

Happy Chanukah



Dates To Remember

Sunday, November 1 & 15
WALKING WITH LIFE

Friday, November 6 &
Saturday, November 7
NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

Saturday, November 28,
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
**FREE FILMS FOR
FROZEN NIGHTS (& DAYS)**

Sunday, November 29
SOUL, BODY & MIND
THE WHITE HATS COME
TO THE WHITE CITY

Friday, January 10 &
Saturday, January 11
**SEPHARDIC
SHABBAT MISHPACHA**
WITH CANTOR EYAL BITTON

Details inside!

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**CHANUKAH DINNER
& SHABBAT MISHPACHA**
Friday, December 11 (Chanukah Dinner)
& Saturday, December 12

(Details inside)

A word from the Rabbi

"Numbers Game"

Woody Allen said that ninety percent of life is just showing up. You never want to hear your airline pilot offer that insight, not to mention your doctor, or the construction worker directing traffic, or really most anyone else. But it is closest to true in at least one area: minyan. For your shul to have a regular minyan, all you have to do is show up. Men, women, old, young, religious, secular, pious, impious, busy or at leisure. All we need are ten Jews. If you're reading this, odds are, you can be part of the solution.

"Rabbi, will there be a minyan tonight?" Probably. Though I occasionally hear rumors to the contrary (who knows so little juicy gossip that they spread rumors about minyans?), for the last year, we've done a nice job on having a minyan present. In my three years here, I've noticed the improvement. We had a streak there for a couple of months of rarely missing a minyan. Even now, if we miss, it's missing with seven or eight people present. But there are times we still miss. And that's a problem. We're all part of this problem sometimes; no one can be at 375 Aberdeen every day of the year (trust me, I know). But we can all be there sometimes. The nice thing about this is it is easy to be a part of the solution. Really easy.

We post minyan times in the bulletin, online, on a recorded phone message, in weekly emails and in flyers. If you can't make for lack of transportation, just call the shul: odds are, we know of someone who is traveling past your home who is able to pick you up. No need to be alone, no need to invent excuses. The people who make our minyan live are not "more religious" (whatever that means) than you are. But they make a powerful piece of Jewish life come alive when they step into the building. I've seen the impact it has on folks. And 90% of it is just showing up.

I know there are bigger problems in the world. But one of those problems is that our society makes it easier for us to lead increasingly isolated lives, ever more divorced from human contact. Minyan helps with this. Some folks use the minyan as a way to keep up with others, others use it as a way to have a quiet moment in a busy day, some use it to talk with God, some use it to talk with people who are trying to talk with God. Some use it as a place to meet before going for a bite to eat. Some use it to mourn. Some use it to allow others to mourn. There are as many reasons to be present as there are Jews. Our minyan provides warmth, connection, and a deep sense of belonging. The daily minyan is one of those ancient traditions that makes such good sense on so many levels, both on personal and public levels, one might think our distant ancestors kept up with the psychological and sociological research. They didn't—but they knew that the minyan met deep human needs.

If you want to come but don't feel comfortable, call me or the cantor. We can help you get used to what goes on. If you know what goes on, but don't feel you have the time, please look for a way to find time, even if it's only once a month. On many issues, we are asked if we are part of the problem or part of the solution. It's not hard to be part of the solution on this one. I look forward to counting you in.



Rabbi Dan Selsberg

A word from the Cantor

I remember going to parties that didn't enjoy very much. I'd stand there looking at others dancing and I'd talk to friends but I'd find that the parties went on and on. Then one day, you know what I did? I decided to get up and dance. And guess what? The parties weren't so dull and interminable anymore. I found myself actually having a good time. I got so much more by being a part of it than by staying on the sidelines.

That's my philosophy for synagogue services. And if you were at Beth Jacob Synagogue over the High Holidays then you know what I'm talking about. The services were infused with song – from the very beginning right to the very end.

As Cantor of Beth Jacob Synagogue, I don't believe that I'm here to perform for you. This isn't a concert. You're not the audience. WE ARE ALL the performers and GOD is the audience. We are a community and a congregation. We stand together – as one. So I sculpted services that would involve and engage the congregation on every page of the siddur. And it was electric.

