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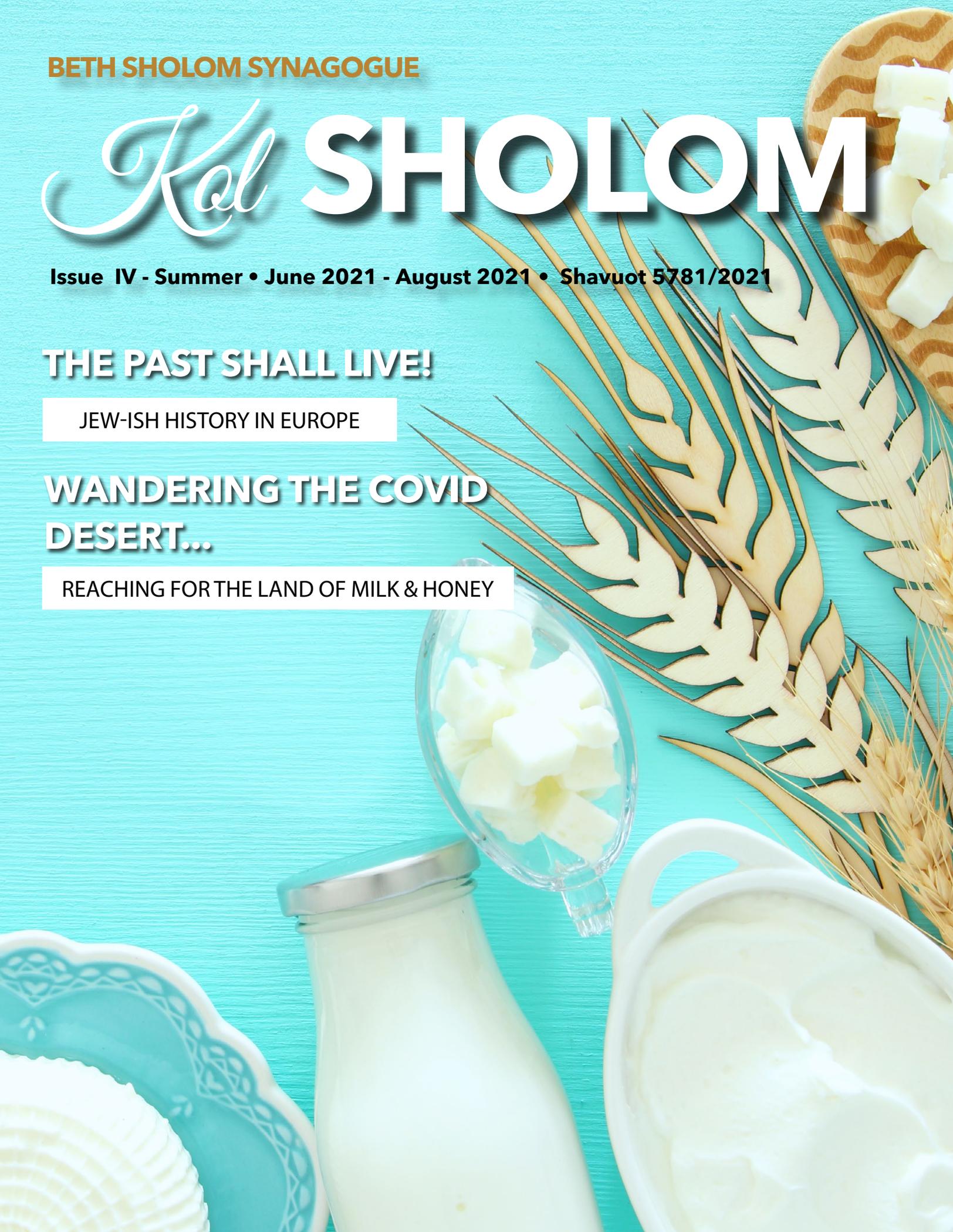
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PILLARS OF ZIONISM

with **Gerald Ziedenberg M.A.**

WEDNESDAYS in MAY & JUNE
at 7:30 PM

There were several leaders of the Zionist movement that made Israel into a State that is today recognized as a force in the World, and the most powerful State in the Middle East.

Gerald Ziedenberg discusses the lives of a few of these leaders.

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MARKING THE 45TH YEAR SINCE OPERATION THUNDERBOLT: RAID ON ENTEBBE

TUESDAY, MAY 11 at 7:00 PM

Please join Rabbi Flanzraich for a special evening.



It will feature an interview with **Rami Sherman**, former member of Sayeret Maktal - the special forces unit that was charged with freeing the hostages at Entebbe - for a first hand account of the preparation, training, execution and operation of the most successful and famous hostage rescue in history.

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Portuguese Jews in the Age of Discovery

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Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 pm

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Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

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Senator P.C. Party, Author, and former Journalist

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from 1880 - 2000

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May 27 (Part VII) | **June 24 (Part IX)**

Program starts at 8:00 pm*

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AARON FLANZRAICH



THE PAST SHALL LIVE!

To travel through Europe is to travel into a Jewish past – since, by and large, there is very little Jewish presence there today. Synagogues, cemeteries, old Jewish Quarters are all reminders of our long footsteps on this planet, and the grave dangers our identity posed. But apart from the *history of Jews* there is a *Jew-ish history* to be seen as well, one that was very front and centre in an archaeological dig in Oxford, England. See the image below for one area of the dig.



There were no organized Jewish communities existing in England until the 1066 Norman Conquest, when William the Conqueror encouraged Jewish merchants and artisans to settle in England for economic reasons. Not long after, Jews from France, Germany, Italy and Spain arrived in England, many seeking an escape from anti-Semitism in their old countries. But they still faced persecution and were largely segregated in specific neighborhoods. Over the course of the 12th and 13th centuries, English Jews faced discrimination and blood libel as well as the horrific York Massacres. The crescendo of persecution culminated in 1290 when King Edward I expelled the Jews from England to which they would not return until Oliver Cromwell would lift the ban 350 years later.

