

# The Circle

## BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

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**BLACK FIRE ON WHITE FIRE  
Getting Torah, Then & Now**

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**EREV TISHA B'AV SERVICE**  
8:30pm

Sunday July 29  
**TISHA B'AV**

September 17 & 18  
**ROSH HASHANA**

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# BIG NIGHT

Beth Jacob Synagogue's  
Featuring acclaimed comedian...



Two Ways To Enjoy  
A Fabulous Evening:

\$100 lottery ticket for a chance  
to win a VACATION worth up  
to \$5,000 AND includes  
TWO ADMISSION tickets  
for The Big Night®

Draw for the trip and silent auction after the show

Best  
Value

OR

**Tickets: \$36 each**  
(Includes admission to the **GREAT  
SHOW** and **SILENT AUCTION!**)

Refreshments after the show. Call 905.522.1351  
for tickets or more information.

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## MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

Doors open at 6:30pm

Show starts at 7:30pm

## How Does Your Garden Grow?



Rabbi Dan Selsberg

The last few years have seen an increase in community gardens—plots of land tended by diverse people seeking to reconnect with the earth and with their food. It's not a bad idea. (Though maybe not here: the spots on Beth Jacob's property that would be best suited to gardening are already paved over!) What interested me in a story I saw on community gardens. It talked about a Manhattan garden which suffered a perhaps unsurprising fate.

Because this was a true community garden: not a shared garden with individual, private plots, but a garden where the community shared the labour, and the fruits of their labour, a problem arose. The idea of "From each, according to his ability; to each, according to his need" sounded good but didn't work out so well. As so many learned amid so much tragedy in so many places, shared responsibility only works when people actually feel responsible to do their fair share. If they assume someone else will do it, then nothing gets done. That's what happened in this community garden. A small number of people did all the work, while others sat back and let them do it, till the small number got overwhelmed and frustrated. Just in case anyone needed, it, this seems to offer yet another example of why communism's fair-minded ideals didn't produce fair (or well-functioning) societies. When everybody is responsible, nobody is responsible.

This is relevant here because, for better or for worse, so much of Jewish life relies on people taking responsibility. Traditional Jewish life emphasizes both personal responsibility—every individual is obligated to do the mitzvot—and general communal obligations. Communal institutions are required for Jewish life, and give to each according to their needs, and, the implicit deal is, receive from each according to their means. Our co-religionist Comrade Marx would have recognized the structure well (though it's safe to say he didn't join a shul).

Jewish communities are wonderful exceptions to the rule: in places like Canada, we live free from religious coercion, and we build communities that actually function by giving freely, and relying on the essential goodness of our members (you!) to take a fair share of responsibility for keeping our kehilla kedosha, our sacred community, alive and well. And it works: living testimony to the character of the members of Beth Jacob, past and present. And yet...

It is not entirely clear that the spirit of individuals taking responsibility for the welfare of the community remains. People of my generation and younger (people, say, in their early 40s and below) are not joining synagogues in large numbers. This holds true across North America, and it holds for churches and service groups like Rotary as well. We are increasingly disinclined to tend any communal gardens. Where an earlier generation found the resources to tend both their own garden and that of the community, my generation is more likely to look exclusively after its own plot. I understand why: corrupt institutions have eroded trust, a bearish economy has tightened belts, slickly-produced en-

tertainments and instant access to a virtual universe can make Judaism seem parochial and marginal. In a world of choice, Judaism is something most Jews didn't choose, in a fast-paced world, Judaism moves slowly, in a free society, Judaism emphasizes responsibility, both personal and communal. Many of the very qualities that make Jewish life sublime can put us at a disadvantage.

And with all of this, I'm optimistic. I don't think the communitarian spirit of past generations will suddenly wash over this more cynical age, but we've made it through rougher patches than this. Our key challenge will be to maintain sufficient community involvement to ensure that Judaism as an organic, living tradition can still flourish in an open society, blending the best from our own age and the best from our ancient storehouse of wisdom. To do this, we need everyone, old and young, to realize that each of us needs to get our hands dirty, to dig in the dirt to cultivate a vibrant Jewish life—both personal and communal. We need to take pride in the fact that we succeed in having a communal structure that succeeds where others have failed. At Beth Jacob, we need to continue to provide for all according to their needs—which can only happen by continuing to give according to our abilities.