Conventional wisdom states that when a cantor starts a new position in a synagogue, he/she must take great care to sing the congregation's melodies. New melodies should only be introduced slowly and not in the first year. At another synagogue I worked in, it was believed that the only way to introduce a new melody was to take time out of the service and teach it to the congregants.

I have never accepted this way of thinking. And I proved conventional wisdom wrong in each and every High Holiday service. I didn't introduce one or two songs. I introduced dozens of new melodies. Ashkenazi melodies. Sephardi melodies. Original compositions. Dozens. And here's the amazing thing: the congregation sang along on each and every one. What sweet music! What spirit!

How come it worked? Come and find out. You will see that I can teach you a new melody on the spot. And I make every effort to do so because I want you – I need you to sing with me. Before too long, Beth Jacob Synagogue will be known as Hamilton's singing congregation.



Cantor Eyal Bitton

From your Co-Presidents

As this edition of the bulletin goes to press, the shul is abuzz with preparations for tonight's Lottery. We want to congratulate Harold Goldblatt and Larry Rosenberg for once again providing exceptional leadership by spearheading this wonderful fundraiser. Thank you to Krystyna and Czeslaw and the Lottery Committee for all your hard work.

We want to thank all of you who participated in the Kol Nidre night appeal for the Campaign and remind those of you who have not yet taken the opportunity to make a gift to contact either one of us. We will be delighted to speak to you.

Finally a special thanks to the Rabbi, Cantor, our office staff, Hanna, Maureen and Cheryl, our many volunteers and Board Members, who, day after day, make shul business their business. The energy is upbeat with everyone playing their part. As you read through this bulletin, consider where you see yourself becoming more involved... either by coming to minyan, attending a class, coming to services, or helping out in the shul. We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing you.



Wendy Schneider & John Levy

Adult Education

Soul, Body & Mind

Sunday, November 29, 2009

Izzy Ferguson

THE WHITE HATS COME TO THE WHITE CITY
Bauhaus architectural gems of Tel Aviv, 1920-1940

Tel Aviv's collection of magnificent modernist buildings from between the world wars – the 'White City' – is now a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. How and why did such a city evolve? What induced modernist architects to bring the revolutionary spirit of Europe's new planning principles to town? And did they also – like cowboys – bring brave principles of freedom, justice and aesthetic experimentation to this Middle Eastern frontier town?

Izzy Ferguson is an architect and not a cowboy. Without a great deal of courage, he has practiced architecture in London, Toronto and Dundas for over 30 years, winning a number of design awards and overly-critical reviews. He fell in love with the 'White City' at first sight, on a recent trip to Israel.

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Cantor Eyal Bitton

**CREATING A MUSICALLY INSPIRING,
BUT NOT TIRING, SYNAGOGUE SERVICE**

Cantor Bitton will enlighten, but also entertain us, as he discusses and illustrates the challenges and opportunities inherent in creating a synagogue service that is inspiring and engaging for participants of all ages, and all liturgical tastes. Using a mix of Ashkenazi and Sephardic traditional music and also his own liturgical compositions, Eyal will demonstrate his creative and innovative cantorial philosophy. "I don't see my job as a performance", says Eyal, "my goal is to make the synagogue a singing congregation." Come along for a taste of Chazones unlike what your grandfather knew.

Music has always been part of Eyal Bitton's life. As a child he sang in the choir at Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, and by the age of 18, when he was hired as that synagogue's choir director, he was already arranging and composing music. As a composer and lyricist his forte is tapping into a depth of emotion that inspires an audience. His published works include four musicals based on biblical stories and many liturgical recordings in a variety of traditional styles. In 2003, Eyal moved to Toronto when he was hired by Beth Tikvah Synagogue to replace the late Srul Irving Glick, as its musical director. Eyal Bitton recently joined the Beth Jacob Synagogue in the dual role of Cantor/Educator.

