only (not baking), can be Kashed by thoroughly scrubbing them and leaving them unused in boiling water for 24 hours. Your everyday baking utensils such as stoneware, ceramics, enamelware, bone china, porcelain and plastic cannot be Kashed for Passover.

CLEANING THE KITCHEN

STOVE: As this is the heart of the kitchen, the stove must be taken apart and thoroughly scrubbed. Bibs under each burner should be thoroughly cleaned as well. Once done, leave each burner on its highest heat for about 15-20 minutes. Gas stoves should be left on high for about one hour.

OVEN: Self-cleaning ovens may go through their programmed cleaning cycle as it is sufficiently hot enough to Kasher the metal parts, including your oven racks. If your oven does not have a self-cleaning option, you may Kasher your oven by first cleaning all parts very thoroughly and either bringing a flame of a propane torch into contact with all metal surfaces or you may turn your oven on to the highest possible

temperature for one hour. The broiler can only be koshered with a torch. Covering your oven racks is recommended.

MICROWAVE: This one's pretty easy. Clean your microwave thoroughly (underneath the revolving glass plate too...). Once done, place a glass bowl of water inside the microwave. Turn the microwave on to full power and leave on until water vapors cover the inside surfaces.

SINK: Unfortunately, non-metal sinks cannot be koshered. You may use new plastic tubs for dairy and meat respectively. If you do have a metal sink, you can kasher it by cleaning it thoroughly and pouring boiling

water on the entire surface. Your counters should be thoroughly cleaned and covered.

REFRIGERATOR: Remove all shelves, drawers, and food not allowed on Passover, and clean very thoroughly. Same goes for the freezer (and that fridge in the basement!) Don't forget to clean behind the fridge and dust those coils.

FOOD PROCESSORS: You may use your food processor as long as it is thoroughly cleaned (including the motor) and the plastic bowl unit is replaced.

PLEASE NOTE...

If your child requires specific non-pesach foods (such as formula) and there are no other kosher for passover substitutes, your child may eat the items with kitniyot (such as soy bean derivatives, see above for more information about kitniyot). Pet foods are not permitted. Please consult Rabbi Flanzraich and your doctor regarding medications. Those with kitniyot are permissible. When Kosher for Passover substitutes are available, they should be used.

PESACH OBSERVANCES

PESACH 5783/2023 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday, April 5 · Erev Pesach (1st Seder)

Fast of the first born begins	5:22 am
Shacharit	7:30 am
Siyum	8:15 am
No chametz may be eaten after	10:50 am
Chametz must be burned before	10:54 am
No Mincha services	
Candle lighting	7:32 pm
Fast of the first born ends	8:33 pm

Thursday, April 6 · Pesach 1st Day (2nd Seder)

Shacharit	9:30 am
No Mincha services	
Candle lighting	8:34 pm

Friday, April 7 · Pesach 2nd Day, 1st Day of the Omer

Shacharit	9:30 am
Ma'ariv	6:00 pm
Candle lighting	7:34 pm

Saturday, April 8 · Pesach 3rd Day · Chol Hamoed Pesach

Shacharit	9:30 am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	7:40 pm
Havdallah	8:37 pm

Sunday, April 9 · Chol Hamoed Pesach

Shacharit	8:30 am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	6:00 pm

Monday April 10 - Tuesday, April 11 · Chol Hamoed Pesach

Shacharit	9:30 am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	6:00 pm
Candle lighting (Tuesday Only)	7:39 pm

Wednesday, April 12 · Pesach 7th day

Shacharit	9:30 am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	7:40 pm
Candle lighting	8:42 pm

Thursday, April 13 · Pesach 8th day · Yizkor

Shacharit	9:30 am
Yizkor at approximately	10:30 am
Mincha / Ma'ariv	7:40 pm
Havdallah / Yom Tov ends	8:43 pm

SALE OF CHAMETZ PESACH 5783/2023

To sell your Chametz, please visit
www.bethsholom.net/Chametz

There are four ways we fulfill the Biblical mitzvah of ridding ourselves of chametz before Passover. We clean our homes. We burn any remaining crumbs. We verbally declare that any chametz in our possession is worthless and no longer owned by us. To ensure that there is no question about our intent to remove chametz from our possession, we sell our chametz to non-Jews who may own leavened products on Passover. Canned goods and liquor and other foods too valuable to throw out, may be sold in this way.

