

Beth Jacob's Circle

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Dates To Remember

Friday, May 13
ISRAELI SHABBAT DINNER

Wednesday & Thursday
June 8 & 9
SHAVUOT

Monday, June 20
THE BIG NIGHT

Sunday, August 14
BETH JACOB GOLF DAY
Flamborough Hills Golf Course

Thursday, September 29
Friday, September 30

ROSH HASHANA

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Beth Jacob Synagogue's

BIG NIGHT

featuring
Elon Gold
star of the acclaimed one-man show:
"Half Jewish, Half Very Jewish"
Monday, June 20, 2011
Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show starts at 7:30 pm
Draw for the trip, reception & silent auction
after the show

a hilarious night
of comedy!

Two Ways To Enjoy a Fabulous Evening:
Tickets \$36 each, includes admission to the great show and silent auction!
OR...

Best Value!
\$100 lottery ticket for a chance to
win a vacation worth up to \$5000—
and **INCLUDES TWO ADMISSION TICKETS**
FOR THE BIG NIGHT!!!

a word from **THE RABBI**

"Perhaps it is most natural for us today to explain the differences between our view of things and those of earlier civilizations by saying that in premodern times people simply did not know this or that fact, that they were under this or that misapprehension, from which we have not happily freed ourselves. No doubt there is some truth in this proposition. But it seems to me we ought at least to be prepared to entertain the opposite hypothesis as well, that however much progress the intervening centuries may have brought in some domains, they have also led us to lose a way of seeing that existed in former times. By "way of seeing" I mean to suggest something more than simply another point of view; perhaps people were actually enabled by this way of seeing to observe things that we no longer observe nowadays. It is difficult for one who reads the Bible carefully, and takes its words seriously, not to arrive at such a conclusion: something, a certain way of perceiving, has gradually closed inside of us, so that nowadays most people simply do not register, or do not have access to, what had been visible in an earlier age. What we have – all we have – are those texts of the Bible that bear witness to that other way of seeing (and perhaps invite us, with the use of some spiritual imagination, to try to enter into it, open our eyes, and look.)"



Rabbi Dan Selsberg

Not my prose (I wish!), but from James Kugel, a scholar of the Tanakh. Usually, I don't like to quote at length, but here Kugel captures our situation so well: we live in a time when facts that were simply unavailable to an earlier generation are available to us. This knowledge, and the fact that we know we know it and that previous generations didn't has its own dangers. It can lead to a hubris, a sense that our greater knowledge means greater wisdom, and that, as a result, there is little that we can learn from those who lived "in the dark". (Little of use, anyway, maybe ancient knowledge would be helpful when camping in the wilderness, but not in a home with indoor plumbing and an broadband connection.)

Kugel points out the danger of this view, but goes one better: it is not only that there is what to learn from the age of the Bible, but that there is a whole way of seeing that people engaged in then, and is lost to us now. The image in my mind is that of the stars in the sky: if you spend your life within 500 miles of a major city, you never see the stars at night the way the ancients saw them each night. Not only that, but we are largely unaware of what we're missing-- we hardly notice what we're not seeing. Kugel is right to say that the words of our holy books are our star chart to this world, but what I like is his balance.

Too often, religious groups get caught up in either the first proposition ("Since we know more now, we can always trump what they said then.") or err on the side of the second ("Since they saw in a way we can't, we have no right to question their conclusions, given our inferior perception.") Kugel sees that there is truth on both sides, and suggests a balance. And he's right. (None of you who know me are surprised by my "both-and" conclusion!) We both know more, and in some ways see less, than our ancestors, and that is precisely why we have to remain firmly rooted in the modern world while constantly accessing the views of the Biblical period. That's the only way we can try to achieve the balance that has so much potential: to live in the now, to look to the future, with a grounding in the past. Could there be any doubt that this is what the Torah would want of us?

a word from **THE CO-PRESIDENTS**

The winter seems to be behind us now and so is the Passover season. Even though the winter seemed to be long and cold, it is always warm and inviting inside Beth Jacob both spiritually and socially.

All those who attend services witness the continued growth of Beth Jacob. When we speak of growth we are not just referring to the growing numbers of people attending Shabbat mornings, Saturday evenings and daily minyans, but we are also recognizing the social growth that we are experiencing on a daily basis.