When developers moved in after the demolition of some old retail shops, the local Jewish preservation society stepped in to prevent destruction of the area. It is our fortune they did. There they uncovered Jacob's Hall, a stone mansion destroyed in the 17th century which may have held a

synagogue, a Jewish school and a mikveh. The researchers were disappointed to find that nothing remained of the hall itself, but they discovered that the backyard contained the trash dump. Which is where our real story begins.

In examining the remains of a 11th or 12th century English trash dump you would normally expect to find a mixture of cow, sheep, goat and pig bone. Instead, they found a massive amount of chicken and goose bones. Crucially, none of the food remains found at the site came from pigs, shellfish or other non-kosher foods. In addition to the bones, the team found more than 2,000 fragments of ceramic cooking vessels. They analyzed organic residue left in the pottery to determine what it had once held and found no evidence of non-kosher fats or of milk and meat being cooked together. This despite the fact trash from a 9th- through 11th-century site elsewhere in the city consistently included bones from a mix of species including pigs.

This is also found to be true in early Israelite settlements in Northern Israel dating to the late Bronze Era (3300 years ago). While Canaanite settlements were filled with remains of pigs in their trash dumps, the Jewish settlements had none of them. This is but one of a few items which enables archaeologists to differentiate Canaanite and Israelite villages.

The Holy Day of Shavuot – so small in length compared to Pesach or Sukkot as it is but two days long – celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. There is a long-standing custom of eating at least one dairy meal on Shavuot as the traditional foods associated with the Holiday are in fact dairy – blintzes, cheesecakes, and atayef (cheese pancakes) and Kahee (buttered dough) amongst Moroccan and Syrian Jews – points to the universal tradition of Shavuot and dairy foods.

But why? One tradition has it tied to the mitzvah of keeping kosher. Kashrut forms not only the backbone of Jewish communal life but also one of the great observances to come from the Torah. One mitzvah is



Cooking vessels found at the site contained no residue from non-kosher fats or milk and meat mixtures.

not to consume milk and meat together, and since Holiday meals are traditionally meat, one meal on Shavuot is dairy to point out this deliberate separation.

From ancient Israelite settlements in Northern Israel, to excavations of a 12th century Oxford Jewish quarter, we are reminded how our ancestors kept, observed and treasured the beloved tradition we are so blessed to call our own.

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich •

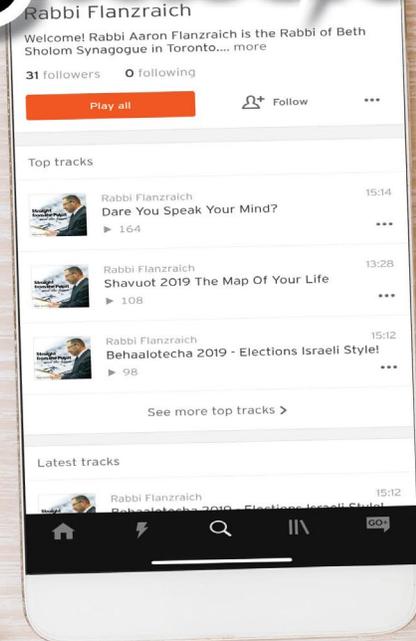
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ONE MORE CANDLE

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.

ERIC MOSES



3 years, 2 lawyers, 2 visits to Mexico City, 1 to NYC, 1 stopover in Madrid and \$8,000...

Today marked the end of a long journey. After three years of climbing through a maze of bureaucratic hoops, I picked up my passport as a citizen of Spain from the Spanish Consulate. Reclaiming the citizenship robbed from my ancestors over 500 years ago seemed like a colossal waste of time to the many I shared my quest with. After all, Canada is a politically stable and economically prosperous country. Why would I ever move to Spain? If I ever felt the burning need to leave Canada, I could simply move to Israel.

For me it was about something far greater than this. My maternal grandparents came from a long line of Sephardic Jews that were expelled from Spain in 1492 and found safe haven in Turkey. From Turkey they made their way to Mexico and built a new life for themselves among the many Turkish Jews who had emigrated. As I turned 50 this year, I realized that what I leave behind to my children should be more than fond childhood memories, a loving home, an inheritance and a good name in our community. I want to leave them with a lasting link to the generations who sacrificed for them to enjoy the life they have today. They too will now be citizens of Spain, and will carry Spanish passports to remind them of who they are.

My quest to reach the finish line was not direct by any means. As the title above indicates, it involved numerous tedious steps, a myriad of legalities, and a citizenship exam administered in Spanish in New York, which tested my knowledge of Spain. Needless to say, I knew very little about my ancestral homeland before embarking upon this process.

Why is it that Spain became the heartland to so many of the great Jewish scholars which influence the way we practice Judaism today? Our sages like the Rambam (Rabbi Moses ben Maimon), Ramban (Rabbi Moses ben Nachman),



Radbaz (Rabbi David ben Zimra), Rashba (Rabbi Shlomo ben Avraham Adret), Ritva (Rabbi Yom Tov ben Avraham Asevilli), the Mechaber (Rabbi Yosef Karo, author of the code of Jewish law better known as the Shulchan Aruch), just to name a few of the heavyweights of Jewish thought, all came from Spain. The answer goes back 2000 years to the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash. In 70CE, following the Roman conquest of Jerusalem, Jews found refuge in Babylonia. This led to the start of a diaspora which formed and extended to the Mediterranean, and specifically, to the Iberian Peninsula. Spain was one of the most westernmost places to sail to and Jews thrived in the cities of Toledo, Girona, Barcelona, Cordoba, Avila, Segovia, Palma de Mallorca and Seville. For centuries, these Sephardic communities grew and prospered through times of peace. The Alhambra decree of 1492 forced the majority of Spanish Jews to flee or convert to Catholicism. After nearly 1500 years of Jewish life, Judaism in Spain almost ceased to exist, but its history runs deep and the contributions to modern Jewish thought are still a cornerstone of our faith.