You have to do the cleaning, burning and nullification yourselves. We can assist you in the sale of chametz. If you are unable to personally arrange to sell your chametz, please visit bethsholom.net/chametz to fill out the Chametz Sale form no later than Tuesday, April 4 at 12:00 p.m.


YOM HASHOAH

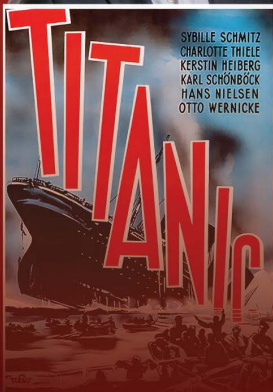

This year **Yom HaShoah** (יום השואה), will be commemorated on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**.

Yom HaShoah (יום השואה), also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, was established by the Government of Israel to be observed yearly on the 27th of Nisan to commemorate the Holocaust and its victims.



Light your memorial candle on **Tuesday evening, April 18**, at sundown, 7:50 pm.

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**The Most
Fascinating
WWII Story
Never Told:
THE NAZI TITANIC**
with Dr. Robert Watson
.....
**April 16th at 7:30pm
LIVE on ZOOM**
**JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL
TO WATCH ALONG LIVE
WITH COFFEE &
REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

**SPECIAL PROGRAM
IN COMMEMORATION
OF YOM HASHOAH**

ISRAEL'S MEMORIAL DAY

YOM HAZIKARON

This year **Yom HaZikaron** (יום הזכרון), will be commemorated on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**.

Yom HaZikaron is Israel's Official Memorial Day for her fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

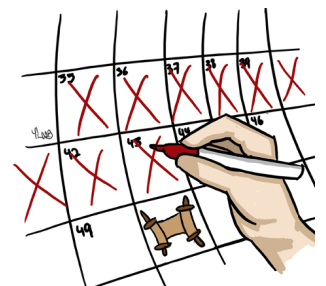
Falling either in late April or early May every year, Yom HaZikaron is an especially solemn time and marked by ceremonies and moments of silence across the country.

COUNTING OF THE OMER

LAG BA'OMER

Lag Ba'Omer begins (לג בעומר) in the evening of **Monday, May 8** until evening **Tuesday, May 9**.

Sefirat Ha'Omer (ספירת העומר) or, the counting of the Omer, counts seven weeks (49 days) commencing on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 6 (7th of Nisan) and culminating on Shavuot, the evening of Thursday, May 25 (5th of Sivan). This marks the countdown that joins Passover with Shavuot. The blessing for the countdown can be found in your Haggadah.



YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Happy 75th Birthday Israel!

Yom Ha'atzmaut (יום העצמאות), otherwise known as Israeli Independence Day, is Israel's birthday! David Ben-Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, publicly read the Declaration of Independence of Israel on May 14, 1948.

That date is translated to 5 Iyar 5708.

Therefore, we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut on the 5th of Iyar (unless it's Shabbat) every year!

This year we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut on Wednesday April 26, 2023.



WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH \$5
6:30PM - 8:00PM

Yom HaAtzmaut
Israeli Shuk &

DANCE PARTY

• FALAFEL DINNER
• GAMES • ACTIVITIES
• SO MUCH FUN! *AGES 8-13



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SHOLOMKIDS



2023 is off to a great start for SholomKids!

Don't miss these fun upcoming programs:

LAG B'OMER SHOLOM LEARNING

FIELD TRIP TO THE bubble

OPEN TO GRADE 2+ ONLY

OPEN TO ALL SHOLOM LEARNING STUDENTS
AND BETH SHOLOM MEMBERS

DROP OFF AT BETH SHOLOM
PICK UP FROM THE BUBBLE, 65 ORFUS ROAD UNIT A

COST IS \$20 PER PARTICIPANT: DINNER IS INCLUDED

TUESDAY, MAY 9TH 6:30 - 8:30 PM



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Join us Friday & Saturday
May 26 - 27 for a

Junior Minyan ICE CREAM WORKSHOP!

LEARN TO MAKE ICE CREAM FROM SCRATCH
WHILE CELEBRATING SHAVUOT WITH YOUR
BETH SHOLOM FAMILY!
ALSO: TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY
GOODBYE TO OUR SHINSHINIT, MAYA.

NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL AGES. FREE OF COST.



Most Wonderful Beth Sholom

Dear Clergy, Staff and Congregation,

I am writing you today to let you know that you are One More Candle's exemplary synagogue. What do I mean?

Well, quite simply you are our Gold Standard of synagogue participation with One More Candle! Your continual support of our organization and the frequent new adoption requests we receive almost weekly, thrill us, and is shared with new synagogues I contact, and those which are already a part of OMC.