The Torah begins with a story of a garden, and (spoiler alert!), it doesn't end well. We are challenged with finding a way to maintain our own plots, in both our individual lives, and for the greater good. We are asked to realize that we are part of something greater than ourselves, and to respond to that by freely giving. It is through this spirit that we cultivate richer lives, and relationships with each other, with Torah, and with the Source of Life. May we be blessed to recognize our responsibilities, and to grow in them; may we have more to offer than we thought, and receive more than we deserve.

## a word from THE CANTOR

### Sing a New Song

A century is a remarkable birthday to celebrate. I have never had the opportunity to celebrate anyone's 100th birthday—until this year. On March 31, I had the privilege of participating in a Shabbat celebration of Sam Lewis's milestone birthday. When Mr. Lewis stood at the lectern to address the congregation, he opened his mouth - and his heart - and began to sing. It was a beautiful and touching moment. Tears welled up in my eyes. The melody was sweet. The voice was on pitch (for a 100-year-old man, that's even more remarkable!) The passion for life and love for family and community was palpable - in the way Sam Lewis sang.



Cantor Eyal Bitton

Music can express far more than words can. Intuitively, Mr. Lewis understands this. And when it comes to prayer and spirituality, this is equally true. Singing is an elevated and heightened form of speech. When we pray, we seek to elevate ourselves and find a way to express our spirituality; song does that for us.

Every Friday evening we sing a jubilant Carlebach composition "Shiru Lashem Shir Chadash" (Psalm 96). It means "Sing unto the Lord a new

song." When anything is done by rote, it is difficult to keep the motivating sentiment fresh and imbue it with genuine meaning. Newness keeps it fresh. But there are different ways to sing "a new song".

On occasion, I introduce new melodies which I've composed for shul. I also try to find ways to make existing melodies feel new. Throughout this past year, in the Kaddish Shalem after the Musaf Amidah, I've had children sing Oseh Shalom. It's a nice change from hearing me all the time! A few times a year, I present a Saturday Morning Fever, with the service set to popular melodies. Late spring and in the summer, look out for Shabbestock, a special Friday night service with musical instruments! Also, I've created a synagogue choir - which I invite you to join. It's for all ages. Our tradition is rich because we hold fast to elements of the past while, at the same time, finding new ways to express ourselves as Jews. This, to me, is what it means to "sing a new song".

### Hebrew School

It has been a delight to watch our Beth Jacob Hebrew School children this past year as they have grown in their knowledge of Hebrew and Judaism while forging new friendships with each other. These social bonds help create an atmosphere of learning that is comfortable and enjoyable.

We have a wonderful educational program at Beth Jacob Hebrew School. We offer weekly classes on Wednesday afternoon and Saturday mornings. Our educational staff, consisting of Fay Schmerling, Lainie Tessier, yours truly, and, on occasion, Rabbi Selsberg, is experienced and engaging. We also offer educational activities on Sunday once a month. Our programs, which have been educational and diverse, have been very well received all year long. We had creative programs, like the outing to the National Film Board in Toronto, where the kids created animated scenes of Jewish life. We had fun programs, like our Chocolate Seder, where the kids did an entire mock seder using chocolate replacements for the foods of the Seder. We had social action and thought-provoking programs, like our Out of the Cold Tzedakah program, in which kids participated in tzedakah and listened to a speaker who used to be homeless.

Join us on the first day of Shavuot, on Sunday, May 27, as we acknowledge the students of the Beth Jacob Hebrew School. As we end this school year and look forward to 2012-2013, we invite you to consider Beth Jacob Hebrew School as your Jewish supplementary school. Please contact me to discuss further. We have a lot to offer.