Thanks in large part to Rabbi Dan, Cantor Eyal and the new and inspiring atmosphere of the newly opened chapel, Shabbat has become fun and very congregant-friendly at Beth Jacob. Perhaps the most interesting and satisfying aspect of our Shabbat mornings is the evolution of our Kiddush luncheon. Under the direction of our executive director, Hanna Schayer and the staff she has assembled, Tzvia Lipton's Kiddush luncheons are awesome. Every Shabbat we sit together at tables eating the delicious food enjoying the friendly conversation and experiencing Shabbat as it should be experienced. Our Shabbat continues with Seudot Shlishit between Mincha and Ma'ariv. Enjoying Shabbat and seeing so many others enjoying Shabbat with us has certainly been a very enjoyable benefit of being co-presidents.

Our social calendar has also been full during the last few months and the best is yet to come. Monday June 20th is the date of The Big Night. It is both a major fundraiser and a major social event for Beth Jacob. Last year the event was a huge success. The Big Night promises to be an even bigger night this year. The very funny Elon Gold will be the star of the evening. Elon calls himself "the Jewish Jerry Seinfeld". His critically acclaimed one man show performed at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal in 2009 and Toronto in 2010, entitled "Half Jewish The Other Half Very Jewish" is half very funny the other half hilarious. We are lucky to have him perform for us and you won't want to miss him. Elon will be sharing the stage with the draw for a trip to a destination of your choice, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00. There will be a maximum of 250 tickets sold for the draw so your chances are better than ever. The evening will also include a silent auction. When you purchase a ticket for the draw for the trip you receive two tickets to the evening. If you prefer you may just purchase tickets for event.

We are also pleased to announce our Beth Jacob Golf Day to be held at Flamborough Hills Golf Course on August 14. Form a foursome and join us for a day of golf. We wish to thank the generosity of Flamborough Hills for providing their fine facility for our event.

Volunteers are the springboards for successful outcomes. In our experience sharing the planning of an event with other congregants helps make the event financially successful as well as socially and spiritually fulfilling. Everyone has something to offer, a dialing finger a computer keyboard or some other useful talent. If you don't get enjoyment from the experience, we won't ask you to help again...for another year.

The Golf Day, The Big Night and our annual Lottery certainly all put the "fun" in fundraising.

We look forward to welcoming you spiritually and socially.



Ira Greenspoon and Cindy Richter

a word from **THE CANTOR**

**BETH JACOB EDUCATION
THE JEWISH DIMENSION**

Beginning in September, Beth Jacob Hebrew School students will have four rich programs to participate in: Torah for Tots (kids up to SK), Jewish Dimension (Gr. 1-7), Chai School (Gr. 7-8), and All in the Family (all ages).



Cantor Eyal Bitton

"Torah for Tots" is a wonderful introduction to the world of Judaism for the very young. Twice a month during Shabbat services, Natalie Sobel leads this engaging program in which students learn about Jewish concepts and Torah tales. Kids love it.

"Jewish Dimension" provides students with a full Jewish experience. Hebrew language skills are developed on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00pm. On Saturday mornings, students learn about Jewish ideas, values, holidays, and Torah. They also learn the tools of Jewish ritual – how to say Kiddush, motzi, and other prayers. And they learn to have a leadership role within the congregation by taking an active part in Shabbat services as well.

"All in the Family" gives the whole family an opportunity to take part in Jewish activities together. These sessions are always creative and generally hands-on. Some of our amazing programs include a Jewish Animation Workshop at the National Film Board in Toronto, where kids will have the opportunity to make a short film which they can keep!

"Chai School" is an enriching program for students in Gr. 7-8. Sessions are conducted in discussion groups led by Rabbi Dan Selsberg and Cantor Eyal Bitton.

We're proud to offer quality educational programs for our kids – from early childhood to Bar Mitzvah and beyond. I invite you to visit www.bethjacobsynagogue.ca to view or download our educational brochure detailing our full program. To register, please contact me at 905-522-1351.