Beth Sholom did not hesitate when presented with One More Candle 6 years ago. We had just started the honour of working toward having children murdered in the Shoah, remembered.

We chose the children only, because they were the embodiment of the hopes, prayers and lives that came before them. In essence, they are our 6,000,000 lost.

It should be easy for a synagogue to include OMC into their yahrzeit list said at minyans. My husband Todd does all the spreadsheets with a year of names of our children of memory and is lightning quick to respond to any query or adoption request.

And where we are a registered charity, we don't solicit funds. Instead, we encourage members to donate to the Yahrzeit Fund at their shul, stating the name of the OMC child that is being remembered.

Of course we appreciate all donations, but we seem to have a great "deal" set up! We do the blessed work, and HaShem makes sure our financial needs get covered!! So far, it's been a good partnership!

Every time we run into a hesitant synagogue, we are buoyed by explaining how incredible Beth Sholom is, and we share that joy with others. In a very real sense, you have helped other synagogues participate.

We look forward to attending Shabbat services and sharing in the warmth of your congregation when we are next in Toronto.

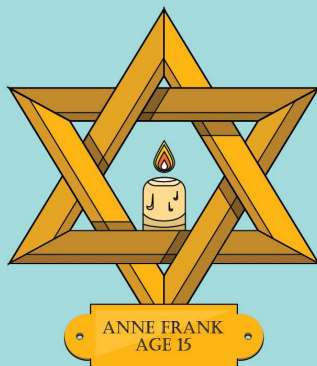
A most sincere thank you Beth Sholom. Your support means a great deal to Todd and I.

*Best Regards,
Jacqueline Seipp,*

Founder and Executive Director One More Candle, Inc

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**

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.

Three Evenings of Great Jewish Ideas

JAMES KUGEL
Monday, May 15, 7–8 pm



MICAH GOODMAN

PART 1: Tuesday, May 23, 7–8 pm

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Join Rabbi Flanzraich *in person* as we
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continue to change the Jewish world



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KOSHER FOOD BANK

We want to take this opportunity to thank the Forest Hill Lion's Club who, in recognition of the current food crisis in Toronto, made a generous donation to the Beth Sholom Kosher Food Bank. Their gift will allow us to provide food to every food bank client on a first of the month visit: this means their donation will cover not only the cost of a weekly bag of staple items, but also the additional cost of a monthly bag of higher value food items.

A donation to the Kosher Food Bank of \$1100 covers the cost of client bags for one week; a donation of \$1300 covers the cost of client bags on the first of the month. A donation of \$2400 covers the cost of both the weekly and monthly bags on the first of the month. These sums are approximate as our weekly food bank attendance numbers fluctuate from week to week as does the cost of food. The Synagogue provides tax receipts for all donations to the food bank. Interested in the cost per bag? Typically, our weekly bags cost \$16 each, and our monthly bags cost \$18.50 each.


For the upcoming holiday of Passover, we will once again be providing clients with boxes of matzo and matzo ball soup mix. The food bank is closed during the Passover holiday, but we do distribute additional items in advance in order to try and alleviate the strain felt during this time.

We are still accepting gently used hats, gloves/mittens and new socks which so many of our clients do need in the winter months. You can drop these items off, along with your non-perishable food items, in our donation bin located in the Synagogue lobby.

At this time we also want to thank our amazing volunteers, many but not all pictured here. Thanks to this team the food bank continues to run smoothly and provide support to the community through Tikkun Olam.




HOW YOU CAN HELP!





MONETARY DONATIONS
 Monetary donations allow us to continue providing the staple items weekly to our community. Donations can be made online at www.bethsholom.net or by contacting the synagogue office.



KOSHER NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
 Our Food Bank is always in need of Kosher non-perishable food items. Most needed items are: tuna, canned veggies and fruit, tomato sauce, dry pasta, macaroni and cheese, cereal and soup mix.



CENTERPEICE DONATIONS
 Add an element of chesed to your next simcha. Consider creating a centerpiece filled with items that can be donated to the Kosher Food Bank!



GUEST GIFT DONATIONS
 In lieu of gifts towards your simcha, let your guests know they can make donations to the Kosher Food Bank in your honour.

TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Donate at www.bethsholom.net or contact the synagogue office for more details.

Chag Pesach Sameach!