## a word from THE CO-PRESIDENTS

During the Shabbat morning announcements, on the last day of Passover, it was pointed out that the second best day of the Jewish calendar is the first night of Passover. We anticipate the day for weeks in advance and even those in our community, who spend the winter in Florida, make sure they return in time for the Seders. We enjoy a feast of great food and the company of families and friends around the Seder table. The continuation of the statement was that the best day of the Jewish calendar was the last day of Passover. I think many of you would agree.



Ira Greenspoon and Cindy Richter

As we look at our term as co-presidents, to this point, we can say with certainty that the second best day we have enjoyed was the Shabbat morning when ninety-nine and a half year old Sam Lewis sang a birthday song to Norm Levitt, on the occasion of his 95th birthday, during the Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Norm and Blanche to celebrate the special day. The absolute best day we have experienced as co-presidents was the Shabbat morning when Sam Lewis sang to us, serenading the entire congregation, on the occasion of his 100th birthday, during the Kiddush luncheon sponsored by his family to celebrate the momentous occasion. For all of us it was truly an unforgettable day.

We look forward to celebrating more milestones, birthdays, anniversaries and baby namings with our congregants, enjoying the warmth and camaraderie we share during services and afterwards at our Kiddush lunches.

We also look forward to seeing you at upcoming social and fundraising events like "The Big Night" on Monday, June 25, featuring the acclaimed comedian Modi, and our second annual golf tournament. Participation and attendance at these events are opportunities to feel connected to your shul. There are other mid-summer activities in the planning stages that we will have for congregants of all ages. The success of each depends upon your involvement.

We shouldn't always rely on Mr. Lewis to make our days at Beth Jacob special. Each of us has the ability to contribute in our own ways. Still, we look forward to Sam Lewis making more "best days" for us all.

Hamilton Jewish Federation's Public Relations Committee and Save a Child's Heart invite you to the international photography exhibit



## From Art to Heart

capturing the touching stories of children from vastly different backgrounds, and regions of the world who came to Israel for life-saving heart surgery

Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue

# YAHREZEITS

9 IYAR – MAY 1  
Ethel Polan  
Eve, sister of Ida Wright  
Cecil Levy  
Shirley Scholes

10 IYAR – MAY 2  
Lillian Smith  
Max Goliger  
Joe Garshowitz

11 IYAR – MAY 3  
Sam Rochweg  
Grandfather of Helen, Minden & Ada  
Farkas

12 IYAR – MAY 4  
Abraham Garshowitz  
Isabel Ashberg

13 IYAR – MAY 5  
Irving Umansky  
Jules Ungar  
Solomon Wolpert  
Larry Gottehrer

15 IYAR – MAY 7  
Oscar Markusoff  
Harry Beube  
Murray Rosenblood  
Fae Wiseman

16 IYAR – MAY 8  
Mother of Syd Kudlats  
Anna Minden  
Sam Kritzer

17 IYAR – MAY 9  
Rebecca Kantor  
Samuel David Nagawker  
Abe Goldblatt  
Miriam "Bunny" Borovoy

18 IYAR – MAY 10  
Richard Dwor  
Reuben Saperson  
Lawrence Saunders  
Helen Avetissian  
Frimette Pearl

20 IYAR – MAY 12  
Margaret Ruth Hackman

21 IYAR – MAY 13  
Sonia Mintz  
Saul Lewis

22 IYAR – MAY 14  
Sadie Hoffman  
Frank Rubinstein  
Lena Marks  
Chuck Matchen

23 IYAR – MAY 15  
Cantor Henry Zimmerman  
Samuel Kurensky  
Ruth Gold

24 IYAR – MAY 16  
Father-in-law of Lawrence Pollock

Chanka Rotenberg  
Harold Fenwick

25 IYAR – MAY 17  
Nancy Fallon Sea  
Esther Greenblatt

28 IYAR – MAY 20  
Yetta Levy

29 IYAR – MAY 21  
David Latner

1 SIVAN – MAY 22  
Gertrude Friedman  
Frieda Oberman  
Rebecca Kuttner

2 SIVAN – MAY 23  
Rose Noble  
Mary Goldblatt

3 SIVAN – MAY 24  
Bessie Swartz  
Gitel Katz  
Charles Dalfen

4 SIVAN – MAY 25  
Michael Levitt  
Mother of Ray Rosenberg

5 SIVAN – MAY 26  
Sol Hoffman  
Sara Wolfe  
Corinne Cuneo

6 SIVAN – MAY 27  
Mark Levy

7 SIVAN – MAY 28  
Freda Fenwick  
Philip Rosenblatt  
Pearl Markusoff  
Toby Gerstein  
Wolfe Margo  
Ruth Norris

8 SIVAN – MAY 29  
Julius Rusonik

9 SIVAN – MAY 30  
Leib Fischer  
Ethel Caplan

10 SIVAN – MAY 31  
Mother of Ida Wright  
Jack Ben Mintz  
Ferne Glory Mintz  
Bessie Rochweg

11 SIVAN – JUNE 1  
Henrietta Pollock  
Nathan Katz

12 SIVAN – JUNE 12  
Barry Foster

13 SIVAN – JUNE 3  
Minnie Ber  
Bert Staples

14 SIVAN – JUNE 4  
Judi Roberta Shapiro  
Louis Goldberg  
Esther Goldberg Cohen  
Joyce Rossman

15 SIVAN – JUNE 5  
Wilfred Goldblatt  
Joe Kuttas  
Sam Sturman  
Sam Liberman  
Dorothy Feinstein  
Brina Silberg

16 SIVAN – JUNE 6  
Rabbi Israel N. Silverman

18 SIVAN – JUNE 8  
Sylvia Ellison  
Samuel White

19 SIVAN – JUNE 9  
Nathan Feldman  
Rabbi Samuel Levine  
Henry Rabin

20 SIVAN – JUNE 10  
Dr. Jack Mossman

21 SIVAN – JUNE 11  
Pearl Weitzman  
Jack Arron  
Randy Michael Sean Grossman

23 SIVAN – JUNE 13  
Mollie Caplan

24 SIVAN – JUNE 14  
Philip Rosenberg  
Avrum Dalfen  
Leonard Busch

25 SIVAN – JUNE 15  
Mickey Rabkin

27 SIVAN – JUNE 17  
Mary Miller  
Gertrude Zigelstein  
Louis Bain

28 SIVAN – JUNE 18  
Etta Sobol  
Eudy Halberstadt

29 SIVAN – JUNE 19  
Leonard Paul Albert  
Dorothy Lieberman

30 SIVAN – JUNE 20  
Jessie Goldblatt

1 TAMUZ – JUNE 21  
Jack Shapiro  
Albert Feldman  
John Valade

3 TAMUZ – JUNE 23  
Isaac Rosenshein  
Rose Wolfson  
Louis Mitchnick  
Sydney Vaisler

4 TAMUZ – JUNE 24  
Lena Fried  
Lillian Shapiro

5 TAMUZ – JUNE 25  
Samuel Garshowitz  
Morris Barrs  
Barney (Baruch) Ross  
Judi Duckman

6 TAMUZ – JUNE 26  
Mother of Dr. Cecil Saperson

7 TAMUZ – JUNE 27  
Phamie Gooblar

8 TAMUZ – JUNE 28  
Rebecca Rosenblatt  
Louis Gooblar  
Helen Greenbaum  
Alex Schure

11 TAMUZ – JULY 1  
Fanny Selimsky  
Malca Litovitz

12 TAMUZ – JULY 2  
George Pollock  
Harold Back

13 TAMUZ – JULY 3  
Charles (Chic) Steinberg  
Father of Marcia Saperson  
Rebecca 'Bobby' Lebow

16 TAMUZ – JULY 6  
Bertha Matchen  
Sylvia Molot  
Pearl Freedlander

17 TAMUZ – JULY 7  
Aaron Weitzman  
Frima Krausz  