Cover charge for breakfast: \$5.00. For reservations & information call: Maureen Price at 905-523-8067. Come for minyan at 9:00 am, stay for breakfast and learn.

"Walking with Life"

**12 CLASSES, WALKING THROUGH
THE MEANINGS BEHIND AND SOURCES
FOR JEWISH LIFE CYCLE EVENTS USING
DIVERSE PRIMARY SOURCES.**

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INTERACTIVE, INFORMATIVE, INCLUSIVE,
INFORMAL AND INFORMING.**

**10:00 AM ON NOVEMBER 1&15
DECEMBER 6 & 20, JANUARY 3 & 17**

CLASS IS FREE, BREAKFAST \$ 5



The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School provides classes for adults interested in serious study and who desire to achieve a strong foundation in Jewish literacy.

Starting Oct 26 at the JCC, consecutive Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm; Starting Oct 27 at the Adas Israel, consecutive Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 pm; Starting Oct 28, Temple Anshe Sholom (Winter) and Beth Jacob Synagogue (Spring), consecutive Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm;

This is a two-year program. Tuition is \$300 per year. Please contact Marty Strub at 905-523-5978 for more information or email meltoninhamilton@gmail.com.

Want to practice your spoken Hebrew?

Join Beth Jacob's
Hebrew Conversation Circle



Come for an hour of conversation and activities designed to help expand your Hebrew vocabulary. Facilitated by Chani Pinthus.

Sunday November 8, Sunday, November 22
& Sunday, December 13 from 10:00 - 11:00 am
at the Beth Jacob Hebrew School

Cost is Free! Call the shul office at 905-522-1351 to register or email office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca

Kids@Beth Jacob



The Baby Group

Come have a nosh, shmooze, and meet new and old friends in our community.

Mondays 10-12 at the JCC

Wednesdays, 10-12 at Beth Jacob

Shabbat Stories

Every Shabbat children can become a part of the service through story telling and singing.

9:00 am: Davening with Rabbi Selsberg and Cantor Eyal;

11:00 am: Storytelling in the library



Mark your calendars for Beth Jacob's

CHANUKAH DINNER

Friday, December 11



& SHABBAT MISHPACHA

Saturday, December 12

5:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00 pm Dinner

\$20/adult; \$10/children 5-13; children under 5 free. Please call the Beth Jacob office at 905-522-1351 or email office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca

SHABBAT MISHPACHA



Join us on the first Friday night and Saturday morning of every month for Shabbat Mishpacha, featuring lots of food, friends and fun for all ages! Rabbi Selsberg and Cantor Eyal take you on an incredible journey through singing, discussion, and prayer. And of course, scrumptious food!

Friday evenings:

6:00 spirited davening and singing with Cantor Eyal, followed by a congregational dinner (reservations required)

Saturday mornings:

9:00 Davening with Rabbi Selsberg and Cantor Eyal
10:30 Spirited and engaging children's services with Natalie Sobel. Ages pre-school and up. Playroom is open for babies. All this followed by a delicious Kiddush lunch!

New Member Shabbat

Long-time members are especially asked to help welcome all of Beth Jacob's new members who will be our guests of honour at **New Member Shabbat**, Friday night, November 6 and Shabbat morning, November 7. A delicious fish and vegetarian dinner will be served Friday night following a lively and welcoming Kabbalat Shabbat service. Make sure to bring the under-13 crowd to interactive Children's services. No charge for lunch.

Sephardic Shabbat

Join us on Friday and Saturday, January 10 & 11* for Sephardic Shabbat with Cantor Eyal...and his mother's delicious Moroccan recipes

Cost of Shabbat Mishpacha Dinners:

\$18/adult; \$9/children 5-13; children under 5 free. Please call the Beth Jacob office at 905-522-1351 to reserve your seats! Saturday lunch is free!

* Please note that due to Chanukah and New Years, Shabbat Mishpacha for the months of December and January will take place on the second Friday and Saturday of the month.