**Deborah Pollit, Michael Davis &
 Michelle Berman •
 Food Bank Committee**

CENTERPIECE

ANNIVERSARIES

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING
MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

March 2023

Stephanie & Andre Nacawa
Arnold & Tyrral Prashker
Stephen Gorlick & Sharon Ungerman-Gorlick
David & Risa Ezer
David Hausman & Vivian Glenns

May 2023

Ruvan & Danielle Waltman
Ronald & Diane Blitstein
Gary Charendoff & Lisa Sniderman
Richard & Gail Cooper
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Mitchell & Amy Brown



BIRTHDAYS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING
MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

* = 90TH BIRTHDAY OR OVER!

March 2023

Marni Banack
Michelle Berman
Roberta Dubiner
Heather Elfassy
David Ezer
Alysse Fogel
Esther Glanc*
Deanna Glube
Cheryl Goldman
Janice Katz Moyal
Arnold Landis*
Joseph Pernica
Rhonda Rapoport
Mitchell Sherman
Jay Singer
Lil Stork*
Marc Wasserman



April 2023

Cindy Alber
Nancy Ameis
Gerald Bloom
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Reesa Diamond
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Betty Goldkind
Terry Green
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Evelyn Smith*
Cecile Deborah Silverberg
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May 2023

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Jerry Birenbaum
Jordan Covens
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NEW MEMBERS

WE ARE PLEASED TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO
OUR SIX NEW MEMBERS INCLUDING:

Phyllis Keller
Mark Steinman & Mariel Heller
Paul Wise & Elli Davis

FAMILY NEWS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BAR & BAT MITZVAHS

To **Alan Kenigsberg** and **Shawna Sklar** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Skylar Leora**, granddaughter of William and Marilyn Sklar and **Robert Kenigsberg** and the late **Helene Kenigsberg z"l**. Fondly remembered at this time are Charles z"l and Bertha Sklar z"l, Lil z"l and Carl Levine z"l, Blema z"l and Abe Miller z"l, and Sam z"l and Rita Kenigsberg z"l.

To **David & Dinah Laredo** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Brody Lucas Laredo**, grandson of Arlene Bomal and Terry Naken; brother to Jonah and Charlie Laredo. Fondly remembered at this time are Carol Naken z"l and Nissim Laredo z"l.

To **Aaron & Suzanne Mocon** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ethan; Proud grandparents **Charles & Mina Schwartz** and Esther Mocon; delighted great-grandmother Simmie Beker. Fondly remembered at this time are Michael Mocon z"l, Otto z"l & Suzanne Schwartz z"l,, Abe Beker z"l, and Selma z"l & Sam Gelbfarb z"l.

To **Sammy & Jessica Redlick** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Reese Halle**, granddaughter of **Henry & Barbara Bank** and Reuben & Beverly Redlick.

To **Sky & Raphael Schapiro** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Sophie Evelyn**, granddaughter of Alan & Marion Schapiro of Vancouver, Keith Hildahl and Ellen Gordon of Winnipeg, and Caroline Johndahl of Montreal.

To **Daniel & Karyn Shapira** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Elizabeth Madelyn**, granddaughter of **David & Wendy Shapira** and David Arter and Barbara Westover. Fondly remembered at this time are Morris "Puddy" z"l and Myrna Finer z"l and Morris z"l & Eva Shapira z"l.

To **Jay & Rebecca Singer** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Ava Belle**, granddaughter of Herb & Rhoda Singer and David & Naomi Goltzman. Fondly remembered at this time are Henech z"l and Frida Singer z"l, Louis z"l & Rose Morgenstern z"l, Jack z"l & Lily Goltzman z"l and Herbert z"l & Molly Lyon z"l.

To **Lillian Sversky & Steven Little** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Marly Grace**, granddaughter of **Marty & Barbara Sversky** and Bernie & Bev Little; Proud siblings **Matthew** and **Zac**.

To **Natalie & Jordan Talsky** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Faith Zahava, granddaughter of Les & Reeva Solomon and **Marvin & Shirley Talsky**.

To **Ilana Zeidel & David Holland** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Evan Max**, grandson of Diane and Ron Ennis, Anita & Peter Holland and **Jerry Zeidel**. Fondly remembered at this time are Abraham z"l & Shaindel Zeidel z"l, Max z"l & Gusta Gerlitz z"l, Paul z"l & Ruth Holland z"l, and Edythe Blackstien z"l.

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BIRTHS

To **Faryn Berger & Aviel Koganov** on the birth of their baby daughter. Excited big sister Orli; thrilled grandparents **Lowell & Brenda Berger** and Lev Arie & Gali Koganov. Fondly remembered are Bernie & Anna Newton z"l, Len & Goldie Berger z"l, Avram & Lea Koganov z"l, and Raphael & Hannah Yalov z"l.