Dr. Alexander Stiglick

18 TAMUZ – JULY 8  
Morris Carr

19 TAMUZ – JULY 9  
Max Adler  
Grandfather of Albert Minden

20 TAMUZ – JULY 10  
Lazar Vine  
Anne Ison  
Charlotte Cohen  
Chayim Walters  
Minnie Saunders  
Joseph 'Yosh' Cohen

21 TAMUZ – JULY 11  
Louis Mintz  
Louie Brooks  
Harry Kudlats  
Harry Ennis  
Arye Zvi Woll  
William Greenspoon

22 TAMUZ – JULY 12  
Father of Evelyn Albert  
Mother of Bessie Goldblatt

23 TAMUZ – JULY 13  
Harry Shekter  
Morley Goldblatt  
Max Zaitchik  
Zelda Cohen

24 TAMUZ – JULY 14  
Betty Mitchnick  
Ada Stock

25 TAMUZ – JULY 15  
Louis Kwitko  
Harry Kwitko  
Dora Price  
Mother of Harold Kelman

26 TAMUZ – JULY 16  
Rose Zelsman

27 TAMUZ – JULY 17  
Jack Streiner  
Tom Radzinski

28 TAMUZ – JULY 18  
Sarah Rosenberg  
Nathan 'Nissi' Applebaum  
Elaine Walman  
Charles Arnold Schure  
Bella Aftenig

29 TAMUZ – JULY 19  
Ida Gitlitz  
Mildred Shendelman  
Cecelia Levy

1 AV – JULY 20  
Molly Miller  
Gertrude Sugarman  
Mary Bach  
Simone Valade  
Alexander (Alex) Kantor

2 AV – JULY 21  
Hyman Skrobacky  
Max Palter

3 AV – JULY 22  
Maucey Ritts  
Mark Adrian Kuritzky

4 AV – JULY 23  
William Schreiber Q.C.  
Esther Olswanger

5 AV – JULY 24  
Rheba Walters  
Sister of Ralph Orman  
Jerry Alan Levy

6 AV – JULY 25  
Samuel Silverstein  
Ben Matchen

7 AV – JULY 26  
Melech Cherns  
Hyman Poteck  
Gertie Gurevitz

8 AV – JULY 27  
Brother of Solly Adler  
Anne Shaffer

# YAHREZEITS

9 AV – JULY 28  
Max Yanover  
Harry Leibow  
Father of Susan Winter  
Fred Penn  
Elio Acciaroli

10 AV – JULY 29  
Leonard Williams  
Edward Shogilev  
Sam Hoppe

11 AV – JULY 30  
Father of Solly Adler

12 AV – JULY 31  
Jean Appleton  
Rose Paikin  
Jack Ovsey  
David Redner

14 AV – AUGUST 2  
Eva Brown  
Jordan Livingston

15 AV – AUGUST 3  
Morris Sewitz

16 AV – AUGUST 4  
Father of David Levy  
Martin Levinson

18 AV – AUGUST 6  
Mendel Olswanger  
Abraham Mallick

19 AV – AUGUST 7  
Abraham Kritzer  
Bella Cohen  
Michael Back  
Rose Hecter

20 AV – AUGUST 8  
Dr. Max Reuben Gitlin

21 AV – AUGUST 9  
Cielia Brooks

22 AV – AUGUST 10  
Max Kuttas  
Tiba Stringer  
Mania Roefe  
Max Stein  
Annie Smurlick  
Rinald Valdman

23 AV – AUGUST 11  
Alfred Gooblar  
Freda Gerson

24 AV – AUGUST 12  
Sam Walters  
Harry Minden  
Samuel Latner

26 AV – AUGUST 14  
Jack Brooks  
Rabbi Chaim Noah Denburg

27 AV – AUGUST 15  
Bella Ginsberg  
Faye Ennis  
Joy Wickens

29 AV – AUGUST 17  
Labol Levy

30 AV – AUGUST 18  
Morris Greenblatt

1 ELUL – AUGUST 19  
Leonard Victor Landa

2 ELUL – AUGUST 20  
Rebecca Sauder  
Milton Gottehrer  
Harry Matchen

3 ELUL – AUGUST 21  
Ben Ber  
Florence Skudwick  
Dan Adler  
Julius Lebow  
Jean Gottehrer  
Harold Rochweg

4 ELUL – AUGUST 22  
Father of Frank Lebow  
Harold Lewis  
Morris Weiner  
Doris Scholes

5 ELUL – AUGUST 23  
Susan Adler  
Lily Cooper

6 ELUL – AUGUST 24  
Father of Anita Smurlick  
Rebecca Kauffman

7 ELUL – AUGUST 25  
Ben Solomon  
Ben Sager

8 ELUL – AUGUST 26  
George Berens  
Benjamin Price  
Max Goldberg

10 ELUL – AUGUST 28  
Nathan Katz

11 ELUL – AUGUST 29  
Miriam Penn  
Saul Smurlick

12 ELUL – AUGUST 30  
Tillie Goldberg

13 ELUL – AUGUST 31  
Shegulla Abraham  
Alexander Mintz  
Dr. Marvin L. Kwitko  
Jean Schure  
Esther Zelda Shechter  
Benjamin Shapiro

# Shem Tov Awards DAN LEVY

Beth Jacob had the recent privilege of honouring Dan Levy as our synagogue's Shem Tov nominee. Dan will be honoured at UJA Federation's AGM on Tuesday, May 22 at Beth Jacob Synagogue.



Dan is a lifelong Beth Jacob member descending from four Russian immigrant grandparents. His parents and most of his relatives were tied to Beth Jacob Synagogue. He has devoted much of his life to the operations of our shul and is a treasured advisor with valuable input.