Edict of Expulsion (excerpt)

And as it appears, that the Jews, wherever they live and congregate, daily increase in continuing their wicked and injurious purposes; We command this our edict to be issued, whereby We command all Jews and Jewesses, of whatever age they may be, that live, reside, and dwell in our said kingdoms and dominions, that by the end of the month of July next, of the present year 1492, they depart from all Our said kingdoms and dominions, with their sons, daughters, man-servants, maid-servants, and Jewish attendants, both great and small, of whatever age they may be;

and they shall not presume to return to, nor reside therein, or in any part of them, either as residents, travelers, or in any other manner whatever, under pain that if they do not perform and execute the same they incur the penalty of death, and confiscation of all their property to our treasury. And We command and forbid any person or persons of Our Kingdoms, of whatsoever rank, station, or condition they may be to receive, shelter, protect, or defend any Jew or Jewess. No-one should act against this.

Given in the city of Grenada, the 31st of the month of March in the year 1492. I, the King and I, the Queen, I, Juan de Coloma, the secretary of the King and Queen our Lords, have written as ordered.
Edict of Expulsion, 1492

While my mission to deepen my link to the past has been accomplished, it has opened a greater desire to further my quest into my deep-rooted ancestry. Although I have largely spent my Jewish professional life surrounded by Ashkenazi Jews, this only represents one dimension of Jewish society. Israel's Jewish population includes 25% who made their way to the promised land from Sephardic and Mizrahi countries. These Jews greatly contributed to the founding of the modern State of Israel and the broader culture that has shaped the Israel of today. I am proud to be among this Jewish minority and continue to share my heritage with you...my extended Beth Sholom family.

While I have no plans to move to the sunnier shores of the Iberian Peninsula, it is with a great deal of pride that I have permanently re-established this inextricable link to the past for my children and the generations that will follow.

Cantor Eric Moses •

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

In the last bulletin, we recognized our member households who have made long-standing commitments to our community. You make our synagogue family a better place!

Below are additional households, inadvertently omitted in the previous bulletin, that are marking the below milestones in this membership year. **Yasher Koach!**

30 Years

Marian Saltsman

Gail Cooper

Annette Cooper

Roberta Dubiner

Ruth Frisch

Brookie Glazman

Yetta Goldenberg

Annette Latchman

Eleanor Maxwell

Betty Schwartz

Tillie Spears

Raymond & Janice Starr

Gloria Ungerman

Morton & Sandra Weinberg

Merril Weisfeld

50+ Years

Alice Balshin

Herbert & Frances Binder

Esther Caplan

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year, our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

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Our calendar keeps our Beth Sholom Family informed about candle lighting times, holidays and upcoming programming.

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\$18 per milestone

PRESIDENT



THE LAST TWO YEARS IN REVIEW!

As I write this, my final bulletin article (as sitting president), we are counting the days of the Omer leading to Shavuot. I, too, am counting my final days in my current position. It is with pride and confidence that I say to you: "My fellow congregants, the state of our synagogue is strong."

The last two years were not as I envisioned my two-year term as president of Beth Sholom Synagogue. In the years leading up to my term, I thought a lot about what I intended my legacy to be and how I would carry out an agenda to bring about that legacy. I certainly had a plan – what I thought was a great plan! – when I took over from Steve Kelman. I knew I had big shoes to fill. Steve so graciously and tactfully navigated us through the transition of becoming an egalitarian congregation, amongst many other achievements. Towards the end of his term, we finalized long-term contracts with our clergy, recognizing that they are Beth Sholom's greatest assets. We also launched our B'Koach capital campaign, which continues to gain momentum and remarkably reflects the generosity and commitment of our inspiring congregation. When Steve handed over the keys in June 2019, I inherited a house in order that was sailing smoothly into its future. We continued to build on his (and other past presidents' and Beth Sholom staff members') successes... and then came 2020...

Shortly after returning from a Beth Sholom congregational trip to the AIPAC conference in Washington, D.C., COVID-19 hit our community and threw away whatever plans and aspirations I had for my term – as the expression goes, "Man makes plans, and G-d laughs." Instead of focusing on building for the future, the emphasis shifted to maintaining the present and status quo in the face of an ever-changing world brutalized by the pandemic. We had to rethink every single aspect of the synagogue's operations. What would be the financial impact of budgeting without fundraisers? How would we facilitate programming and religious services, including daily minyans, Shabbat services,

high holy day services, simchas, etc.? I have found that the two of the most commonly used words during the pandemic accurately describe our response these last 15 months were: "unprecedented" and "pivotal". We installed technology and equipment that allowed us to broadcast our daily minyans, Shabbat services, High Holy Day services, and family milestones. We developed programming hosted by our congregants, which captured large audiences of viewers over Zoom, including Gerald Ziedenberg's "The World Around Us", Steven Skurka's "Evenings with Steve", and Allan Cheskes' "Jewish Influences on American Music". Our very own Rabbi Flanzraich hosted the largest Pesach Seder in the history of our shul, which was virtually attended by dozens of families and Mayor John Tory. These remarkable accomplishments, which would have never come to fruition but for our newfound reality, were emerging as Beth Sholom's silver lining amidst the pandemic.

One of my proudest achievements was contributing to form a working group of twelve conservative synagogue presidents, who met weekly for six months following the onset of the pandemic – we continue to meet every second week. Together we formed a collaborative group to share programming ideas, common concerns, and best practices to tackle common challenges.