To Dr. Michael & Perri Chaikof on the birth of their daughter Hallie Zeev Chaikof; Thrilled Grandparents Randy & Vivienne Maxwell, and David & Ellen Chaikof; Joyful Great grandparents Seymour Aronoff, Leo & Bayla Chaikof, and **Eleanor Maxwell**; In blessed memory Hyla Aronoff z"l

To Amy & Eric Crystal on the birth of their daughter Brooke Sammy Crystal; grandparents **Linda and Ephram Chaplick**, Lynn Posluns and Ken Crystal; great-grandparents Miriam Shanoff, Shirley Crystal and Joyce Posluns; fondly remembered at this time are Dr. Henry Shanoff z"l, Harry and Alma Chaplick z"l, Sam Crystal z"l, and Wilfred Posluns z"l.

To **Michael & Debby Davis** on becoming first time grandparents on the birth of their grandson Lev David Zimmerman; Proud parents are Sam & Rachel Zimmerman; excited first-time grandparents Larry & Jackie Zimmerman; first-time great-grandparents Gordon & Joyce Strauss; Lovingly remembered at this time are **Milton z"l & Dorothy Davis z"l**, Henry z"l & Fay Pollit z"l, and Herman z"l & Libby Zimmerman z"l.

To Marisa & Shane Edson on the birth of their son Jax Miller Edson, on December 6th 2022; Grandparents **Cheryle Rosenberg, Howard Rosenberg**, Cathy Edson-Frauts & Tim Frauts; Great Grandparents **Marjorie Frimeth**, Ralph Edson, Dorothy & Roy Mingay .

To Harris & Trisha Maxwell on the birth of their son Ira Alfonso Maxwell; Brother Oren Maxwell; Thrilled Grandparents Randy & Vivienne Maxwell, and Aza & Gary Nakagawa; Joyful Great Grandmother **Eleanor Maxwell**, Stella Leff, and Ellen Sy; Uncle Matthew Maxwell; Fondly remembered Zaidy Martin Maxwell z"l & Big Daddy Murray Leff z"l.

To Lauren & Harrison Sversky on the naming of their daughter Dale Addison Sversky (Blima Rachel); excited grandparents Ephry and Denise Mudryk, Evan Sversky and Lisa Drago, and Faithe Sversky and Joel Guberman; proud great-grandparents **Barbara and Marty Sversky**, Michael and Shirley Rabinowitz, and Ann and Jack Mudryk.



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WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

To the family of Mira Adler z"l; beloved sister and sister-in-law of **David & Maralyne Wolinsky**; aunt of **Andrew Wolinsky**.

To the family of David Alloul z"l, beloved husband of the late Raymonde Alloul z"l; Loving and adored father and father-in-law of Francine and Michael Goldrich, Joelle and Seymour Stein, and Yitzchak and Batsheva Alloul; Brother and brother-in-law of **Joseph and Jacqueline Alloul**; Cherished grandfather and great grandfather of 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; Lana & Yechiel Bobrowsky, Yaakov and Tamara Goldrich, Kayla and Josh Bernick, Shimon Goldrich, Marli and David Esterkin, Jacob Stein and Claudia, Shoshana Stein, Serena Alloul and Elisa Alloul.; Naomi, Ari, Max, Noah, Aiden, Jack, Sadie, Henry, Aaron and Kobe.

To the family of **Zelda Crocker z"l**; beloved wife of the late **William Crocker z"l**; loving mother and mother-in-law to the late David Crocker z"l and Marilyn Crocker, **Arna and Larry Banack**, and Sima and Niall Bracken; beloved Bubbie of Benjamin and Nicole, Adam and Mara, Hailey and Matt, Mara and Bevan, Zoe, Liam and Jacq, and Kieran; joyful great-Bubbie to Cole, Olivia, Jack, Dylan, Henry, Davie, Brody and Noah.

To the family of Shirley Diamond z"l, beloved wife of Eph z"l, loving mother and mother-in-law of Michael and Janette, Stephen and Karen, Carey and Tina, and **Mark and Shelley Diamond**. Devoted grandma of Jesse z"l, Cole and Shelby, Ari and Carly, Madison and David, Lauren and Mikey, James and Jessie, Ty and Allie, Shayn and Katie, Sunny and Sean, Rory and Jaclyn, **Carly Diamond and Sam Holland, Jenni Diamond and Laura Diamond**. Beloved grandmama to Aidan, Jude, Hart, Wes, Billie, Max, Ollie, Dylan, Sophie, Emma, Austin, Brooks, Spencer, Edie, Joey and Ezra (NM).

