

The Circle

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

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KISLEV, SHVAT, ADAR 5776

Dates To Remember

Sunday, Dec. 6
First night of Chanukah

Wednesday, Dec. 9
Chanukah Dinner

Saturday December 12
Cantor Eyal and Michele's

Open House
Chanukah Party



212 Bay St. S.
Hamilton
7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25
Tu B'Shevat

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Shul Office: 905.522.1351
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Beth Jacob's

CHANUKAH DINNER



Wednesday, December 9

Children's activities at 4:30 pm

Services and Songs at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:00 pm

Bring your chanukiahs for the brightest Beth Jacob candle-lighting ever!

TICKETS:

\$72/family \$25/adult; \$12/children (5 -12 years)

Children under 5 - free

Do not delay, RSVP by Friday, Dec. 4

Call 905-522-1351 to reserve or email office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca

Please bring donation for the Kosher Food Bank: Cereal, peanut butter, canned fish, pasta, Kleenex, canned soups etc.



Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli

At our community gathering in response to the terrorism currently happening in Israel, I noted that our High Holiday prayers mention that on Yom Kippur, God decides, “who will live and who will die ...” And I noted that the text also gives us a remedy: “Teshuvah, prayer and charity nullify the evil decree.” Though we live geographically far away, we cannot consider the problems in Israel as “someone else’s”. We Jews are all responsible for one another.

On a mystical, cosmic level, we definitely believe that our actions here affect the lives of our sisters and brothers in Israel and throughout the world. I am proud that our community is taking action on many fronts. We continue to say prayers for Israel regularly, and since the completion of the High Holidays, we as a community have engaged in a rigorous program of adult Torah education classes, offered nearly every day of the week, all with the ultimate goal of making us better human beings through exploration and consideration of the themes in our classical texts. In addition, we are embarking on a new charitable mission to sponsor a Syrian refugee family.

When Holocaust survivor Michael Mason spoke recently at Beth Jacob about his experiences during the war, I referenced a Mishna in Pirkei Avot that says, “Know from where you have come, and to where you are going...” I would suggest a slightly alternative, less fatalistic reading of the Mishnaic adage: “Know from where you came, so that it won’t be where you are going as well.” Part of our responsibility to remember the Holocaust is to make sure it doesn’t happen again – to us, or to others.

Antisemitism is on the rise throughout the world. I myself received six death threats from a Neo-Nazi/white-supremacist while living in modern, progressive Sweden. Genocides currently ongoing in many places in the world, like Syria, Nigeria, Sudan and Somalia are a stain on the entire world population. It is unacceptable that the world allows these things to occur. I am extremely proud to be part of a synagogue community that has begun steps towards sponsoring a Syrian immigrant family, in fulfillment of my namesake Hillel the Elder’s dictum, “That which you despise, do not do to another person – this is the essence of the entire Torah, the rest is just commentary; go and learn.” (Talmud, Tractate Shabbat p. 31a).

In the darkest season of the year, we light candles to celebrate Chanukah. Chanukah refers to the rededication of the Temple, but the root of the word, Chanukah is Chinuch, meaning education, which we know is the key to change for the better.

It says in Proverbs (6:23): “For a mitzvah is a candle, and the Torah is light”. And it’s not just us – many other cultures and traditions use darkness as a symbol of ignorance, evil, and shameful behaviour, and light as a symbol of intelligence and righteousness. My hope is that both we and everyone else we share this planet with, continually incorporate more and more of the theme of Chanukah in our daily lives, studying and developing our sense of morality, equality and social justice with an eye to implementation and making this world a much safer place – if not for us, then for our children and grandchildren.

Chanukah Sameach!

We write this article with great respect for those who have worked so hard before us. In our time preparing for our term as co-presidents of the Beth Jacob Board of Governors, we have come to appreciate how much work, time, and effort goes into making Beth Jacob in Hamilton the best choice for our Jewish lives.

Before we even introduce ourselves we would like to take a moment to thank all those who have worked before us to bring Beth Jacob to where it is today. Without their amazing efforts there wouldn’t be much left to lead. THANK YOU!