After joining the Board of Governors in 1970, he has held the positions of Treasurer, Vice President, Finance Chairman, and since 1998 has devoted much of his time as Cemetery Chair. Clearly drawn to the role, Dan is aware that the care and maintenance of a cemetery is alike to caring for family. There are few others as knowledgeable of the community's family trees and histories as Dan. One of Dan's most challenging accomplishments, was the establishment of the new Stanley Sobel Cemetery which, after four years of difficult and strategic planning, was consecrated in 2003.

Dan's ten years as president of United Hebrew Memorial Chapel further compliments Jewish values with respect to proper care of the deceased and compassionate attention to the needs of their families. Marcia, Dan's wife of 51 years, is also tremendously involved in the UHMC's management. Dan says, "There are two kinds of gratitude—the instant rush we feel for what we take and the larger kind we feel for what we give." Though Dan asks for no recognition for his efforts, we at Beth Jacob are deeply appreciative — with both kinds of appreciation — for the time, expertise, and deep caring Dan brings to our community. Jewish communities have long been sustained by individuals like Dan, and we are fortunate to benefit from his efforts.

## OUT OF THE COLD

*Cindy Richter, Coordinator*

Out of the Cold is a program which strives to respond, in a meaningful way, to the needs of the most abandoned of our city's poor and homeless people — basic physical needs of food and deeply human needs of compassion, dignity and feelings of self worth. Over 21 weeks, 2,787 guests were nourished by our Tuesday night volunteers, who in turn were morally and spiritually nourished themselves. The Baal Shem Tov said, "To pull a friend out of the mire, don't hesitate to get dirty." It must be known that our volunteers get dirty — also wet, smelly, splashed with bleach, callused, back soreness, poorer for parking. However, it is rewarding just to be able to bring our guests back to life in a matter of minutes with a bowl of soup, a smile, a single "hello."

A very special thank you to Behrad Garmsiri and Lila Strub for showing us how to get dirty, encouraging us and patting us on the back. The appreciation for our program is never greater than on the last evening in March. Even those who hardly ever make eye contact or speak managed to break their silence, their shame or embarrassment, distrust, fear, social isolation, physical pain. A tall, lean man stood up and, with paper in hand, spoke about the meaningful assistance Out of the Cold provided to him. He stressed that it was not just the food served, but more so, it was the dignity and respect provided that made everyone feel full of worth and importance. Other guests easily share their insights on life and OOTC. To one man, I suggested that he eat his vegetables. He replied, "Healthy food makes me sick!" Another lady remarked that our meals were visually appealing, "First I eat with my eyes." Another woman quickly and quietly entered and exited the church, forcing \$40 into the hand of our security man. She explained that her friend dines at OOTC all the time. Her friend will not take money from her, so she insisted on helping us help her. Thank you to everyone who donates to the Beth Jacob Out of the Cold fund and/or donates toiletries and "in kind" items. No one is perfect, but so long as we strive with full hearts and souls to do our best for those in our community, we may turn toward blessing.