To the family of **Mendel Green z"l**; Beloved husband of 63 years of **Helen Green**; Son of the late Ida and Albert Green z"l; Father and father-in-law of **Stephen and Arla Green, Evan and Esther Green, and Shoshana and Michael Moskowitz**; Dear brother and brother-in-law to Rochelle Green, and Beryl and the late David Ben Reuven z"l; He was a devoted grandfather to **Spencer, Josh, Tyler, Charli and Myles**; **Benjamin, Jacob, Alexander and Jonathan**; **Hannah and Edward**.

To the family of **Dovena Hart**; the wife of the late Myer z"l; Daughter of the late Sarah z"l and the late Lazar Glickman z"l; Beloved mother and mother-in-law of Corinne Hart, **Clifford and Donna Hart**; Loving Bubbie of Eli and fiancée Pam, Mira, and Simon Zeldin; **Riley and Logan Hart**; Dear sister and sister-in-law of Elinor z"l and the late Louis Solomon z"l, Barbara and the late Morty Glickman z"l, and the late Sonny Glickman z"l; Special aunt to her nieces and nephews, and their families.

To the family of William Halman z"l, son of the late Tobias & Gitel Halman, and son-in-law of the late Joseph and Yetta Hamer. He will be forever cherished by Roz, his adoring wife of 64 years, and children - Jeff & Lisa, Mark & Jeff, Faith & Brad, and Stephen & Elizabeth. Zaidy Bill's memory will be lovingly honoured by his grandchildren - Quinn, Hanna, Emily, Toby and Joey. He is loved and missed by his sister **Rose Abbott**, sister-in-law Renee and husband Joseph Tarantino. Loving brother-in-law of the late **Milton Abbott z"l** and the late Dr. Harold Hamer.

To the family of **Kurt Herzstein z"l**, wife **Shirley**; children Paul Herzstein and Hedy Matyas, and David Herzstein and Lisa Morrow; grandchildren Shira and Boris, Talia and Isaac, Aliza and Josh, Jordan, and Erin; and great-grandson Eyal.

To the family of Joseph Kappy z"l; Beloved wife of fifty-three years Ferne; his sons and daughters-in-law **Jonathon and Danielle Kappy**, Andrew and Bonnie Kappy; his sister Paula and Gary, Vader; and his absolute pride, his grandchildren **Lily and Jamie**, Maya, Abby and Benji.

To the family of Eleanor Klaiman z"l, beloved wife of the late Saul Klaiman z"l; loving mother and mother-in-law of **Mark and Carol Klaiman** and Barbara Klaiman-Midanik; grandmother of Ian (Michelle), Jordan (Amanda), Shannon (Oded), Shaun and Abbey; great-grandmother of Bella, Olivia, Elliot, Dalia, Noa, Arielle and Vera.

To the family of Barney Krause z"l, beloved husband of Shernya Vininsky; dear brother of **Arthur (Bella)** and Elyn Krause, and brother-in-law to Barry Vininsky; proud uncle to Mitchell Vininsky (Lori), Rochelle Demsky (Jeff), Pamela Segal (Craig), Alex Krause (Farrell), and Sandra Krause; great uncle to Quinn, Myles, Cade, Jonah, Ayala, Jordan and Ashleigh.

To the family of Penny Krowitz z"l; Beloved wife of Barry Krowitz; Beloved mother and mother-in-law of the late Charles Krowitz z"l and **Nicole Krowitz/Abbott** and the late Allen Abbott z"l, Marlene and Paul Beard, David Krowitz and Liliana Segreto; Special sister/mother to Debbie Krowitz; Dear sister and sister-in-law to Alan and Francine Shefman and Frank and Vicki Shefman; Adoring aunt to Corey, Howard, Josh and Zachary Shefman; Bubbie to **Adam Krowitz, Maddison Abbott**, Ethan, Carly and Jordan Beard, Stefanie, Michael and Alexander Krowitz.

To the family of Ralph Lindzon z"l. Beloved father of Joshua Bronfman, loving son of Dr. Martin Lindzon z"l and Rose Lindzon; dear brother and brother-in-law of Fern Lindzon and Richard Shoichet and **Andrew and Margaret Lindzon**; Loving uncle to Alexandra, David, **Aaron and Adira**.