For those of you who haven’t met us yet, we are Anne Sanderson and Matthew Ogus and are the new co-presidents of the Beth Jacob board. Anne was born and raised in London, Ontario and graduated from the University of Guelph. Anne moved to Hamilton five years ago after living in Toronto for 26 years and has never looked back. Anne is a supporter of the locally grown food scene here in Hamilton and has her backyard enrolled in the Backyard Harvest Program. Matthew was born and raised in Toronto and graduated from McMaster University. Matthew was certain when he came here that he would never stay in Hamilton when he graduated. Who knew what a warm and inviting community existed here in Hamilton! His wife Rina Rodak (you’ve much more likely heard of her than of me) and he have three boys (Zane, Bram and Jack) and couldn’t imagine raising them anywhere else. Beth Jacob has been the only choice for both of them and they wouldn’t have it any other way.

We look forward to the next few years at Beth Jacob, and while much work has been done, we have much work to do. Our focus for the coming year is developing an outward reaching board structure that involves non-board members in various activities throughout the synagogue. The only way that structure can work is for everyone to take an interest and get involved. While that is easy to say, it is not always easy to do. Whatever your interest – be it social justice, finance, fundraising, ritual or any other aspect of Shul life, we have an opportunity for you. Feel free to contact one of us by email at sma@sympatico.ca (Anne) or miogus.bethjacob@gmail.com (Matthew) to express your interest. Maybe you’d like to help with one event this year on a time-limited basis. Perhaps you’re not sure what is involved in getting involved and just want to ask a question. This is a no-commitment guarantee. Ask! We will answer. No commitment required. But who knows – maybe you’ll find that next passion or that new area of interest or skills development you hadn’t previously considered.

On behalf of the entire board, we are quite excited to start this new journey. A journey of personal development for us, but more importantly a journey of growth and expansion of Beth Jacob’s membership engagement. Please hop on board. We look forward to meeting you and hearing what you have to say!



Anne Sanderson and Matthew Ogus



Cantor Eyal Bitton

I recently learned that God is a huge baseball fan. The Torah places such importance on the sport that the very first words in Genesis state: "IN THE BIG INNING"!

When I saw how excited the students of our Hebrew school were about the Blue Jays when they were oh so close to making it to the World Series, I decided to dedicate several classes on Jewish baseball -players over the years. The story of Jews in baseball, particularly in the early years,

has provided many learning moments. Through the example of the great Hank Greenberg and others, the students have begun to explore the history of antisemitism in North America. That a hotel in the south would openly state that Jews were not welcome is an outlandish concept to our open-minded young students. That fans and other baseball players would hurl racist insults at Jewish ball players - and to learn what those epithets were - has been a shocking reality for our students to learn about.

One of our students, Zev Leizer-Romalis, was profoundly confused by these stories. After all, he elaborated, isn't religion about people getting along? Aren't people supposed to accept others' diversity? Yes, Zev is right. But we all know that tolerance isn't embraced by everyone - and that's true throughout human history.

Chanukah, which is quickly approaching, commemorates a war against great religious intolerance. The Hellenists who took over Jerusalem, wanted Jews to integrate fully into their culture and their religion. Judaism, then, would no longer exist. The Maccabean revolt was a struggle to save Judaism. It was, to put it in today's terms, a struggle for acceptance and tolerance. This struggle is mirrored in the actions of these Jewish baseball players who sought to embrace the larger culture while preserving their Jewish identity. Our students have learned that Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax's excellence on the field has been as much a source of inspiration for Jews as has their refusal to play on Yom Kippur. In learning about pitcher "Subway Sam" Nahem, who lobbied for complete racial integration for African-Americans in the '30s and '40s, the students understand that tolerance is not just something we should seek for ourselves but for everyone.

The Jewish story is not about resisting the outside world. It's not baseball vs. the dreidl; it's baseball AND the dreidl.



Sponsor a Kiddush

There's no better way to celebrate an occasion or mark a *yahrzeit* than with your Beth Jacob family. Call the shul office at 905.522.1351 to find out how.

Study with Rabbi Hillel (in the Richter Chapel)

Talmud - Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Tractate Berakhot. We are studying the third chapter, dealing with how our regular prayers are adjusted when a close relative dies and with women's obligations to pray.

The Book of Daniel - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Daniel was, in some ways, the male version of Esther. Abducted as a child and taken to Babylon, he was castrated and fed a special royal diet with the goal of him becoming a special adviser to the idolatrous king Nebuchadnezzar. Against all odds, he remained true to God and our people until his very last day. Unique in the Tanakh, the book is almost completely written in Aramaic not Hebrew, making it more challenging to study. The tragic story is also said to contain hidden messages, including the date of the end of the world.