# May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Iyar 9, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	2 Iyar 10, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	3 Iyar 11, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Board Mtg 7:30pm	4 Iyar 12, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:07pm	5 Iyar 13, 5772 Parashat Acharei Mot Kedoshim Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:00pm Havdalah 9:38pm
6 Iyar 14, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Family Program at Shalom Village 10:30am Mincha 6:00pm	7 Iyar 15, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	8 Iyar 16, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	9 Iyar 17, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	10 Iyar 18, 5772 Lag Ba'Omer Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	11 Iyar 19, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Congregational Dinner 6:30pm Candles 8:14pm	12 Iyar 20, 5772 Parashat Emor Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:10pm Havdalah 9:46pm
13 Iyar 21, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Walking with Mitzvot 10:00am Mincha 6:00pm	14 Iyar 22, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	15 Iyar 23, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	16 Iyar 24, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	17 Iyar 25, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	18 Iyar 26, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:22pm	19 Iyar 27, 5772 Parashat Behar Bechukotai Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:15pm Havdalah 9:53pm
20 Iyar 28, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	21 Iyar 29, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	22 Sivan 1, 5772 Rosh Chodesh Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	23 Sivan 2, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	24 Sivan 3, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	25 Sivan 4, 5772 Shacharit Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:29pm	26 Sivan 5, 5772 Parashat Bamidbar Erev Shavuot Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:00pm Candles 9:41pm
27 Sivan 6, 5772 Shavuot I Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:50pm Candles 9:41pm	28 Sivan 7, 5772 Shavuot II Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:50pm	29 Sivan 8, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	30 Sivan 9, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	31 Sivan 10, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm		

# June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sivan 11, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:35pm	2 Sivan 12, 5772 Parashat Nasso BarMitzvah of Spencer Smyth Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:30pm Havdalah 10:06pm
3 Sivan 13, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Family Program 10:30am Mincha 6:00pm	4 Sivan 14, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	5 Sivan 15, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	6 Sivan 16, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	7 Sivan 17, 5772 Shacharit Mincha 6:00pm Board Mtg	8 Sivan 18, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:40pm	9 Sivan 19, 5772 Parashat Be'ha'alotcha Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:35pm Havdalah 10:10pm
10 Sivan 20, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	11 Sivan 21, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	12 Sivan 22, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	13 Sivan 23, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	14 Sivan 24, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	15 Sivan 25, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:43pm	16 Sivan 26, 5772 Parashat Shlach Broadway Shabbat Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:40pm Havdalah 10:14pm
17 Sivan 27, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	18 Sivan 28, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	19 Sivan 29, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	20 Sivan 30, 5772 Rosh Chodesh Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	21 Tamuz 1, 5772 Rosh Chodesh Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	22 Tamuz 2, 5772 Shacharit Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:45pm	23 Tamuz 3, 5772 Parashat Korach Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:45pm Havdalah 10:15pm
24 Tamuz 4, 5772 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	25 Tamuz 5, 5772 Shacharit Mincha 6:00pm The Big Night Doors open at 6:30pm	26 Tamuz 6, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	27 Tamuz 7, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	28 Tamuz 8, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	29 Tamuz 9, 5772 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Candles 8:45pm	30 Tamuz 10, 5772 Parashat Chuka Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:45pm Havdalah 10:15pm