It's in you to give

The Beth Jacob Chesed Committee and UJA Federation of Hamilton presents "It's in You to Give." The launch of the Jewish Hamilton's Adopt-a-Clinic in support of Canadian Blood Services will take place at Beth Jacob Synagogue Shabbat morning, June 11, 2011. Hear from a blood recipient how a life can be saved by a simple blood donation followed by the Jewish view of the mitzvah.



a word from **USY**

If you asked me three years ago what the letters USY mean to me, I would have said nothing. They are just silly old letters for the alphabet. But not any more. Today these three letters mean unity, family, and one of the greatest life journeys someone could take part in. USY is not just something I participate in anymore, it is who I am. It has made me who I am today.



Carly Yanover
President, USY

When people ask me what will you remember most about high school, I tell them I all the fun and exciting programs I have been able to participate in; or about the crazy all-nighters we do, or maybe I will tell them about the hours spent on a bus to Ottawa with my best friends.

I have now been the president of OHUSY for the past two years. Although we are a small chapter, we are a very strong chapter. Over the course of the past few months we have been able to plan great programs like skating and bowling. We have also had the chance to help in our community by making hundreds of hamantaschen and delivering michloach manot. Also, we have had two very successful coat checks here at our shul, and ran fun activities for not only the teens but also for the younger children.

Please, help me give your kids the same experience that I have I had. Send them laser tagging for a few hours on May 14th or even send them to the USY convention in London, Ontario for unforgettable action packed weekend from May 5th to 8th. I promise you will not regret it. If you have any questions about OHUSY's upcoming programs or convention please do not hesitate to ask one of our amazing OHUSY or regional executives.

Thank you to everyone who has supported OHUSY in the last year!

CEMETERY SPRING RENEWAL

Arrangements have been made with Conservation Halton and the Hamilton Halton Watershed Stewardship Program to provide us with trees and shrubs for both the Beth Jacob Cemetery and the Stanley Sobol Beth Jacob Cemetery. This will help beautify our grounds and slow erosion along the banks and edges. It will also assist with the wind/water break and act as a sound and dust barrier. Fortunately, the Maple Leaf Foundation is funding 70% of the project. Our sincere thanks to our custodian Brian Guffroy for his assistance. A tree is a living tribute to one's memory. Please consider donating a tree in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Cost is \$54; please call the synagogue office.



YAH RZEITS

27 NISAN – MAY 1

Michael Minden
Nate Adler
Harry Robbins
Reuben Gurevitz
Morley Katz

28 NISAN – MAY 2

Rose Caplan

29 NISAN – MAY 3

Nathan Sauder
Annie Levine

30 NISAN – MAY 4

Betty Umansky
Max Wisner
Sam Smurlick

1 IYAR – MAY 5

Hyman Madow
Genia Ludwin

3 IYAR – MAY 7

Joe Laskin

4 IYAR – MAY 8

Rose Shapiro
Alan Turner
Mother of Susan Pearl

6 IYAR – MAY 10

Zvi Yaakob Freed
Belle Chisik
Claire Latner

7 IYAR – MAY 11

Abe 'Nutch' Cohen
Harry Schneider

8 IYAR – MAY 12

Raymond Miller

9 IYAR – MAY 13

Ethel Polan
Eve, sister of Ida Wright
Cecil Levy

10 IYAR – MAY 14

Lillian Smith
Max Goliger
Joe Garshowitz

11 IYAR – MAY 15

Sam Rochweg
Maternal grandfather of Helen Minden & Ada Farkas

12 IYAR – MAY 16

Abraham Garshowitz
Isabel Ashberg
Sam Quitt

13 IYAR – MAY 17

Irving Umansky
Jules Ungar
Solomon Wolpert
Larry Gottehrer

14 IYAR – MAY 18

Ruth Quitt

15 IYAR – MAY 19

Oscar Markusoff
Harry Beube
Murray Rosenblood
Fae Wiseman

16 IYAR – MAY 20

Mother of Syd Kudlats
Anna Minden
Sam Kritzer

17 IYAR – MAY 21

Rebecca Kantor
Samuel David Nagawker
Abe Goldblatt
Miriam "Bunny" Borovoy

18 IYAR – MAY 22

Richard Dvor
Reuben Saperson
Lawrence Saunders
Helen Avetissian

20 IYAR – MAY 24

Margaret Ruth Hackman

21 IYAR – MAY 25

Sonia Mintz
Saul Lewis

22 IYAR – MAY 26

Sadia Hoffman
Frank Rubinstein
Lena Marks
Charles Shafman
Bernice Elgort
Chuck Matchen