Introduction to Kabbalah - Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Begin to become acquainted with the complex concepts, ideas and systems of medieval Jewish mysticism. Is it authentic Judaism? We will study some texts both from the 'traditional' angle as well as a more scholarly/academic one, and see if and how it can relate to our modern lives.

Practical Judaism - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

A how-to crash-course in Judaism, from the very beginning. This course is appropriate both for newcomers to Judaism as well as experienced practitioners of our faith looking to gain a more accurate or sophisticated understanding of how we do what we do, and why. Open to people who are already Jewish, as well as to non-Jews seeking or considering conversion after private consultation with the rabbi.

Rashi on the Parasha - Shabbat mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Prepare yourself for the day's Torah reading by studying some of the comments of the primary classical commentator, Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki.

Rabbi Hillel provides freshly brewed coffee after morning minyan and at evening classes

Study with Rabbi Yonah (in the library)

Jewish Laws & Customs: Work on Shabbat Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

This course will examine the definition of "work" on Shabbat, always keeping in mind questions of social justice. As we learn about "work," we will ask ourselves what behaviours and relationships are promoted or avoided by prohibitions in Jewish law. Classical texts will be served alongside modern rabbinic commentary and the occasional Marx.

Free child care is provided during Thursday evening classes. All are welcome to join these ongoing classes. Register by calling 905.522.1351 or email office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca.

19 KISLEV – DECEMBER 1

Bernard Friedman
Max Lew

20 KISLEV – DECEMBER 2

Rose Siegel
Kenneth Rochkin
Sylvia Rosenblood

21 KISLEV – DECEMBER 3

Benjamin Zaitchik
Jack Waxman

22 KISLEV – DECEMBER 4

Maxwell Hecter
Harry Brown
Arthur Schiff

23 KISLEV – DECEMBER 5

Ernie Rosenblatt
Betty Gains
Gerald Gerson
Lily Abraham

24 KISLEV – DECEMBER 6

Father of Pauline Rubinstein
Sam Zelsman
Pamela Sniderman
Yetta Kesten

25 KISLEV – DECEMBER 7

Ida Furman
Hannah Feldman

26 KISLEV – DECEMBER 8

Dorik-K Ludwin
Kenneth Fox

27 KISLEV – DECEMBER 9

Goldey Landa

28 KISLEV – DECEMBER 10

Charles Joseph Solomon

29 KISLEV – DECEMBER 11

Hyman Lasky

30 KISLEV – DECEMBER 12

Louis Benjamin Gurevitz

1 TEVET – DECEMBER 13

Dr. James Morris
Stephen Michell

2 TEVET – DECEMBER 14

Edith Rabkin

3 TEVET – DECEMBER 15

Adrea Helpren
Dorothy Adler

4 TEVET – DECEMBER 16

Dr. Meyer Carr
Gitty Kudlats
Sam Yanover

5 TEVET – DECEMBER 17

Lena (Lee) Ginsberg

6 TEVET – DECEMBER 18

Sidney Harry Leon

7 TEVET – DECEMBER 19

Sarah Lyons
David Abraham

8 TEVET – DECEMBER 20

Nathan Fruitman
Dorothy Stein
Morrey Mintz
Samuel Silberg
Edward Levy
Carl Wickens
Marvin Goldblatt

9 TEVET – DECEMBER 21

Joseph E. Steinberg
Vicky Bach

10 TEVET – DECEMBER 22

Thelma Pollock
Howard Rosenberg

11 TEVET – DECEMBER 23

Louis Ennis

12 TEVET – DECEMBER 24

Harry Kay

13 TEVET – DECEMBER 25

Morris Kuttas
Ala Rosenberg Ackerman

14 TEVET – DECEMBER 26

Freda Hoffman
Melvin Rosenberg
Robert Rosenberg

15 TEVET – DECEMBER 27

Dorothy Bain

17 TEVET – DECEMBER 29

Max Rosenfeld
Frances Gretenstein
Sarah Olshansky

18 TEVET – DECEMBER 30

Lilian Clyde
Mort Levy
Samu Krausz
Nathan Gelber
Gerald Silvert

20 TEVET – JANUARY 1

Daniel Spencer Kauffman
Goldea Leah Kuttas
Samuel Steinberg
Harry Miller
Pearl Kuttas
Lynda (Helene) Morris