MEET KASSANDRA LOEWEN

At this year's High Holiday services there was one question circulating among many of our congregants: Who is that young girl reading the Torah so beautifully and with such enthusiasm? It is our pleasure to take this opportunity to answer the question. Meet Cassandra Loewen, a 16 year old, Grade 11 student who lives in Kitchener.



Kassandra's family began coming to Beth Jacob Synagogue two and a half years ago and no one could have predicted then just how much of a contribution their gifted daughter would make to our community.

Kassandra's interest in Torah was kindled in Grade Five, when her family was attending a Reform congregation in Mississauga. Her mother, Techiya, observing her daughter's restlessness in Religious School, encouraged her to enter the Hidon Ha'Tanach, a worldwide competition on the Tanach (Hebrew Bible) for high school students. Kassandra took to the challenge, even getting herself a coach to help her prepare. After winning her division the first two years in which she participated, Kassandra knew she was ready to take on the bigger challenge of competing in the Hebrew version of the Hidon. The main obstacle was that her Hebrew was not yet up to par. A chance meeting with Barry Walfish at a Beth Jacob dinner, led to a relationship that was about to change her life: Not only did Barry agree to help prepare her for the challenge, but, in response to her request, agreed to teach her how to leyn (read) Torah.

Why did Kassandra want to learn how to leyn? "I do it because I love it. It feels good. It's something ancient that people have been doing for a really long time. When I leyn it feels like I'm a link in that chain ...you're taking the text and removing it from the page, adding music, adding your own passion to it and conveying it to other people." Kassandra still remembers the first time she leyned Torah. The feeling was good, but she knew she could do better, so she did it again and again....and again. Then Barry taught her how to chant from the Book of Esther on Purim. All this while the teacher was living in Ottawa and the student in Kichener.

"Barry would send me the MP3's and help me with pronunciation. I never knew these things until I worked with Barry. He is incredible."

Barry also introduced her to the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education's summer program for high school students in New York City, a program she has participated in over the last two summers.

One of Kassandra's happiest memories was during a Mincha/ Ma'ariv service in early September when her mother read Torah for the first time. Kassandra had spent long hours preparing her mother for that day and all present can testify to the joy of watching mother and daughter embrace immediately following her reading, breaking out in a spontaneous dance around the podium with the Rabbi.

"It was like her bat mitzvah. Reading Torah is something she always wanted to do. It meant the world to her... and I'm very very proud."

We're proud too, of Kassandra, and her entire family, including parents, Rob and Techiya and sister, Rachael, because of their commitment to Beth Jacob and their willingness to push their boundaries and deepen their learning. Yashar Koach!

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We are indebted to all of the above for devoting so much time and energy for the benefit of our congregation. Please feel free to contact any one of these wonderful volunteers if you have any questions concerning their areas of responsibility.



Na'amat Canada HAMILTON

WOMEN OF INSPIRATION

honouring

Cindy Richter, Ahuva Soifer & Vicky Wylson-Sher

**Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 pm
at Beth Jacob Synagogue**

*Join in celebrating the volunteer efforts made by these women and the good they do for our community
Wine and appetizer reception + desserts Tickets are \$25.00*

Additional donations are gratefully receipted and acknowledged in the evening program book with your personal greeting to the honourees

For tickets call Yael Reznick-DeMarco at 905-529-0322 or Dora Fischer at 905-525-5062

Yahrzeits

14 CHESHVAN - NOVEMBER 1
Rena Rittberg

15 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 2
Hasna Solomon
David Rittberg
Irene Bella Hershberg
Joan Esther Rosenblood

16 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 3
Father of Betty Foster

17 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 4
Ruth Anne Zaitchik

18 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 5
Jacob Goldblatt
Jacob Adler
Alex Cherns

19 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 6
Sigmund Botnick
Father of Sheilah Greenspan
Anuta (Hana) Pulver
Sybil Dermer
Melvin Manishen

20 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 7
James L. Shekter

21 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 8
Bert Gooblar
Allan Rosen

22 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 9
Abram Price
Abraham Greenspan
Ruth Goliger
Morris Redner

23 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 10
Henry Morris
Murray Cooper