To the family of **Sheila Mandel z"l**; Beloved wife of **Harold**; Devoted mother and mother-in-law to Miriam and Daniel, Josh and Rhonda, **Raisy and Richard Saunders**; Sister and sister-in-law to Chaim and Yetta, Sue and Ronnie z"l, Gerald and Millie; Loving bubbie to Yehuda, Ariel and Talia, Chava, Celia and Robbie, Max and Dana, and Malcolm; Great grandmother to Hodaya and Henry.

To the family of **Morris Rothman z"l**; Beloved husband of **Fay Rothman**; proud father of Sharon and Jerry Cooper, and the late Beverly z"l and Gerry Zwaigen z"l; Caring grandfather to Elissa, Sarah and Thomas, Lee and Andrea and Adam and Shoshi; and incredibly adoring great-grandfather to Caitlin, Elena, Jamie, Orli, Isaac, Jessica, Noa, and Naomi; Predeceased by his parents Chaim z"l and Chaya Rotman z"l and brothers and sisters-in-law Willy, Ruth, Phil, Jack, Molly, Eddie, Barbara and Gloria and **Harry Rotstein z"l**; Devoted brother and brother-in-law to **Alan and Anna Rothman**, Cindy and Hedda.

To the family of **Marian Saltsman z"l**, beloved wife of the late **Allan Saltsman z"l**; beloved mother, grandmother and Great-grandmother, she will be missed by all who knew her. Loving mother and mother-in-law to Gail and Dr. Peter Goldfarb, Larry Saltsman and Michelle Lavine and the late Sandi Miller z"l; Dear sister of the late Gertrude Sussman z"l; devoted Bubbie of Michael and Aarin, Jodie and Mitch, Jonathan and Jayme, Jaclyn and Michael, Kimberly and Ben, Ashley, Carly and Greg; Devoted Great-Bubbie of Dylan, Matthew, Beckett, Charlie, Isaac, Landyn, Brady, Blake, Abby, Ella, Cole and Owen.

To the family of **Lillian Stein z"l**; beloved wife of the late **Henry Stein z"l**; sister and sister-in-law of Al & Sonya Sokol; aunt of **Lorne & Beth Sokol**, and Bonnie & Albert Soberano.

To the family of **Shirley Train z"l**; Predeceased by her husband **Louis Train z"l** and sisters Greta Sonshine z"l and Ethel Solomon z"l; beloved mother of Harriet and Geary, Rosalyn, Les and Shayne and Marshall and Tova; Adored Bubby of Solomon, Lauren, Eliana, Ben Zion, Faygie, Ahron and Debra, Golda and Fred, Rebecca, David, Louis, Abraham, and Joseph.; Great-grandmother of Zoey and Amelia.

To the family of **Merril Weisfeld z"l**, beloved wife of the late **Joseph Weisfeld z"l**; daughter of the late Ruth z"l and Micky Papernick z"l; sister of Arlene Kwatnez; devoted mother and mother-in-law of Ron and Jeanne Weisfeld, Sandi and Owen Giddens, and Janice and Shelly Weisfeld; proud bubbie of Justine and Gilad Giddens, Kyle and Taire Giddens, Eli Grimson, and Hannah and Adam Grimson; thrilled great grandmother to James and Sloane Rom, Shiloh Giddens and Florence Fage.

To the family of Sidney Wilner z"l, beloved husband of Rochelle for 36 years; loving father of Norman Wilner and Kate Atherley, Michael Wilner, Marnie (Silver) and Adam Nelson, and Michael Silver; cherished Zaidie of Halle, Lexie, Billie, Gillian, Hailey and Amanda; beloved son of the late Mary z"l and Percy Wilner z"l, and brother of Norman Freedman, **Deanna and Eddy Peranson** and the late Glenda z"l.

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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** and she will ensure that you are opted in to receive this email.

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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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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, Shemini 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.

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MEMBERSHIP POOL

2023 membership renewal was sent out in January by email. If you did not receive it, please check your junk or spam folder.

Renew your membership by March 24 so that your name can be entered into the Membership 2023 Contribution Pool.

On March 24, the clergy will select one Household at random to receive **FREE Membership for 2023.**

And the lucky member is...

SHIVA LEADER

Caring For Our Bereaved

There are many ways for members to become involved in supporting our Beth Sholom family. For me, one very special honor is that I participate as a member of the Beth Sholom Shiva Leader Team. I have had the privilege of being a shiva leader for the past 20 years and consider it one of the more important activities in which I have been involved as a long-standing and active member.