23 IYAR – MAY 27

Cantor Henry Zimmerman
Samuel Kurensky

24 IYAR – MAY 28

Father-in-law of Lawrence Pollock
Chanka Rotenberg
Harold Fenwick

25 IYAR – MAY 29

Nancy Fallon Sea
Esther Greenblatt

28 IYAR – JUNE 1

Yetta Levy

29 IYAR – JUNE 2

David Latner

1 SIVAN – JUNE 3

Gertrude Friedman
Frieda Oberman
Rebecca Kuttner

2 SIVAN – JUNE 4

Rose Noble
Mary Goldblatt

3 SIVAN – JUNE 5

Bessie Swartz
Gitel Katz
Charles Dalfen

4 SIVAN – JUNE 6

Michael Levitt
Mother of Ray Rosenberg

5 SIVAN – JUNE 7

Sol Hoffman
Sarah Wolfe
Corinne Cuneo

6 SIVAN – JUNE 8

Mark Levy

7 SIVAN – JUNE 9

Freda Fenwick
Philip Rosenblatt
Pearl Markusoff
Toby Gerstein
Wolfe Margo
Ruth Norris

8 SIVAN – JUNE 10

Julius Rusonik

9 SIVAN – JUNE 11

Leib Fischer
Ethel Caplan

10 SIVAN – JUNE 12

Mother of Ida Wright
Jack Ben Mintz
Ferne Glory Mintz
Bessie Rochweg

11 SIVAN – JUNE 13

Henrietta Pollock

12 SIVAN – JUNE 14

Barry Foster

13 SIVAN – JUNE 15

Minnie Ber
Bert Staples

14 SIVAN – JUNE 16

Judi Roberta Shapiro
Louis Goldberg
Esther Goldberg Cohen

15 SIVAN – JUNE 17

Wilfred Goldblatt
Sonia Walman
Joe Kuttas
Sam Sturman
Sam Liberman
Dorothy Feinstein

16 SIVAN – JUNE 18

Rabbi Israel N. Silverman

18 SIVAN – JUNE 20

Sylvia Ellison
Ben Mossman
Samuel White

19 SIVAN – JUNE 21

Nathan Feldman
Rabbi Samuel Levine
Henry Rabin

20 SIVAN – JUNE 22

Dr. Jack Mossman

21 SIVAN – JUNE 23

Pearl Weitzman
Jack Arron

23 SIVAN – JUNE 25

Mollie Caplan

24 SIVAN – JUNE 26

Philip Rosenberg
Avrum Dalfen
Leonard Busch

25 SIVAN – JUNE 27

Mickey Rabkin

27 SIVAN – JUNE 29

Mary Miller
Gertrude Zigelstein
Louis Bain

28 SIVAN – JUNE 30

Etta Sobol
Eudy Halberstadt

29 SIVAN – JULY 1

Leonard Paul Albert
Dorothy Lieberman

30 SIVAN – JULY 2

Jessie Goldblatt

1 TAMUZ – JULY 3

Jack Shapiro
Albert Feldman
John Valade

3 TAMUZ – JULY 5

Isaac Rosenshein
Rose Wolfson
Louis Mitchnick
Sydney Vaisler

4 TAMUZ – JULY 6

Lena Fried

5 TAMUZ – JULY 7

Samuel Garshowitz
Morris Barrs
Barney (Baruch) Ross
Judi Duckman

6 TAMUZ – JULY 8

Mother of Dr. Cecil Saperson

7 TAMUZ – JULY 9

Phamie Gooblar

8 TAMUZ – JULY 10

Rebecca Rosenblatt
Louis Gooblar
Helen Greenbaum
Alex Schure

11 TAMUZ – JULY 13

Fanny Selimsky
Malca Litovitz

12 TAMUZ – JULY 14

Father of Lawrence Pollock & Jerome Pollock
Harold Back

YAH RZEITS

13 TAMUZ – JULY 15

Charles (Chic) Steinberg
Father of Marcia Saperson
Rebecca 'Bobby' Lebow

16 TAMUZ – JULY 18

Bertha Matchen
Sylvia Molot
Pearl Freedlander

17 TAMUZ – JULY 19

Aaron Weitzman
Frima Krausz
Dr. Alexander Stiglick

18 TAMUZ – JULY 20

Morris Carr

19 TAMUZ – JULY 21

Max Adler
Grandfather of Albert Minden

20 TAMUZ – JULY 22

Lazar Vine
Anne Ison
Charlotte Cohen
Chayim Walters
Minnie Saunders

21 TAMUZ – JULY 23

Louis Mintz
Louie Brooks
Harry Kudlats
Harry Ennis
Arye Zvi Woll
William Greenspoon