21 TEVET – JANUARY 2

Albert Livingston

22 TEVET – JANUARY 3

Hyman Sobel
Morris Minden
Rose Roat
Emanuel Bach
Morris Louis Sobel

23 TEVET – JANUARY 4

Anne Davies
Lou Simms

24 TEVET – JANUARY 5

Allen Swaye
Morris Smurlick

25 TEVET – JANUARY 6

Freda Macy
Leonore Leibow
Aaron Papernick

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Lillian Topp
Sally Lees
Theodore (Teddy) Tick

27 TEVET – JANUARY 8

Paula Hertz
Jarvovs Marks
Murray Pollock
Debby Rosenberg
Benjamin Sauder

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Clara Pallant
Ben Bach
Ninian William Sanderson

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Joseph Chisik
Abe Kaufman
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Hy Feinstein
Charles Macclin
Sol Freedlander

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Mother of Paul Hanover
Shalom Abraham

4 SHEVAT – JANUARY 14

Sadie Livingston
Charlotte 'Lou' Levy
Henrietta 'Gyna' Khayutin
Mel Freedman

5 SHEVAT – JANUARY 15

Naomi Davine
Zita Hershkowitz
Sydney Dermer

6 SHEVAT – JANUARY 16

Harry Rosenblatt
Harry Bergart

7 SHEVAT – JANUARY 17

Father-in-law of Muriel Fenwick
George Goldblatt

8 SHEVAT – JANUARY 18

Edith Margo
Lena Elizabeth Rothberg

9 SHEVAT – JANUARY 19

Irving Leon
Robert Fenwick

10 SHEVAT – JANUARY 20

Toby Mandel
Sadie Warshaw
Margaret Weisz

11 SHEVAT – JANUARY 21

Hildred Green
Harry Cohen

12 SHEVAT – JANUARY 22

Rosalie (Dasch) Russell

13 SHEVAT – JANUARY 23

Frank Richter
Lee Cohen

14 SHEVAT – JANUARY 24

Louis 'Lou' Latner
Ruth Irene Streiner

15 SHEVAT – JANUARY 25

David Schoenberg
Nathan Topp

16 SHEVAT – JANUARY 26

Mildred 'Millie' Albert
Ruth (Rifkah) Ross

17 SHEVAT – JANUARY 27

Rose Goldblatt
Samuel Hershorn
Rivka Seldin Woll

18 SHEVAT – JANUARY 28

Timmie Fox
Earl Oberman
Saul Shaffer
David Wolfe

19 SHEVAT – JANUARY 29

Mildred Schreiber
Margaret Marcus

20 SHEVAT – JANUARY 30

Lily Wolpert
Nathan Sherman
Julius (Sonny) Caplan

21 SHEVAT – JANUARY 31

Sarah Chin (Levinson)

22 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 1

Murray Rossman
Dr. Matt Schmerling
Honey Rosen

23 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 2

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Sally Silver
Sam Lax
Maurice Lebow
Molly Honig

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Mary Levy
Eva Zaitchik

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Peggy Schwartz

27 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 6

Anna Poteck
Sophie Eber
Dolly Goldblatt

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Anne Cohen
Anne Gold
Martin Hershberg
Manfred Rothschild

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Joseph Penn
Maurie Penn
Myrna Goldhar
Dr. Ted Siegel
Dr. Max Taylor Nathan

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Julius Markus
Rafael Rothschild

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Harry Wiser

6 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 15

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Lily Wiser
Dede Rosenthal
Judy Gelman

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Esther Boom
Terry Wunder
Sol Frankel

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Grandfather of Ada Farkas &
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Anthony Margo

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Lillian Rosen
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Fay Adler

20 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 29

Elke Zimmerman

Help bring a Syrian refugee family to Canada!



The concept of Tikkun Olam, the healing of our world, is central to Beth Jacob's values. These are not just words: Tikkun Olam is an ideal that we live and strive for.

While we all know about the Syrian refugee crisis that has affected millions of innocent civilians we don't always know what we can do. The Beth Jacob community is coming together to offer a tangible and gratifying way to respond: by sponsoring a Syrian family to come to Canada and by helping them to integrate into a new life of peace and opportunity.

We are delighted to inform you that we are sponsoring a Syrian refugee family of 7 individuals: a husband, wife, 3 sons (ages 17, 13 and 12) and 2 daughters (ages 16 and 11). The wife's brother lives in Hamilton so this sponsorship will not only bring a Syrian refugee family to safety but will also reunify family members.