I remember back many years ago, before I knew how to lead prayer services, I needed someone to lead services when my mother passed away. It was a very sensitive and emotional time for me. I felt supported and cared for when members of my community stepped up and provided this deeply important service.

Beth Sholom is blessed with so many member families that it is not

possible for the rabbi and the cantor to lead every shiva of such a large congregation. This is where our Beth Sholom shiva leaders perform their mitzvahs. A shiva leader is typically a regular minyan attendee who is well versed in leading the weekday morning, afternoon, and evening services. When a shiva is taking place, usually in our members' homes, a person who knows how to daven and to lead a group of people in prayer is needed twice every day lasting the entire shiva.

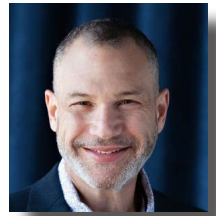
The team of 17 volunteer shiva leaders performs great mitzvahs, not only for the family in mourning, but also for ourselves. It is extremely meaningful and a great honor for me to lead services for a bereaved family at their house of shiva, each and every time that I have been requested to help. I encourage mourners to continue

saying Kaddish after the end of shiva, for the full duration needed. I invite them to meet me at synagogue so I can continue supporting them in prayer, so they have someone to stand with and to be with. For this they always thank me as they now have a connection when they first come to the synagogue to say kaddish.

Many mourners have become regular attendees at our daily services so that they too can support others saying Kaddish. It is a wonderfully supportive group, with great camaraderie (the morning breakfast is pretty great too)! While I hope you will never have the need for a shiva leader, you should know this volunteer team is here for you.

Marshall Folk •

DAVID KRIEGER



Why is *This Book* Different from *Other Books*?

One of the most central elements to both Purim and Passover is the Hagaddah readings, which tell us about our history as a people, our journey from slavery to freedom, and how we can use this story in our own lives today.

The Hagaddah is a collection of stories, poems, prayers and blessings that are read aloud during both Purim and Passover Seders. The core text is found in the book of Exodus from the Torah but it has been supplemented over time with commentaries by rabbis throughout Jewish history as well as songs and other additions that make it relevant for different generations. It's often referred to as "the story of redemption" because it recounts how God delivered us out of slavery in Egypt through various miraculous events including plagues on Pharaoh's army and parting the Red Sea so we could escape.

These stories are essential for understanding not only what happened thousands of years ago but also what is happening in our lives right now – after all, many aspects of life remain similar even though centuries have gone by since then! Our ancestors

were able to overcome great struggles just like we have had to do ourselves; this gives us hope that no matter what adversities come along in life there are still chances for success too if we keep faith strong enough.

The Hagaddah readings also remind us that each person's experience holds value - including those who lived long before us - so that everyone can learn from their insights into living an ethical life filled with Chesed and Tzedakah. This includes showing hospitality towards strangers or visiting sick people; providing food for those who need it; standing up against injustice when faced with oppression; being humble even when successful - these are all lessons taught within its pages which will help guide us on our journey through this world.

The power behind these stories lies not only in their ancient wisdom but also their ability to bring families together around shared values while creating meaningful conversations between generations old & young alike – something especially important during challenging times such as these! People can find comfort & strength knowing they aren't alone

on their spiritual path - nor ever shall be - thanks largely due to teachings passed down throughout centuries via texts like The Hagaddah .

This year we invite you to join us for the Hagaddah reading that is best for you and your family. Our very talented head of Education Alexa Abergel will be leading non-traditional Hagaddah readings that incorporate fun and games while our amazing Parnas Jeff Green will also be doing several traditional Megillah Readings. Please see the times in this bulletin and plan accordingly.

We will also be offering great programs including our Purim Carnival and our Passover Chocolate Seder that make it fun to share the joy of these holidays while staying connected to the tapestry of Jewish life.

Lastly as is always my message please attend a daily service. Commit to a Shacharit, Mincha/Mariv service. Support those saying Kaddish by being part of a Minyan.

Chag Purim Sameach!

David Krieger •

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee has begun its work for the 2023 – 2025 term, beginning this June. If you would like to put your name forward for a two-year position on the Board of Governors, please email the Chair of the Nominations committee, David Krieger at david@bethsholom.net. **The nominations period closes Thursday, April 20.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year, our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, June 13th at 7:30 pm.**

If you are unable to attend but would like to vote, please email info@bethsholom.net to receive your proxy form, and submit it before **Tuesday, June 13th.**



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