22 TAMUZ – JULY 24

Father of Evelyn Albert
Mother of Bessie Goldblatt

23 TAMUZ – JULY 25

Harry Shekter
Morley Goldblatt
Max Zaitchik
Zelda Cohen

24 TAMUZ – JULY 26

Betty Mitchnick

25 TAMUZ – JULY 27

Louis Kwitko
Harry Kwitko
Dora Price
Mother of Harold Kelman

26 TAMUZ – JULY 28

Rose Zelsman

27 TAMUZ – JULY 29

Jack Streiner
Tom Radzinski

28 TAMUZ – JULY 30

Sarah Rosenberg
Nathan 'Nissi' Applebaum
Elaine Walman
Charles Arnold Schure

29 TAMUZ – JULY 31

Ida Gitlitz
Mildred Shendelman
Cecelia Levy

1 AV – AUGUST 1

Molly Miller
Gertrude Sugarman
Mary Bach
Simone Valade

2 AV – AUGUST 2

Father of Annette Wunder
Hyman Skrobacky
Max Palter

3 AV – AUGUST 3

Maucey Ritts
Mark Kuritzky

4 AV – AUGUST 4

William Schreiber Q.C.
Esther Olswanger

5 AV – AUGUST 5

Rheba Walters
Sister of Ralph Orman
Jerry Alan Levy

6 AV – AUGUST 6

Sam Silverstein
Ben Matchen

7 AV – AUGUST 7

Melech Cherns
Hyman Poteck
Gertie Gurevitz

8 AV – AUGUST 8

Brother of Solly Adler
Anne Shaffer
Murray Shafman

9 AV – AUGUST 9

Max Yanover
Harry Leibow
Father of Susan Winter
Fred Penn
Elio Acciaroli

10 AV – AUGUST 10

Leonard Williams
Edward Shogilev
Sam Hoppe

11 AV – AUGUST 11

Father of Solly Adler

12 AV – AUGUST 12

Jean Appleton
Rose Paikin
Jack Ovsey

14 AV – AUGUST 14

Anne Quitt
Eva Brown
Jordan Livingston

15 AV – AUGUST 15

Morris Sewitz

16 AV – AUGUST 16

Father of David Levy
Martin Levinson

18 AV – AUGUST 18

Mendel Olswanger
Abraham Mallick

19 AV – AUGUST 19

Abraham Kritzer
Bella Cohen
Michael Back
Rose Hecter

20 AV – AUGUST 20

Dr. Max Reuben Gitlin

21 AV – AUGUST 21

Cielia Brooks

22 AV – AUGUST 22

Max Kuttas
Tiba Stringer
Mania Roefe
Fannie Shafman
Max Stein
David Zenner
Paternal grandmother of Peter Smurlick
Rinald Valdman

23 AV – AUGUST 23

Alfred Gooblar
Freda Gerson
Harry Freedman

24 AV – AUGUST 24

Sam Walters
Harry Minden

26 AV – AUGUST 26

Jack Brooks
Rabbi Chaim Denburg

27 AV – AUGUST 27

Bella Ginsberg
Faye Ennis
Joy Wickens

29 AV – AUGUST 29

Labol Levy

30 AV – AUGUST 30

Morris Greenblatt

1 ELUL – AUGUST 31

Leonard Victor Landa



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Mazal Tov to: Dan & Marcia Levy by Terri & Milton Lewis.

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In memory of: Alysa Rotstein by Cecile & David Steinberg; Murray Adelman by Cecile & David Steinberg. ***Condolences to:*** Sara Rochweg & Family by Sandra Yanover & Saul Eisenberg. Tishelle Adelman by Hilton & Shirley Silberg. ***Mazal Tov to:*** Dan & Marcia Levy by Marcia & Bill Halpren.