24 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 11
Grandmother of Larry Goldblatt
David Lindenbaum
Myer Karon

25 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 12
Ethel Walters
Nettie Levine
Father of Harold Kelman
Father of Clareta Schoenberg
Shirley Zenner

27 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 14
Sarah Shapiro
Mendel Jegendorf
Dr. Philip Yanover

28 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 15
Joseph Eisenstat
Father of Michael Orlander

29 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 16
Louis Rosenberg
Ruth Borden
Nathan Fenwick
Mendel Levine

30 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 17
Joseph Oberman
Reuben Levy

1 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 18
Chaya Mirel Weiner
Sidney Halpern

2 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 19
Mother of Raye Lebow
Percy Wright

3 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 20
Mother of Jeanette Nathan

4 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 21
William Ginsberg

5 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 22
Father of Dorothy Pollock
Sam Boom

6 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 23
Harold Levy
Leonard Zalter

7 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 24
Sheldon Ross

8 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 25
Mariam Peters

10 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 27
Wolfe Adelman
David Orson
Michael Levinson
Hayette Smurlick

11 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 28
Father of Elmer Farkas
Mother of Annette Wunder
Jack Rosenfeld
Debby Moses
Morris Siegel

12 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 29
Brother of Raye Lebow
Cheryl Goldblatt

13 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 30
Lillian Kwitco
Irvine Shienfield
Victor Goldberg

14 KISLEV – DECEMBER 1
Brother of Dorothy Pollock
Maita Rosenfeld
Betty Kay

15 KISLEV – DECEMBER 2
Father of Sydney Kudlats
Marla Zack Kelman
Sadie Oppor
Barbara Goldblatt

16 KISLEV – DECEMBER 3
Mildred Levitt
Esther Williams
Ruth Ellenzweig
Robert Gooblar
Birdie Smurlick
Daniel Maurice Kahn
Wolf Vladimir

17 KISLEV – DECEMBER 4
Sam Soifer
Samuel Macy

18 KISLEV – DECEMBER 5
Louis Walters
Isabel Silver

19 KISLEV – DECEMBER 6
Bernard Friedman
Max Lew

20 KISLEV – DCEMBER 7
Father-in-law of Myrle Cwitco
Rose Siegel
Kenneth Rochkin
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21 KISLEV – DECEMBER 8
Father of Dorothy Cohen
Benjamin Zaitchik
Father of Harvey Waxman

22 KISLEV – DECEMBER 9
Maxwell Hecter
Harry Brown

23 KISLEV – DECEMBER 10
Ernie Rosenblatt
Betty Gains

24 KISLEV – DECEMBER 11
Father of Pauline Rubinstein
Sam Zelsman
Ida Kotick

25 KISLEV – DECEMBER 12
Ida Furman
Hannah Feldman
Ida Morgenbesser

26 KISLEV – DECEMBER 13
Father of David Ludwin
Kenneth Fox

27 KISLEV – DECEMBER 14
Father of Frances Silver
Goldie Landa

28 KISLEV – DECEMBER 15
Charles Joseph Solomon
David Peretz Rotenberg

29 KISLEV – DECEMBER 16
Hyman Lasky
Aryeh Gurevitz
Alte Freed
Jean Brown

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Dr. James Morris

2 TEVET – DECEMBER 19
Edith Rabkin

3 TEVET – DECEMBER 20
Adrea Halpren
Dorothy Adler

4 TEVET – DECEMBER 21
Kay Caplan
Dr. Meyer Carr
Gitty Kudlats

5 TEVET – DECEMBER 22
Father of Shirley Noseworthy

7 TEVET – DECEMBER 24
Sarah Lyons
David Abraham
Kate Taylor

8 TEVET – DECEMBER 25
Nathan Fruitman
Dorothy Stein
Morrey Mintz
Samuel Silberg

9 TEVET – DECEMBER 26
Ida Wright
Father of Dr. Michael Norris
Murray Waltman

10 TEVET – DECEMBER 27
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon
Goldberg
Lloyd Garshowitz
George Goodman
Thelma Pollock
Howard Rosenberg