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1 Tamuz 11, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	2 Tamuz 12, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	3 Tamuz 13, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	4 Tamuz 14, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	5 Tamuz 15, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	6 Tamuz 16, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:44pm	7 Tamuz 17, 5772 Parashat Balak  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:45pm Havdalah 10:13pm
8 Tamuz 18, 5772 Fast of Tamuz  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	9 Tamuz 19, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	10 Tamuz 20, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	11 Tamuz 21, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	12 Tamuz 22, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	13 Tamuz 23, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:41pm	14 Tamuz 24, 5772 Parashat Pinchas  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:40pm Havdalah 10:10pm
15 Tamuz 25, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	16 Tamuz 26, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	17 Tamuz 27, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	18 Tamuz 28, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	19 Tamuz 29, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	20 Av 1, 5772 Rosh Hodesh  Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:35pm	21 Av 2, 5772 Parashat Matot-Masei  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:35pm Havdalah 10:04pm
22 Av 3, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	23 Av 4, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	24 Av 5, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	25 Av 6, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	26 Av 7, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	27 Av 8, 5772  Shacharit Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:29pm	28 Av 9, 5772 Parashat Devarim Shabat Chazon Erev Tisha B'Av  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:30pm Havdalah 9:58pm Fast begins 8:47pm Eicha
29 Av 10, 5772 Tisha B'Av  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 2:00pm Ma'ariv 8:45pm Fast ends 9:03pm	30 Av 11, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	31 Av 12, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm				

# August 2012

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			1 Av 13, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	2 Av 14, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	3 Av 15, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:21pm	4 Av 16, 5772 Parashat Vaetchanan Bar Mitzvah of Josh Shenker  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:20pm Havdalah 9:49pm
5 Av 17, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	6 Av 18, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	7 Av 19, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	8 Av 20, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	9 Av 21, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	10 Av 22, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:11pm	11 Av 23, 5772 Parashat Eikev  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:10pm Havdalah 9:40pm
12 Av 24, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	13 Av 25, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	14 Av 26, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	15 Av 27, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	16 Av 28, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	17 Av 29, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:01pm	18 Av 30, 5772 Parashat Re'eh Rosh Hodesh  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 8:00pm Havdalah 9:29pm
19 Elul 1, 5772 Rosh Hodesh  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	20 Elul 2, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	21 Elul 3, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	22 Elul 4, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	23 Elul 5, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	24 Elul 6, 5772  Shacharit Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:50pm	25 Elul 7, 5772 Parashat Shoftim  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 7:50pm Havdalah 9:18pm
26 Elul 8, 5772  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	27 Elul 9, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	28 Elul 10, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	29 Elul 11, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	30 Elul 12, 5772  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	31 Elul 13, 5771  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Candles 7:38pm	



**Spring cleaning?  
Downsizing?  
Decluttering?**

**Beth Jacob is the place for the items you love and CAN live without!**

Our Big Night Silent Auction would be stunning and successful selling your framed art.

**and while you're at it...**

Other wish list items for the shul in general are barbeques, large serving platters, patio furniture, childrens' outdoor play equipment and large planters for indoor or outdoor use.

Also ... check to see if you have any Beth Jacob memorabilia for our upcoming 125th anniversary. We are planning an unforgettable schedule of events. Stay tuned! Call the shul at 905-522-1351 or email office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca if you have items you'd like to donate for any of the above. Thank you!



**Erev Shavuot**  
Saturday May 26, 2012

**Black Fire on White Fire:  
Getting Torah, Then and Now**

*"Before creating the world, God consulted the Torah. On what was the Torah written? It was black fire on white fire..."* Midrash

**Shabbat Mincha** 8:00pm  
**Ma'ariv - Havdallah** 8:30pm  
**Evening Study with Cheesecake!** 8:45pm

**Service Hours**  
Shavuot, Sunday Service May 27 @9:00 am  
Shavuot, Monday Service May 28 @ 9:00am  
Yizkor at approximately 10:30 am on Monday, May 28

**Congregational Shabbat Dinners**

**Friday, May 11 & Friday June 15**

Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 PM  
Dinner 6:30 PM  
Cost Family \$55.00  
Adults \$18.00  
Children (5 - 13) \$9.00  
Children (4 & under) Complimentary  
Call 905-522-1351 to reserve.



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