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Barry Foster Memorial Fund

Mazal Tov to: Ira Greenspoon by Joy Foster; Cindy Richter by Joy Foster.

Myrna Goldhar Memorial Fund

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Condolences to: David & Karen Zitzerman & Family by the Livingston Family and the Walman Family; Michael Grossman & Family by Yael & Alan Livingson & Staff.

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Esther and Al Shecter Fund

Mazal Tov to: Marcia & Dan Levy by Lani & Cal Abbott; Marcia & Dan Levy by Aaron & Sheryl, Samantha & Carly Shecter.

MILESTONES

On behalf of the Beth Jacob Family we wish a hearty Mazel Tov to:

- Ahuva Soifer on her 90th birthday.
- Sylvia and Alan Livingston on their birthdays.
- Shirley & Irving Levine on moving to their new home.
- Benson Honig for being awarded a major research award.
- Rochelle Swaye on her special birthday.
- Rochelle & Gerald Swaye’s 42nd anniversary.
- Eyal & Michelle on a successful oratorio evening – Journey to Jerusalem concert.
- Marcia & Dan Levy on their 50th anniversary.
- Blanche & Norman Levitt on the birth of a granddaughter.
- Fran Orson on her special birthday.
- Larry Rosenberg on his birthday.
- Paul & Helen Hanover on the birth of a great granddaughter.
- everyone who organized the Israeli Film Festival and to the winners of the photography contest, Sol Algranti, Haim Goldstein and Yael Reznick DeMarco and to finalists Benson Honig, Simon Kaplansky, Paul Roth, Wendy Schneider and Jeff Solomon.
- Peter Pona on his recent marriage.
- Judah and Susan Denburg on the birth of their first grandchild, Leo Charles Denburg. Proud parents are Drs. Avram Ezra Denburg and Liane Macdonald.
- Ruth Greenspan and Isaac Rashid on the occasion of the bar mitzvah of their son, Jacob.
- Rikki and Peter Gross on the occasion of the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Marlee.
- Sam Lewis, on the occasion of his 99th birthday.
- Gerry Quitt, on moving into his new home and on the birth of his great grandson.
- to Philip Price on winning the Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award.

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On behalf of the Beth Jacob Family we extend our sincere condolences:

- Grazyna Figura on the passing of her father.
- Sherri Michell & family on the passing of her grandmother.
- Tishelle Adelman on the passing of her husband Murray, z”l.
- Henry Morris on the passing of his grandfather, Martin Hershberg, z”l.
- The Wright family on the passing of Norma Wright, z”l.
- Peter Pona, on the passing of his father.

Appreciation to the following for sponsoring breakfast and Shabbat Kiddush:

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- Debbie and Marty Strub for hosting a Camp Ramah BBQ and information evening.
- Sponsors and volunteers who helped make Purim celebrations a huge success.
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- Melinda Richter and the members of OHUSY for their delicious mishloach manot and to Tzvia Lipton and all the parent volunteers who helped.
- Judah and Susan Denburg for sponsoring a kiddush in honour of the birth of their grandson.
- the Rashid and Greenspan families or sponsoring a kiddush in honour of Jacob’s bar mitzvah.

OUT OF THE COLD

Cindy Richter, Coordinator

We have done what we do best – feeding the body and providing nourishment and healing for the soul through acts of caring. Again, volunteers under the leadership of Joanne Manishen and Lila Strub, Beth Jacob Tuesday at James Street Baptist has provided dinners for 2,704 guests, 364 more than last year.

The late Mordecai Kaplan once said that, “Revelation is the human discovery of the values and ideals that this community determined were indispensable for living in the presence of God.” Our volunteers return year after year because they witness the results. Passive indifference is not tolerated with this special group.

The congregants of Beth Jacob generously donate through the Beth Jacob Out of the Cold Fund which fully enables the good work. Each Christmas, hampers of toiletries are distributed to those in need and gifts in kind such as hats, gloves and scarves keep the winter’s cold edge from dampening spirits. A special thank you to Mrs. Sylvia Cohen who for many years has donated hundreds of warm and colourful hand-knitted hat and scarf sets to grateful recipients. Mary Louise Beecroft has busy hands too. They both have hands as warm as their hearts!