Two other organizations are helping us with this process:

JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Society), an organization located in Toronto that is highly experienced in working with immigrants, and the IWC (Immigrants Working Centre), a local settlement agency that welcomes new Canadians and helps them integrate into their new city.

While we have already raised \$15,000, we need to raise at least \$15,000 more. We welcome any donations or fundraising assistance.

Note that donations are eligible for tax receipts.

To make a donation please call the shul office at 905.522.1351, email office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca, or visit <https://jgbs.org/TO/Questionnaire.html>.

If you have questions, would like more information, or are interested in joining our group, please email: refugeesponsorship@bethjacobsynagogue.ca. Thank you for your support!

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Condolences to: Paula & Henry Shedletsky by Lou & Rhona Rottman; Rabbi Hillel by Diana & Victor Abraham. **Shana Tova:** Howard & Hallie Cohen, Bev & Ralph Orman, Nancy & Brian Somer, Shirley Gold, Fran & Lloyd Orson, Gerri & Larry Bromberg, Joan & Sam Waldman, Hilda & Milton Shore, Sid & Nancy Golden, Marilyn & Al Foreman, Jerre & Robin Kreiger, Bev & Les Lasky, Merle & Jack Brown, Gwenn & Michael Sherman by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe. **Mazal Tov to:** Annie & Ronnie Barrs by Rhona & Lou Rottman; Joanne Manishen by Hanna Schayer & Carl Cuneo; Cindy & Lowell Richter by The Schuneos & Gorneos; Carolyn Molot by Shirley & Michael Molot; Jerry Goldblatt by Donna & Henry Vine, Diana & Victor Abraham; Cantor Eyal Bitton by Diana & Victor Abraham.

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Mazal Tov to: Marlene & Sheldon Gains by Larry Rosenberg.

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Condolences to: Morley & Joan Balinson in memory of Cousin Sarah & Henry Balinson by Jack & Marilyn Levy.

Dede Rosenthal Educational Endowment Fund

Condolences to: Rabbi Mark Biller & family by Dorothy Rosenthal. **Mazal Tov to:** Irene & Brian Albert, Jerry Goldblatt, Cantor Eyal Bitton by Dorothy Rosenthal

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Mazal Tov to: Irene & Brian Albert, Cindy & Lowell Richter, Rina & Matthew Ogus by Fay Schmerling. **In honour of:** Jerry Goldblatt, Eyal Bitton by Fay Schmerling.

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MILESTONES

Beth Jacob extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

- Anne and Ron Barrs on their 40th wedding anniversary.
- Joanne Manishen on her birthday.
- Our baking crew for satisfying our collective sweet tooth: Anne Barrs, Mary Louise Beecroft, Marvin Caplan, Francine Gerson, Joanne Manishen, Rhona Rottman, Judy Schwartz, Gail and Les Wolfe and our fabulous cook par excellence, Katrina Simmons.
- Lowell and Cindy Richter and family on the engagement of their daughter, Sari to Brandon Moyse.
- Cele and David Steinberg on their 55th wedding anniversary.
- Dan Levy on his 75th birthday.
- Parents Ira and Shelley Greenspoon, grandfather Lawrence Pollock and grandmother Ruth Greenspoon on the marriage of Jill Greenspoon to Schuyler Levine, son of Aubrey and Shelley Levine, grandson of Ann Sugarman.
- Shirley and Hilton Silberg on the birth, in Vancouver, of their grand-daughter Mila Adiel. Proud parents are Brad and Liron Silberg.
- Bunny and George Levinson on their 62nd wedding anniversary.
- Zane Ogus, his parents Rina Rodak and Matthew Ogus and brothers Bram and Jack, on his Bar Mitzvah.
- Jeremy and Rebecca Waxman on the birth of their son, Leo Ward, a brother for Nate. Grandparents: Carl and Zehava Chaimovitz, Shani Loewith and Warren and Karen Waxman. Great-grandmother: Mrs. Bailey Waxman.
- Howard Katz on the birth of a grand-daughter. Parents are Laura Katz and Dan Addison.
- David Papernick on his 70th birthday.
- Jerry Goldblatt on receiving the honour at Simchat Torah of Chatan Torah.
- Canton Eyal Bitton on receiving the honour at Simchat Torah of Chatan Bereshit.
- Judy and Lorne Rochweg on the marriage of their son Jeff to Hayley. Proud family members include grandmother Sara Rochweg and Shelley and Ken Rochweg.
- Carolyn Molot on her birthday.
- Bessie and Len Kaufman on their 45th wedding anniversary.
- Bev Lasky on her birthday.
- Marlene and Sheldon Gains on the birth of their first grandchild.