11 TEVET – DECEMBER 28
Louis Ennis

12 TEVET – DECEMBER 29
Harry Kay

13 TEVET – DECEMBER 30
Mother of Freda Hoffman
Morris Kuttas

15 TEVET – JANUARY 1
Mother of Baya Vertes
Dorothy Bain

Yahrzeits

17 TEVET – JANUARY 3
Brother of Lee Cooper
Max Rosenfeld
Frances Gretenstein

18 TEVET – JANUARY 4
Helen Rubenstein
Lillian Clyde
Mort Levy
Samu Krausz
Nathan Gelber

20 TEVET – JANUARY 6
Goldeh Leah Kuttas
Samuel Steinberg
Harry Miller
Pearl Kuttas

21 TEVET – JANUARY 7
Albert Livingston

22 TEVET – JANUARY 8
Hyman Sobol
Morris Minden
Rose Roat
Emanuel Bach
Morris Louis Sobel

24TEVET – JANUARY 10
Allen Swaye
Morris Smurlick

25 TEVET – JANUARY 11
Lenore Liebow
Freda Macy

26 TEVET – JANUARY 12
Lillian Topp
Sally Lees

27 TEVET – JANUARY 13
Jarvous Marks
Debby Rosenberg
Murray Pollock

28 TEVET – JANUARY 14
Clara Pallant
Ben Bach

29 TEVET – January 15
Sam Handelman
Sam Adler

1 SHEVAT – JANUARY 16
Father of Rhoda Katz
Louis Silvert
Samuel Brown
Golda Jegendorf

2 SHEVAT – JANUARY 17
Father of Raye Lebow
Joseph Mirsky
Joseph Chisik
Abe Kaufman
David Mintz

Hy Feinstein
Charles Maclin

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Mother of Paul Hanover
Shalom Abraham

4 SHEVAT – JANUARY 19
Sadie Livingston
Charlotte ‘Lou’ Levy

5 SHEVAT – JANUARY 20
Sadie Zenner
Nathan Topp
Sybil Levey
Louis Cantor
Sydney Dermer

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Harry Rosenblatt
Mother of Dr. Louis Greenspan
Harry Bergart

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Father-in-law of Muriel Fenwick
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Selma Metzger
Arthur Feldman
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Edith, Mother of Patricia Jaye

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Irving Leon
Robert Fenwick

10 SHEVAT – JANUARY 25
Toby Mandel
Jeanette Silver
Sadie Warshaw
Margaret Weisz

11 SHEVAT – JANUARY 26
Hildred Green
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12 SHEVAT – JANUARY 27
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13 SHEVAT – JANUARY 28
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Rivka Seldin Woll
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*Mazal Tov to:*Ruth & Norman Beitner on their 30th anniversary by Bev & Ralph Orman.

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Mollie Caplan Memorial Fund

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In honour of: Lynda & Neil Morris by Joy Foster.

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Condolences to: Ruby Berns by Freda Hoffman. Peter Rosenblatt by Freda Hoffman.

Mazal Tov to: Beverly Sobel on her birthday by Freda Hoffman;

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In honour of: Ben Sharpe by Jeanette Nathan;

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Condolences to: The Rosenblatt Family by Lawrence Pollock;

Mazal Tov to: Martin Brody on his birthday by Lawrence Pollock;

In honour of: Jerry & Dorothy Pollock by Beverly Sobel.

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Condolences to: Goldie Robbins by Sasha & Tom Weisz;

Thank You: Rochelle & Gerry Swaye by Dorothy Rosenthal.

Yahrtzeit Donations:

Sam Levy

The Beth Jacob Family extends our condolences to:

- Mort Weizenbluth on the loss of his brother.
- Emmy and Erich Weisz on the loss of their son
- Jeremy Goldberg on the loss of his mother
- Pete Rosenblatt on the loss of his wife
- The Schecter and Garshowitz families on the loss of Esther Shecter
- Dena Honig on the loss of her mother
- Mary Louise and Dennis Beecroft on the loss of an uncle
- Jerrett Nellicks and Reva Gelber on the passing of their mother and sister, Sylvia Nellicks, z"l.
- Harriet Orlander on the passing of her father, Hy Wiseman, z"l.