Our guests return year after year because they witness goodness. Goodness in people who care and goodness in our food. “It’s hard to feel poor after a meal like this.” “Best meal I’ve eaten in years.” “My stomach is rejoicing.” “The meal of the year!” “I only came once all year. After a meal like this, I could kick myself.” “It’s not much…” \$5 from a guest who we hope knows that his kindness is uncountable. “Your volunteers are so kind.” “This is my lucky day,” whispered a guest to God. A middle-aged well dressed British lady admitted that our program had sustained her through the winter; she would not have made it without us.

We create the OOTC sanctuary each year to experience humanity in an imperfect world. Thanks to all who share in our endeavour.

a word from A MINYANNAIRE

by Susan Pearl

As a new member of Beth Jacob, I can empathize with congregants who wish to observe the yahrzeits of loved ones, but are unable to say Kaddish because of no minyan. I had never fully grasped the full significance of not having a minyan until the last year, since I did not have a personal stake in the matter.

All this changed one Tuesday afternoon, while finishing a volunteer shift in the shul office, when I was asked if I would be willing to make up the evening minyan. A longstanding member had come to say Kaddish, and due to inclement weather, many of the “regulars” were absent. So I stayed for the Mincha/Ma’ariv service and discovered that the puzzle pieces were starting to fit. By being part of that evening’s minyan, this lovely lady – whose name I don’t even know – was able to observe the yahrzeit of a loved one. She thanked me then and she has thanked me since for being present. She placed such a value on what I had done and this goes beyond any random act of kindness that I have ever done!

I now understand that my participation in the minyan makes it possible for my new Beth Jacob friends to say Kaddish without having to go to the trouble of calling people or knocking on neighbourhood doors. I have a greater appreciation for the Jewish upbringing that my family instilled on me and I can only say how special it is for me to be a part of the Minyannaires, to make it possible for others to observe the yahrzeit of their family members without the stress of worrying about the possibility of not having a minyan.

We’d love to hear from you!

If you’d like to contribute your thoughts to the next Beth Jacob bulletin’s Minyannaire’s column, providing insight into the proud tradition we hold dear and the relationships that are formed by regular attendance, we’d love to hear from you. Some possible topics could be: What did it mean to have a minyan while I was saying kaddish/having a yahrzeit? What’s it like to be numero ten? Memories of the old chapel; Companionship and camaraderie; Personalities of individuals; Jokes; Woes; Tales of old folks; Comings and goings, etc; There are naturally some Malka Atwoods and Shimon Shakespeare amongst us! Don’t be shy; give it a try. You can be serious, or light, poetic or straight off the cuff, lingering or short. Please let your pen ponder the possibilities and send your missives to office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca.

Attention Golfers!



Join us at

Beth Jacob Golf Day

Sunday afternoon, August 14, 2011 at
Flamborough Hills Golf Club.

Cost is \$125 per person; \$500 for a foursome. Anyone purchasing a foursome will receive a tax receipt for a value of \$100. Lunch will be served. For more information call 905-522-1351.

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Nisan 27, 5771 Yom HaShoah Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	2 Nisan 28, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	3 Nisan 29, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	4 Nisan 30, 5771 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	5 Iyar 1, 5771 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	6 Iyar 2, 5771 Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:08pm	7 Iyar 3, 5771 Parashat Emor Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:30pm Havdalah 9:10pm
8 Iyar 4, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Family Education Program 10:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	9 Iyar 5, 5771 Yom HaZikaron Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	10 Iyar 6, 5771 Yom Ha'atzmaut Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	11 Iyar 7, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	12 Iyar 8, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	13 Iyar 9, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:16pm	14 Iyar 10, 5771 Parashat Behar Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 8:35pm Havdalah 9:18pm
15 Iyar 11, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 Iyar 12, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	17 Iyar 13, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	18 Iyar 14, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Melton 7:00pm	19 Iyar 15, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm Talmud 6:30pm	20 Iyar 16, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:23pm	21 Iyar 17, 5771 Parashat Bechukotai Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:40pm Havdalah 9:25pm
22 Iyar 18, 5771 Lag BaOmer Shacharit 9:00 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	23 Iyar 19, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	24 Iyar 20, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	25 Iyar 21, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	26 Iyar 22 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	27 Iyar 23, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:30pm	28 Iyar 24, 5771 Parashat Bamidbar Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 8:45pm Havdalah 9:32pm
29 Iyar 25, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	30 Iyar 26, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	31 Iyar 27 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm				