Our group decided last year that each of our twelve congregations should live-stream our services by password protection, so that we could enjoy our own respective clergy. Following the high holy days in 2020, we expanded the group to include other synagogues and organizations such as United Jewish Appeal (UJA), Jewish National Fund (JNF) and Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC), and many others to offer unique

programming and events to our members. While the pandemic was socially isolating many members of our community, we strived to bring together our "Kehillah".

Our Chesed programs continued to flourish throughout the pandemic. While we were unable to house guests for sleepovers last year, our Out of the Cold initiative sent thousands of dollars worth of meals to the homeless and countless selfless volunteers to churches, shelters, and kitchens. Beth Sholom, despite the odds, remained a top contributor to a very important program (especially given the rise in homelessness, and unemployment exacerbated by the pandemic). This success was only made possible by the exceptional leadership of our own Rafi Aaron, who (along with Maureen Tanz of Beth Tzedec Congregation) worked tirelessly in the community, under extremely challenging circumstances, to ensure that the Out of the Cold program continued to run, even if by a different format.

Our kosher foodbank continued to service the growing numbers of people that desperately needed our help. We set up tables in the parking lot to ensure that our "doors" remained open to the needy while access to the shul was not permitted. I want to offer my very special thanks to Margaret Lindzon, Michelle Berman, and Jorge Hernandez for dedicating so much energy to the success of this program and spearheading this mitzvah for our community.

Although our Peace of Mind program was temporarily interrupted due to COVID-19, we are optimistic about returning to that extremely meaningful and important program in the near future. Plans are in place to ensure that any Beth Sholom programs that were unfortunately disrupted by the pandemic will be relaunched as soon as possible.

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PRESIDENT

THE LAST TWO YEARS IN REVIEW!

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Our Congregational Hebrew School, led by Alexa Abergel and Fargana Sarmasova, has done very well during these last 15 months. Although virtual learning reduced our student numbers, which was to be expected, our overall enrollment was amongst the highest of all the synagogue congregational schools in the GTA. We are excited to see what the future holds for our growing Hebrew school when the challenges posed by the pandemic are in our rear-view mirror.

We assisted First Foundations, the nursery preschool we had been housing in our building, to emerge from bankruptcy with two campuses. We are hopeful that the preschool's Cedarvale campus, which is in Beth Sholom Synagogue, will return to its pre-pandemic enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year.

When I addressed the congregation during my 2019 high holy day remarks, I asked the congregants to become involved with our beloved synagogue. My heart is warmed that so many of you accepted my challenge and surpassed my expectations, despite the hinderance presented with being unable to attend in-person meetings, participate in programs and events, and attend services. I genuinely hope that this trend will continue – as we emerge from our homes at the conclusion of this pandemic, we will be more anxious than ever to form new committees and to populate them. This was one of the main things I had hoped to accomplish during my term. Whereas your involvement was previously a desirable luxury, it will become essential, and I know that our congregation will, once again, rise to the challenge.



“My heart is warmed that so many of you...”

I want to thank the senior officers and Board of Governors for all of their hard work and commitment. They are a very talented group of people whose dedication and work ethic is unmatched in our community. Our future is secure in their hands. Under the new leadership of David Krieger, we have the right captain at the helm. Our anticipated and imminent emergence from this devastating pandemic will mark a pivotal moment in our community's history. Throughout the enlightenment, Jews have continually struggled to stay connected to one another as we were presented with the challenges of assimilation. I fear that the tools we used to stay connected may make many in our congregation complacent about staying away as the world returns to “normal”. Friends, that mustn't happen; and with David Krieger navigating this path for us to return to that “normal”, I am confident that 2020-2021 will seem like a mere blip by the end of his presidency. Let us all pray for that objective to be his legacy.

To our treasured clergy, Rabbi Flanzraich, and Cantor Moses: It has been an absolute honour working side-by-side with you. I know that with your wisdom, guidance, and devotion to our congregants, Beth Sholom Synagogue will continue to grow and attract many new young families to secure our place as a staple in the Jewish community of Toronto.

Lastly, I want to offer my emphatic gratitude to Stephanie Krasman, our Executive Director, along with her staff. Collectively, this journey would not have been the experience

that it was without them, and much of the success achieved in my term is attributable to their unwavering commitment to our shul. It was a beautiful partnership and one that I cherished. Stephanie is thoughtful, intelligent, thorough, hard-working, and the backbone to what I know will be a very long and fruitful chapter in the history of Beth Sholom Synagogue.

I have a distinct recollection of one of Rabbi Flanzraich's High Holy Day sermons (at some point in the last few years). He proclaimed (although not verbatim): “Show me someone who has faced adversity, and I will show you someone with character”. My fellow congregants, I take tremendous pride in our response to the unprecedented adversity we faced, together, these past 15 months. We maintained the semblance of community, we laid the groundwork for the future we are building, and we exemplified outstanding character to allow us to accomplish both of those enviable objectives. While we took a few blows on the chin, we are emerging stronger than ever.

It has been an honour and a privilege for me to serve our synagogue community as your president. It was truly one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I thank you for the opportunity as I sign off...

Abe Glowinsky •



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WANDERING THE COVID DESERT...

We inherently know the Exodus story – it is etched into our DNA like the letters of our name on a grain of rice. If it has slipped your mind due to COVID brain fog – refer back only seven weeks to your Passover Seder! The Hebrews left Egypt and their oppressors, in the dust bunnies behind them, and fled towards the land of milk and honey. But what happened...? They lost their way – both figuratively and literally and were fated to wander through the harsh and unforgiving desert land for 40 years, until they reached Har Sinai to receive the tablets of the Torah from G-d. Let's call them G-d's "parameters" for now, but we'll come back to that in a bit.