The Beth Jacob Family extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

- Rachel Loewen on her Bat Mitzvah
- Mindy and John Webber on the birth of a daughter; granddaughter to Elena and Jerry Goldblatt
- Riza and Archie Lieberman on their new home in Toronto
- Cantor-Educator Eyal Bitton and Michelle Tredger on their new home in Hamilton
- Ira Greenspoon & Maureen Price for being our Simchat Torah honourees
- Cindy Richter, Ahuva Soifer and Vicky Wylson-Sher for being honoured as Na'amat's "Women of Inspiration"
- Dan and Marcia Levy on their new home
- Nancy and Allen Greenspoon on their new home
- Marilyn Levy, whose submission received an award at London, Ontario's Ceremonial Objects for the Jewish Home Show for its "elegant and joyous design."

The Beth Jacob Family extends our appreciation to:

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- Volunteers and staff for all their hard work preparing for the High Holidays
- Karen Selsberg, Natalie Sobel and all the volunteers who prepare Shabbat Mishpacha
- Czeslaw and Krystyna for all their work on the lottery.

The Beth Jacob Family welcomes the following new members who joined our shul over the year:

- Miriam Bergart and James Ling
- Michael Briks
- Heidi Caplan
- Sonny Caplan
- Susan and Judah Denburg
- Jill and Lorne Gaffe
- Gloria Greenspan Glayt
- Dana Hollander
- Danna and David Horwood
- Katherine and Irwin Levine
- Sam Lewis
- Gary Minden and Brenda Zalter-Minden
- Shirley and Michael Molot

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chesvan 14, 5770 Shacharit 9:00 am Walking with Life 10:00 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	2 Chesvan 15, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	3 Chesvan 16, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	4 Chesvan 17, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	5 Chesvan 18, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	6 Chesvan 19, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4-48pm	7 Chesvan 20, 5770 Parashat Vayera Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 5:00pm Havdalah 5:48pm
8 Chesvan 21, 5770 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	9 Chesvan 22, 5770 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	10 Chesvan 23, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	11 Chesvan 24, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm Board Meeting 8:00pm	12 Chesvan 25, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	13 Chesvan 26, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:40pm	14 Chesvan 27, 5770 Parashat Chayei Sara Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 4:55pm Havdalah 5:40pm
15 Chesvan 28, 5770 Shacharit 9:00 am Walking with Life 10:00 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 Chesvan 29, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	17 Rosh Hodesh Chesvan 30, 5770 Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	18 Rosh Hodesh Kislev 1, 5770 Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	19 Kislev 2, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	20 Kislev 3, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:34pm	21 Kislev 4, 5770 Parashat Toldot Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 4:50pm Havdalah 5:34pm
22 Kislev 5, 5770 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	23 Kislev 6, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	24 Kislev 7, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	25 Kislev 8, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	26 Kislev 9, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	27 Kislev 10, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:29pm	28 Kislev 11, 5770 Parashat Vayetzei Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 4:45pm Havdalah 5:30pm
29 Kislev 12, 5770 Shacharit 9:00 am Soul, Body & Mind 10:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	30 Kislev 13, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm					