Beth Jacob wishes to thank:

- Bonnie, Ted and Sally Lax for sponsoring "Down by the Bay" Shabbat.
- Rina Rodak and Matthew Ogus for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of their son Zane's Bar Mitzvah.
- Sponsors of Simchat Torah Kiddush lunch in honour of Jerry Goldblatt and Cantor Eyal Bitton: Elena and Jerry Goldblatt, Cantor Eyal Bitton and Michelle Tredger, Carol and Allen Bain, Lou and Rhona Rottman, Tory Metzger, Dora Fischer and Hetzel Gerstein, Gail and Les Wolfe, Larry and Jay Rosenberg, Rabbi Dan and Karen Selsberg, Francine and Murray Gerson, Yael Resnick DeMarco and John DeMarco, Joy Foster, Anna Ouwehand, Bonnie, Ted and Sally Lax, Bev and Les Lasky, Brenda, Jason and Rebekah Burjaw, Cindy and Lowell Richter, Harold and Rayella Goldblatt, Naomi and Steve Zacks and Peter Smurlick.
- Carl Cuneo and Hanna Schayer for sponsoring Shabbat kiddush in honour of their grandson, Amiel Chaim Gordon.

Beth Jacob extends our sincere condolences to:

- Rabbi Hillel, Yonah and Hisda on the passing of the Rabbi's grandmother Esther Caplan z"l.
- Julia Kollek and family on the passing of her mother-in-law, Vitty Kollek, z"l.
- our wonderful cook, Katrina Simmons, and her partner, Terry Asma, on the passing of Terry's father.

OUT OF THE COLD



by Cindy Richter

The 16th season of "The Jewish Night's Out of the Cold" has begun! Connecting again with our guests after so many months is always mutually heart-warming. Sadly, two of our 'regulars' passed away, Donna in September and Little Mike on Canada Day, may their memories be a blessing. Good old guest Murray organized four evenings of free outdoor movie nights by constructing a huge screen and soliciting the variety stores in the Beasley area and car-crazed Darryl spends a lot of time volunteering at an outreach centre. (He says his maid drives a Ferrari!) As you can see, we connect with our guests by offering delicious dinners and a warm, safe, friendly environment every Tuesday night.

Our OOTC Chanukah celebration will include McMaster's Hillel students lighting the hanukiah and playing dreidel with our guests before a brisket and latke dinner. Everyone will receive a generous bag of toiletries too!

Please help us by donating toiletries into the hamper in the upper foyer or donate to the Out of the Cold fund through the Beth Jacob office. Chanukah Samay'ach!

KOSHER FOOD DRIVE for JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES



This Chanukah season, consider helping the Kosher Food Bank replenish its shelves by adding the following items to your shopping list and delivering them to Jewish Social Services at 30 King St. E. in Dundas

Items most needed: Cereal, pasta, jam/jelly, peanut butter, cookies, tuna, vegetable oil, canned vegetables (especially peas/carrots), canned fruit, tea/coffee, dish detergent, oatmeal, crackers

Toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner.

We are thankful for whatever is donated as the need is even greater during holiday time.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY

HEBREW SCHOOL 46 students strong

Upcoming Programs



Mondays in the BJ Library
Hebrew language enrichment for kids
 Reading, writing and speaking!
 Level 1 (beginner/intermediate) 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

November 28
Youth Led Shabbat
 including Kid' dush Club and Torah for Tots

November 29
Morris Black Public Speaking Contest
 For Grades 3 to 8

Wednesday, December 9
Chanukah Dinner
 including kids' activities

December 18 - January 3
 Winter Break

Saturday, January 9
Kid' dush Club & Torah for Tots

Sunday, January 24 from 2-4pm
Camp Ramah comes to Beth Jacob
 Beth Jacob welcomes Camp Ramah for an afternoon
 of artsy family fun! More info to follow

February 20
New Havdalah Program for Grades 5-8
 \$10 per person. The Director's Cut will come with cameras,
 scripts and props to help us create our own movie trailer.
 We provide the stars, producers, directors ... and the snacks!
 (www.thedirectorscut.ca) More information to follow
 QUESTIONS? Call or email Rina!



DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kislev 19 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	2 Kislev 20 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	3 Kislev 21 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	4 Kislev 22 Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm Candles 4:26pm	5 Kislev 23 Parashat Vayeshev Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 3:55 pm
6 Kislev 24 Chanukah 1st candle Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	7 Kislev 25 Chanukah 2nd candle Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Kislev 26 Chanukah 3rd candle Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	9 Kislev 27 Chanukah 4th candle Shacharit 7:30am Children's Activities 4:30pm Songs & Service 5:30pm Chanukah Dinner 6:00	10 Kislev 28 Chanukah 5th candle Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	11 Kislev 29 Chanukah 6th candle Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm Candles 4:25pm	12 Kislev 30 Parashat Miketz Rosh Hodesh Chanukah 7th candle Rashi 8:45am Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 3:55 pm
13 Tevet 1 Rosh Hodesh Chanukah 8th candle Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	14 Tevet 2 Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	15 Tevet 3 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 Tevet 4 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	17 Tevet 5 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	18 Tevet 6 Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm Candles 4:27pm	19 Tevet 7 Parashat Vayigash Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 3:55 pm
20 Tevet 8 Shacharit 9:00 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	21 Tevet 9 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	22 Tevet 10 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	23 Tevet 11 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	24 Tevet 12 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	25 Tevet 13 Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm Candles 4:30pm	26 Tevet 14 Parashat Vayechi Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:00 pm
27 Tevet 15 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	28 Tevet 16 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	29 Tevet 17 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	30 Tevet 18 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	31 Tevet 19 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm		

JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tevet 20 Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm Candles 4:36pm	2 Tevet 21 Parashat Shmot Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:05 pm
3 Tevet 22 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	4 Tevet 23 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	5 Tevet 24 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	6 Tevet 25 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	7 Tevet 26 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	8 Tevet 27 Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm Candles 4:43pm	9 Tevet 28 Parashat Vaera Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:15 pm
10 Tevet 29 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	11 Shvat 1 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	12 Shvat 2 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	13 Shvat 3 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	14 Shvat 4 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah	15 Shvat 5 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00pm Candles 4:50pm	16 Shvat 6 Parashat Bo Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:20pm
17 Shvat 7 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	18 Shvat 8 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	19 Shvat 9 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	20 Shvat 10 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	21 Shvat 11 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	22 Shvat 12 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00pm Candles 4:59pm	23 Shvat 13 Parashat Beshalach Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:30pm
24 Shvat 14 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	25 Shvat 15 Tu Bi'Shvat Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	26 Shvat 16 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	27 Shvat 17 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	28 Shvat 18 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	29 Shvat 19 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00pm Candles 5:08pm	30 Shvat 20 Parashat Yitro Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:40pm

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Shvat 21 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	1 Shvat 22 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	2 Shvat 23 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	3 Shvat 24 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	4 Shvat 25 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	5 Shvat 26 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00pm Candles 5:18pm	6 Shvat 27 Parashat Mishpatim Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:50pm
7 Shvat 28 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Shvat 29 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	9 Shvat 30 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	10 1st Adar 1 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	11 2nd Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	12 3rd Adar 1 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Candles 5:27pm	13 4th Adar 1 Parashat Terumah Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:00pm
14 5th Adar 1 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	15 6th Adar 1 Family Day Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 7th Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	17 8th Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	18 9th Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	19 10th Adar 1 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Candles 5:37pm	20 11th Adar 1 Parashat Tetzaveh Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:10pm
21 12th Adar 1 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	22 13th Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm	23 14th Adar 1 Purim Katan Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	24 15th Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Book of Daniel 6:30pm	25 16th Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	26 17th Adar 1 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Candles 5:46pm	27 18th Adar 1 Parashat Ki Tisa Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:15pm
28 19th Adar 1 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	29 20th Adar 1 Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Talmud 6:30pm					

Yashar Kochachem to our new Board of Directors



Pictured above: Back row, l to r: Jeff Levy, Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar, Elliot Biro, Dan Levy, Phillip Price, Matthew Ogus, Anne Sanderson, Peter Smurlick, Marvin Caplan. Front row, l to r: Elissa Press, Cindy Richter, Yael Reznick DeMarco, Tanis Hall.

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