This period of time we are in now – between Passover and Shavuot, known as the Omer, symbolizes our freedom yet we are not yet quite "found". It's an ominous and serious time. We're not supposed to be too happy during the Omer because it symbolizes that we were lost before being given the "parameters" of what it means to be a People.

I googled how long it would take to walk from Egypt to Israel. The answer? A mere six days. SIX DAYS! So how did we lose our way so gravely? Hindsight, of course, is linear. And when we are lost, well, that path is never linear.

At the time of writing this article, we are in the eye of the third storm-wave of the pandemic; in our second government mandated Stay at Home Order, and schools have been shuttered again. We are lost. And we don't know when we will be found. Unsettling times indeed. Mirroring our wandering ancestors.

The parameters the government is imposing for our own health and safety,

don't seem to have quite the same awe-inspiring effect as standing at Mount Sinai. Maybe if Premier Ford more resembled Charlton Heston...but alas, we digress.

What sustained the faith of the Hebrews, that they would eventually emerge out of the wilderness? They had each other; they had great leadership; and they had no other choice. Maybe we can learn from this.

At Beth Sholom – we have our ever-resilient community that sustains and supports us; we have dynamic and engaging clergy and professional staff who inspire us; and we know at the end of the day that, eventually, this too shall pass. The clergy, staff, and leadership force ourselves to wade through this sinister time by never allowing ourselves to produce anything less than our best.

From January to this writing, we have facilitated the B'Nei Mitzvot of 17 emerging teens; checked in personally with every member over 80 years of age to assist those in need in securing vaccination appointments; we delivered 100 Passover fun-boxes to the children of our young families; we distributed 887 food bags through our weekly Kosher Food Bank; produced 34 virtual events and hosted 3,236 members and non-members; helped fund and serve in partnership with Beth Tzedec close to 10,000 hot meals to Toronto's hungry and homeless.

We secured a matching \$200,000 government grant for security and infrastructure upgrades; raised an

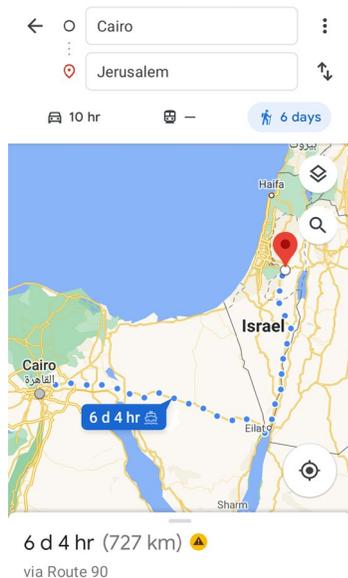
additional \$480,000 towards our B'Koach campaign. We have renewed 40% of our member households – a truly unprecedented amount for this time of year.

The Torah portion, Bamidbar, read this year on the Shabbat before Shavuot, describes the first census for the Jewish people. Every single Jewish person – old and young alike, was to be counted. Not estimated. Not deduced. Each was counted because each was important in their own unique right, and every one had something important to offer.

The success of our community thrives on the contributions of every member. Each of us plays a unique role in our exceptional synagogue community.

As we continue to weather the COVID desert of uncertainty, our faith continues to be sustained with the help of our community and our leadership. Soon we will reach the land of milk and honey. And soon we will be found.

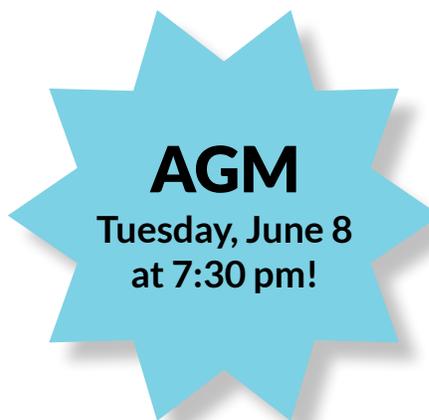
Stephanie Krasman •



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In many ways, the holiday of Shavuot represents a new beginning for the Jewish people. The day commemorates our receiving of the TEN Commandments, and our forming of a new, brave nation- Am Yisrael.

As I would encourage you all to do, I am using the opportunity of this beautiful Chag to reflect on an academic year like no other, and to apply the lessons of 2021 thus far, in forging a new way forward.

We have had to adapt to many new rules and limitations this year. It has not been possible to celebrate and to gather together, we have had to cancel in-person learning numerous times, and the disappointment has been felt deeply by myself and by the other professionals in our shul and in the community at large. That said, the excitement for what lies ahead continues to grow. I know these challenges are temporary, and that our shul will be alive once again with the

sound of laughter and happiness. Join me in waiting patiently for that moment, as it will be a wonderful new beginning for us all.

Wishing you a Chag Sameach, continued health and happiness with your loved ones.

Alexa Abergel •

PHOTOS OF SHOLOMKIDS



THE POWER OF GIVING

LEAH FIRSTEN

March 13, 2020 is a day that we all know well. It was the day the world went into lockdown due to the COVID-19 virus. For me it was also the day my mother came home from a 6-week in-patient mental health program. Although I was worried and scared about how COVID-19 would affect us, I was beyond excited to have my mother home. Upon my mother's return, we decided as a family that we would pool our resources to help the community any way that we could.



Leah Firsten

My family is fortunate to always have an endless amount of nutritious food in our home, so we did our best to regularly drop food off at the Harvest Food Bank.

Throughout the lock down, we constantly discussed as a family how we were so lucky to be able to get anything we wanted delivered to our home and feel as safe as we could in staying healthy from being infected with the virus. It is one of our families' missions to be constantly contributing to our society and it is something that I will continue to do even after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

In November 2020, our family participated in a Ve'ahavta virtual event. We spent the afternoon making blankets by hand that would help the homeless community stay warm during the cold winter months. It was from this event that I decided I wanted to start my own fundraising campaign in honour of my Bat Mitzvah that would be in February 2021. I decided that I wanted to help people that were

close to my age.