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kislev 14, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	1 Kislev 15, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	3 Kislev 16, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	4 Kislev 17, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:27pm	5 Kislev 18, 5770 Parashat Vayishlach Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 4:45pm Havdalah 5:27pm
6 Kislev 19, 5770 Shacharit 9:00 am Walking with Life 10:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	7 Kislev 20, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Kislev 21, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	9 Kislev 22, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm Board Meeting 8:00pm	10 Kislev 23, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	11 Kislev 24, 5770 Chanukkah: 1 candle Candles 4:26pm Hanukkah Dinner Shabbat Mishpacha Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00pm Dinner 6:00 pm	12 Kislev 25, 5770 Chanukkah: 2 candles Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 4:45pm Havdalah 5:27pm Shabbat Mishpacha
13 Kislev 26, 5770 Chanukkah: 3 candles Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	14 Kislev 27, 5770 Chanukkah: 4 candles Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	15 Kislev 28, 5770 Chanukkah: 5 candles Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 Kislev 29, 5770 Chanukkah: 6 candles Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	17 Kislev 30, 5770 Rosh Hodesh Chanukkah: 7 candles Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	18 Tevet 1, 5770 Rosh Hodesh Chanukkah: 8 candles Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:27pm	19 Tevet 2, 5770 Chanukkah - 8th day Parashat Miketz Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 4:45pm Havdalah 5:29pm
20 Tevet 3, 5770 Shacharit 9:00 am Walking with Life 10:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	21 Tevet 4, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	22 Tevet 5, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	23 Tevet 6, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	24 Tevet 7, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm Ma'ariv 7:00pm	25 Tevet 8, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:31pm Movie Marathon 11:00am	26 Tevet 9, 5770 Parashat Vayigash Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 4:45pm Havdalah 5:32pm
27 Tevet 10, 5770 Asara B'Tevet Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	28 Tevet 11, 5770 Shacharit 7:45 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	29 Tevet 12, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	30 Tevet 13, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	31 Tevet 14, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm		

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tevet 15, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:36pm	2 Tevet 16, 5770 Parashat Vayechi Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 4:50pm Havdalah 5:38pm
3 Tevet 17, 5770 Shacharit 9:00 am Walking with Life 10:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	4 Tevet 18, 5770 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	5 Tevet 19, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	6 Tevet 20, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	7 Tevet 21, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Tevet 22, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:43pm	9 Tevet 23, 5770 Parashat Shemot Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 5:00pm Havdalah 5:45pm
10 Tevet 24, 5770 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	11 Tevet 25, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	12 Tevet 26, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	13 Tevet 27, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm Board Meeting 8:00pm	14 Tevet 28, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	15 Tevet 29, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:51pm	16 Shevat 1, 5770 Rosh Hodesh Parashat Vaera Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 5:10pm Havdalah 5:53pm
17 Shevat 2, 5770 Shacharit 9:00 am Walking with Life 10:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	18 Shevat 3, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	19 Shevat 4, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	20 Shevat 5, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	21 Shevat 6, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	22 Shevat 7, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 5:00pm	23 Shevat 8, 5770 Parashat Bo Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 5:15pm Havdalah 6:02pm
24 Shevat 9, 5770 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	25 Shevat 10, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	26 Shevat 11, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	27 Shevat 12, 5770 Ma'ariv 6:00pm	28 Shevat 13, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	29 Shevat 14, 5770 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 5:09pm	30 Shevat 15, 5770 Tu Bi'Shevat Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 5:25pm Havdalah 6:11pm
31 Shevat 16, 5770 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm						

Beth Jacob Synagogue presents

Free Films for Frozen Nights

Saturday, Nov. 28 @7:00pm: Praying With Lior

Fascinating documentary focuses on the phenomenon of Lior Liebing, a boy with Downs syndrome considered a "spiritual genius" for his boundless enthusiasm for prayer and professed close communication with God.

Thursday, Dec. 24 @7:00pm: Live & Become

A powerful coming of age story intricately and passionately filmed about an Ethiopian Christian boy who disguises himself as an Ethiopian Jew in order to escape famine and emigrates to Israel.

Friday, Dec. 25 @11:00am: A Touch Away

Back by popular acclaim, this five-hour Israeli mini series focuses on a forbidden love affair between a young girl from a strictly religious family and a Russian immigrant from a secular family. 11:00 am to 5:00 pm including 1 hour intermission. (Inquire about babysitting at the shul office)

Saturday, Jan. 23 @7:00pm: Arranged

Arranged revolves around a friendship between two young teachers—one a Muslim, one an Orthodox Jew—who meet at a racially and culturally diverse Brooklyn grade school.

Donations to cover cost of refreshments for all of these films will be gratefully accepted



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