June 2011

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			1 Iyar 28, 5771 Yom Yerushalayim Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	2 Iyar 29, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	3 Sivan 1, 5771 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:36pm	4 Sivan 2, 5771 Parashat Nasso Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:35pm Havdalah 9:37pm
5 Sivan 3, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Family Education Program 10:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	6 Sivan 4, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	7 Sivan 5, 5771 Erev Shavuot Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 8:00pm Torah Study/Cheesecake 8:45pm	8 Sivan 6, 5771 Shavuot 1 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 9:00pm	9 Sivan 7, 5771 Shavuot 11 Shacharit 9:00am Yizkor 10:30am Ma'ariv 9:00pm	10 Sivan 8, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:40pm	11 Sivan 9, 5771 Parashat Be'ha'alotcha Shacharit 9:00am Aufruf of Waxman/Chaimovitz Families 8:40pm Havdalah 9:42pm
12 Sivan 10, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	13 Sivan 11, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	14 Sivan 12, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	15 Sivan 13, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 Sivan 14, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm Talmud 6:30pm	17 Sivan 15, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:44pm	18 Sivan 16, 5771 Parashat Shlach Shacharit 9:15am Bat Mitzvah of Marlee Gross 8:40pm Mincha 8:40pm Havdalah 9:45pm
19 Sivan 17, 5771 Shacharit 9:00 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	20 Sivan 18, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm The Big Night Doors open at 6:30 pm	21 Sivan 19, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	22 Sivan 20, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	23 Sivan 21, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	24 Sivan 22, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:45pm	25 Sivan 23, 5771 Parashat Korach Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 8:40pm Havdalah 9:46pm
26 Sivan 24, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	27 Sivan 25, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	28 Sivan 26, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	29 Sivan 27, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	30 Sivan 28, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm		

July 2011

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					1 Sivan 29, 5771 Scharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm Candles 8:45pm	2 Sivan 30, 5771 Rosh Hodesh Parashat Chukat Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:40pm Havdalah 9:46pm
3 Tamuz 1, 5771 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 9:00 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	4 Tamuz 2, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	5 Tamuz 3, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	6 Tamuz 4, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	7 Tamuz 5, 5771 Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Tamuz 6, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:44pm	9 Tamuz 7, 5771 Parashat Pinchas Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:40pm Havdalah 9:40pm
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17 Tamuz 15, 5771 Shacharit 9:00 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	18 Tamuz 16, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	19 Tamuz 17, 5771 Tzom Tamuz Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	20 Tamuz 18, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	21 Tamuz 19, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	22 Tamuz 20, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:35pm	23 Tamuz 21, 5771 Parashat Matot Siddur Discussion 9:00am Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 8:35pm Havdalah 9:35pm
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31 Tamuz 29, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm						

August 2011

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7 Av 7, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Av 8, 5771 Erev Tisha B'Av Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv Eicha 8:45pm	9 Av 9, 5771 Tisha B'Av Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 2:00pm Ma'ariv 9:00pm	10 Av 10, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	11 Av 11, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	12 Av 12, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:10pm	13 Av 13, 5771 Parashat Ve'etchanan Shabbat Nachamu Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:10pm Havdalah 9:09pm
14 Av 14, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Beth Jacob Golf Day @ Flamborough Downs Ma'ariv 6:00pm	15 Av 15, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 Av 16, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	17 Av 17, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	18 Av 18, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	19 Av 19, 5771 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:59pm	20 Av 20, 5771 Parashat Eikev Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 8:00pm Havdalah 8:59pm
21 Av 21, 5771 Shacharit 9:00 am Mincha 6:00pm	22 Av 22, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	23 Av 23, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	24 Av 24, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	25 Av 25, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	26 Av 26 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:48pm	27 Av 27, 5771 Parashat Re'eh Shacharit 9:00 am Mincha 7:45pm Havdalah 8:47pm
28 Av 28, 5771 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	29 Av 29, 5771 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	30 Av 30, 5771 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	31 Elul 1, 5771 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm			

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