Through my research I came across Youth Without Shelter (YWS). It is an amazing organization that helps youth ages 16-24 years old. YWS does not only provide a warm bed for individuals, but it also provides educational programs that are instrumental in aiding youth integrate back into society. I worked virtually with a program called Project Give Back that was started by Ellen Schwartz. Ellen connected me to their Tikkun Olam program which is an offset of Project Giveback. This program helped to guide me in the necessary steps to implement my fundraising campaign. I made a PowerPoint presentation highlighting YWS, including alarming statistics of youth homelessness along with the most needed items for this shelter. I added this presentation to YouTube which also had my voice explaining the details of the slides.

In February 2021, I learned that YWS was starting their largest fundraising campaign for the year. I decided to be a part of this important initiative which also happened to time perfectly with my Bat Mitzvah. I emailed my presentation and asked friends and family to contribute in lieu of purchasing gifts for my Bat Mitzvah. My original fundraising goal was \$5,000, and it was both amazing and exciting that through the help of our community coming together, I was able to raise almost \$12,000 in 12 days for YWS!



Standing L to R: Shelby & Darryl Firsten
Sitting L to R: Daniel, Leah & Benjamin

Although COVID-19 has taken away so much from all of us, through the guidance of my family we have made the best of it. I originally wanted the traditional big party for my Bat Mitzvah like any teenager; however, this experience

of being purposeful and giving back to those less fortunate for me is something that I will always remember. Having my mother return home last March, and now seeing her happy, healthy, thriving, and being by my side is the best feeling in the world. Life will always hand us lemons; however, we are fortunate to be a part of the Beth Sholom community that has the power, strength, and ability to keep making lemonade.

Leah Firsten •

"My husband Darryl and I joined Beth Sholom 15 years ago when we got married. We did not have any family at the synagogue, however we were drawn and sold on Rabbi Aaron and Cantor Moses. They truly are a power team that is beyond inspiring, creative and innovative. Beth Shalom has become our second family."

**- Shelby Firsten
Mother of Leah Firsten**

SHAVUOT

שבועות

On Shavuot, we celebrate the receiving of the Torah!

This year, Shavuot begins on Sunday night, May 16 and continues until Tuesday night, May 18!



Why do we eat **dairy** on **Shavuot**?

We eat dairy during Shavuot because G-d had not given us the commandment of Kashrut before this day. So dairy was easiest to prepare according to the laws of Kashrut. Also, in the Torah, Israel is referred to as "The Land of Milk & Honey"

ארץ זבת חלב ודבש



DIRECTIONS:

1. Pour the milk, vanilla extract, and sugar (or chocolate syrup) into a small zip-top bag. Seal tightly and double bag.
2. Fill a larger zip-top bag about half-way with ice cubes and ½ cup rock salt. Place the small bag in the larger bag, seal the bag, and shake vigorously for approximately 10 minutes. If

your hands get cold, take turns with others, or pull out a pair of gloves and keep going.

3. Open the larger bag, pull out the small bag, and check if it feels firm and frozen. If it's almost there, but you want it a big firmer, stick it in the freezer for 15-20 minutes.

4. Rinse off the outside of the small bag and squeeze out the ice cream into a bowl. Top with sprinkles, syrup, or anything else you like, and dig right in.

Serves 1-2

Recipe from Chabad.org/food.

Candy SUSHI ROLLING

PRE-SHAVUOT LUNCH AND VIRTUAL KARAOKE

Sunday, May 16, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

As the Torah unrolls this Shavuot, let's roll some Candy Sushi with Alexa & Fargana!

\$ 20 per person, including delivery of supplies and kosher vegetarian sushi lunch!

Ages 6-8 and families

Visit bethsholom.net/calendar to register for this program!

Register before **May 12** to receive the supplies and food delivery.

BETH SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE

Homemade Ice Cream for Shavuot

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2-3 tbs sugar OR chocolate syrup
- Ice
- Rock salt (or the coarsest salt you can find)
- Small and large (good quality) zip-top bags
- Optional toppings: syrup, sprinkles, crushed nuts, fresh (or freeze-dried) fruit



You can register for our youth programs using the link provided in our weekly emails. Send an email to deborah@bethsholom.net to subscribe to our youth emails.

SHAVUOT 2021

Shavuot SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Morning Services	8:30 pm	Services will be on Zoom
Evening Services	6:00 pm	Services will be on Zoom
Candlelighting at	8:19 pm	

MONDAY, MAY 17 (SHAVUOT - 1ST DAY)

Morning Services at	9:30 am	Services will be on YouTube
Evening Services	8:30 pm	Services will be on YouTube
Candlelighting at	9:23 pm	

TUESDAY, MAY 18 (SHAVUOT - 2ND DAY)

Morning Services	9:30 am	Services will be on YouTube
Yizkor Service approx.	10:30 am	
Yom Tov ends at	9:24 pm	
Evening Services	9:30 pm	Services will be on Zoom



Cheesecake Bake

with Lisa Flanzraich

Monday, May 10 at 7:30 pm

*In honour of Shavuot, bake from the
comfort of your own kitchen!*

*Shopping list of ingredients provided
when you register.*

Visit bethsholom.net/calendar
to register and receive the Zoom link.



TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Erev Tisha B'Av - Saturday, July 17

Havdallah: 9:46 pm
Ma'ariv: 9:55 pm
Fast Begins: 8:56 pm

Tisha B'Av - Sunday, July 18

Shacharit: 8:30 am
No Tallis or Tefillin
Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:45 pm
Fast Ends: 9:45 pm

A DAY OF MOURNING

TISHA B'AV

This year, **Tisha B'Av** takes place between **Saturday night, July 17** and **Sunday night, July 18**.
The **nine days**, before Tisha B'Av, begin on the evening of **Friday, July 9**.

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 10) 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 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

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 **Vered** at vered@bethsholom.net

Starting from \$250*

*Tax receipts will be issued for applicable amounts.

Order by **June 18** to have your plaque installed by Yom Kippur Yizkor.

OUT OF THE COLD

RAFI AARON

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to operate our Out of the Cold Shelter from Beth Sholom Synagogue this year. We were fortunate to form a partnership with Rev. James Keenan of Saint Luke's United Church which has allowed us to work from his church in the Downtown East, where so many of our guests are located.

Our Out of the Cold Meal Program operated on Sunday and Wednesday nights from 5 to 8 p.m. On both nights we had outreach teams bringing hot meals to the residents of encampments. Each night we served over 200 meals. On Wednesday nights Holy Blossom Temple Out of the Cold supplied us with 100 superb meals that our guests really enjoyed.

This year we were fortunate to have Sherbourne Health providing medical assistance to our guests. On Wednesdays Sherbourne's Health Bus was parked outside our Out of the Cold. The Bus is a fully stocked mobile infirmary that has a nurse and other health professionals on board.



These are truly unprecedented times. The neglect and suffering we are witnessing is also unprecedented. This is why we chose to run our Program twice a week. This is the first time this has happened in the thirty-

three year history of the Out of the Colds. We were also the only Out of the Cold that was open in the City.

The spread of COVID-19 and social distancing protocols inside the building presented huge obstacles for us. We were unable to provide our guests with the array of services and activities we normally offer. This includes: art and the art show, mental health workers, bingo and the distribution of clothing.



I have missed volunteering with you and the way we come together as a synagogue and community to assist our guests. In particular I have missed not having the Bar and Bat Mitzvahs volunteering with their parents. This was a first-hand learning experience that enriches us all.

Organizing an Out of the Cold program with stringent health protocols in a new building in another part of town has been all-encompassing and at times an overwhelming venture. Our normal Out of the Cold season runs for 12 weeks. The Meal Program is running for 20 weeks (as some Out of the Colds do), twice a week. By the end of April, I will have supervised 36 of the 40 meals, or

the equivalent of three years at our Out of the Cold. I want to thank my family, who I have continuously put at risk of contracting the virus, and to my siblings, for shouldering a heavy burden on the home front that has allowed me to spend so much time and energy on this Program.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support of our Out of the Cold and look forward to volunteering with you in the near future.

Rafi Aaron •
Co-chair, The Out Of The Cold Program

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Marcia Cohen^{z"l}, beloved wife of **Harry Cohen^{z"l}**, loving mother of Lisa-Catherine Cohen^{z"l}, and Jeffrey Cohen, and proud grandmother of Reuben and Ari Cohen.

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Helen Warren^{z"l}, beloved wife of **Joseph Warren^{z"l}**, loving mother & mother-in-law of Jeffrey, Alan and Lorraine, and the late Kathy, dear sister & sister-in-law of Anne, and the late Albert, and Pauline, and devoted grandmother of Jared, Austin, and Spencer.

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



Howard Kastner & Stacey Elefant
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BIRTHDAYS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

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Doreen Bendit-Budning
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Irwin Cooper
Robin Cooper
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Jinni Carman

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The names mentioned above are members who will be celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, and 70th wedding anniversaries.

If you have been inadvertently omitted from the list above, we apologize. Please let us know and we will include your name in our next bulletin.

FAMILY NEWS

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BAR & BAT MITZVAHS

Starting in this bulletin, we will mention the names of siblings, parents and grandparents of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah boy/girl. Below are the Bar/Bat Mitzvahs that took/will be taking place in March, April & May 2021. Member names are mentioned in **bold**.

To **Michael & Tammy Baruch** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Brody**, brother of **Charlie & Hayden**. Grandparents are **Trevor & Andrea Cohen**, and Amnon & Karen Baruch.

To Mark & Jordana Glogauer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Chloe, sister of Abby & Jack. Grandparents are **Gary & Barbara Berke**, and Isaac & Eileen Glogauer.

To **David & Ilana-Zeidel Holland** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Justin**, brother of **Evan**. Grandparents are Diane & Ron Ennis, Anita & Peter Holland, and **Jerry & Eva Zeidel**.

To **Jeff McMurrich & Stacey Kauder** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Cole**. Grandparents are **Judith & Ronald Kauder**, Laura & Vardi Wolloch, and Don & Marie McMurrich.

To **Aimee & Rupert Lazarus** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Charley**, sister of **Benjamin & Oliver**. Grandparents are Dov & Nancy Lev, and Maurice Lazarus & Lorice Lazarus^{z1}.

To **Andre & Stephanie Nacawa** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Ava**, sister of **Aaron & Abigail**. Grandparents are Mary Nacawa & Albert Nacawa^{z1}, and Gary & Frances Sales^{z1}.

To **Aaron & Amy Platt** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Avery**, brother of **Brooke**. Grandparents are **Fred & Sharon Platt**, Jerome & Marjorie Shore, and grand-uncle is **Avron Shore**^{z1}.

To **Robert & Jennifer Schwartz** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Nathalie**, sister of **Merrill & Lewis**. Grandparents are **Richard & Linda Schwartz**, Beatrice Rothman & Eugene Rothman^{z1}, and **Marsha Neinstein & Stanley Neinstein**^{z1}.

To **Aaron Hendler & Joan Starkman** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Teddy**, brother of **Robbie & Lily**. Grandparents are Evelyn Hendler & Ted Hendler^{z1}, Andy Starkman, and Barbara & Sid Finkelstein.

To **Marc & Sheryl Wasserman** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Jay**, brother of **Taylor & Alex**. Grandparents are Janet & Marcel Szpiro, Patti & Jack Wasserman, and Malcolm Holtzberg & Sheila Holtzberg^{z1}.

To **Micah Wood & Amy Weizman** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Jack**, brother of **Max & Emma**. Grandparents are Sam & Agi Weizman, Dianne Wood, and Herman & Kathie Wood.

To **Paul & Shelley Winton** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Harry**, brother of **Emma**. Grandparents are Hana Rosenbaum & Frank Rosenbaum^{z1}, and Sandi & David Winton.

MAZEL TOV ON THE FOLLOWING BIRTHS

To **Adam & Mara Banack** on the birth of their son, **Jack William Banack**. Excited grandparents are **Larry & Arna Banack**, and Risa & Jeff Silver. Proud great-grandparents are Zelda Crocker, Ruth Silver and Minda Feldman. Fondly remembered are William Crocker^{z1}, Henry and Sylvia Banack^{z1}, Leslie Feldman^{z1}, and Morris Silver^{z1}.

To **Bradley & Ashley Gordon** on the birth of their son, **Beckham**, dear little brother of **Harper and Perri**. Excited grandparents are **Cynthia Freeman Gordon** and Susan & Jamie Farber. Proud super Bubbie is **Yetta Freeman** and super Zadie is **Zollie Freeman**^{z1}.

To Oren & Idit Helmann on the birth of their daughter, Mia, little sister of Emily and Lenny Helmann, born in Melbourne, Australia. Excited grandparents are Stacey Helmann & Gil Helmann. Proud great-grandparents are **Irwin & Elayne Wortsman**, and Jacques Helmann. Fondly remembered are Jack & Celia Ungerman^{z1}, and Ben & Mina Wortsman^{z1}.

To **Faryn Berger & Aviel Koganov** on the birth of their daughter, **Orli Hannah**. Excited grandparents are **Brenda & Lowell Berger** and Lev Arie & Gali Koganov. Proud great-grandmother is Goldie Berger. Fondly remembered are **Bernie & Anna Newton**^{z1}, Len Berger^{z1}, Avram & Lea Koganov^{z1}, and Raphael & Hannah Yalov^{z1}.

To Sean & Becky Kulik on the birth of their daughter, Alice Chaya Miriam. Big sister Hannah is thrilled. Excited grandparents are **Irving & Esther Kulik**. Fondly remembered are Martin & Lola Lipszyc^{z1}, and Alexander & Sarolta Kulik^{z1}.

To **Eleanor Maxwell** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Lauren Kate, dear sister of Nicole and Zoe. Thrilled parents are Carly & Jakob Marszowski. Excited grandparents are Vivian & Randy Maxwell, and Lise & Larry Marszowski. Proud great-grandmother Stella Leff. Fondly remembered are **Martin Maxwell**^{z1}, and Murray Leff^{z1}.

To **Eleanor Maxwell** on the birth of her great-grandson, Oren. Thrilled parents are Trisha & Harris Maxwell. Excited grandparents are Vivian & Randy Maxwell, and Asa & Gary Nakagawa. Proud great-grandmother Stella Leff. Fondly remembered are **Martin Maxwell**^{z1}, and Murray Leff^{z1}.

To **Jared Stark & Michelle Solomon** on the birth of their daughter, **Payton Capri Stark**. Excited grandparents are **Stephen Stark**, and Marlene & Marc Solomon. Fondly remembered is grandmother **Patti Stark**^{z1}.



GRATITUDE UNLOCKS THE FULLNESS OF LIFE

MINYAN ARTICLE

Shavuot is always a favorite, well at least in those old pre-COVID days! Lots of reasons to be happy and rejoice, the least of which was always Elizabeth feeding us copious amounts, and all kinds, of flavoured cheesecake. I can remember the calories now!

The word Shavuot means “weeks” and it marks the conclusion of the counting of the Omer. Its date is directly linked to that of Passover; the Torah mandates the seven-week counting of the Omer, beginning on the second day of Passover, to be immediately followed by Shavuot. This counting of days and weeks is understood to express anticipation and desire for the giving of the Torah. On Passover, the people of Israel were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot, they were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving G-D.

The holiday, also known as the “festival of Harvest” where our people would bring the first and best fruits of the harvest to show gratitude and thankfulness to G-D. Imagine showing all that gratitude and no Netflix or cell phones? What is up with that?

It got me thinking about gratefulness. It got me thinking that our people stopped being able to go to temple since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE. Now we are prohibited from going to Beth Sholom for a different reason - but we still need to be grateful and show our gratefulness. As famously stated by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel^{z”l} - IT IS GRATEFULNESS WHICH MAKES THE SOUL GREAT.



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We still have each other and can visit the “virtual temple” via technology. Although we must stay home, we should be grateful since we have most comforts. The irony is that although we live in extraordinary times, people feel less satisfied than ever.

Author Melodie Beattie wrote, “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.” As people of faith, we know that gratitude is an especially important value to pass down to our children. It is the foundation of their relationship with G-D and the key to their happiness.”

My hope and prayer for you this holiday and beyond is good health and good gratitude. It is my intent that we stay connected as a community and a minyan however possible. Please be aware of those around us who may need a hand up or a positive word during these difficult times. G-D willing, we will all be together in person at our temple soon.

Chag Shavuot Sameach!

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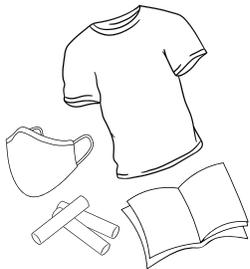
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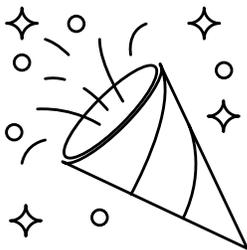
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