

# The Circle

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

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## 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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[www.bethjacobsynagogue.ca](http://www.bethjacobsynagogue.ca)

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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](mailto: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 began 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](mailto:sma@sympatico.ca) (Anne) or [miogus.bethjacob@gmail.com](mailto: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.

*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](mailto:office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca).



**Sponsor a Kiddush**

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

# YAHARZEITS

## 19 KISLEV – DECEMBER 1

Bernard Friedman  
Max Lew

## 20 KISLEV – DECEMBER 2

Rose Siegel  
Kenneth Rochkin  
Sylvia Rosenblod

## 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

Golday 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

## 26 TEVET – JANUARY 7

Lillian Topp  
Sally Lees  
Theodore (Teddy) Tick

## 27 TEVET – JANUARY 8

Paula Hertz  
Jarvous Marks  
Murray Pollock  
Debby Rosenberg  
Benjamin Sauder

## 28 TEVET – JANUARY 9

Clara Pallant  
Ben Bach  
Ninian William Sanderson

## 29 TEVET – JANUARY 10

Sam Handelman

## 1 SHEVAT – JANUARY 11

Benjamin Swartz  
Louis Silvert  
Samuel Brown  
Golda Jegendorf

## 2 SHEVAT – JANUARY 12

Father of Raye Lebow  
Joseph Chisik  
Abe Kaufman  
David Mintz  
Hy Feinstein  
Charles Maclin  
Sol Freedlander

## 3 SHEVAT – JANUARY 13

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)

# Help bring a Syrian refugee family to Canada!



**22 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 1**

Murray Rossman  
Dr. Matt Schmerling  
Honey Rosen

**23 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 2**

Anna Szpirglas  
Esther Adelman

**24 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 3**

Jennie Kritzer  
Sally Silver  
Sam Lax  
Maurice Lebow  
Molly Honig

**25 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 4**

David Miller  
Mary Levy  
Eva Zaitchik

**26 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 5**

Peggy Schwartz

**27 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 6**

Anna Poteck  
Sophie Eber  
Dolly Goldblatt

**28 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 7**

Mendel Cohen  
Anne Cohen  
Anne Gold  
Martin Hershberg  
Manfred Rothschild

**29 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 8**

Dr. Ben Finkelstein

**30 SHEVAT – FEBRUARY 9**

Helen Levy  
Larry Gains

**1 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 10**

Harvey Schwartz  
Elmer Farkas

**2 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 11**

Abraham Goldberg  
Mother of Molly Beube  
Joseph Penn  
Maurie Penn  
Myrna Goldhar  
Dr. Ted Siegel  
Dr. Max Taylor Nathan

**4 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 13**

Markus Moskovitz  
Julius Markus  
Rafael Rothschild

**5 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 14**

Harry Wisner

**6 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 15**

Fanny Minster

**7 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 16**

Rea Sager  
Myriam Esther Grossman

**8 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 17**

Nathan Latner  
Lily Wisner  
Dede Rosenthal  
Judy Gelman

**9 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 18**

Morris Yanover  
Esther Boom  
Terry Wunder  
Sol Frankel

**10 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 19**

Grandfather of Ada Farkas &  
Helen Minden  
Frances Toplin  
Ann Carr  
Becky Palant  
William Garshowitz

**11 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 20**

Joseph Minster  
Yetta Lewis  
Cecil Feldman  
Ralph Waldman  
Fred Rosenblood

**12 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 21**

Irving Rosen  
Myer Levitt

**13 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 22**

Sari Vaisler  
William Kosky  
Samuel Freedman

**14 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 23**

Rochel Vine  
Pinchas Smurlick  
Abraham Latner  
Barney Peter 'Pete' Rosenblatt

**15 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 24**

Molly Richter

**16 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 25**

Mother-in-law of Anne Gooblar  
Anthony Margo

**17 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 26**

Lillian Rosen  
RosaLeah Weinrib

**18 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 27**

Frank Goldblatt  
Shirley Schneider

**19 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 28**

Fay Adler

**20 ADAR I – FEBRUARY 29**

Elke Zimmerman

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](mailto: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](mailto:refugeesponsorship@bethjacobsynagogue.ca)  
Thank you for your support!

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**Condolences to:** Henry Shedletsky by Jackie Wasserman & Milton Ross.

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

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**Condolences to:** Rhonda Ingroff by Cindy & Lowell Richter. **Mazal Tov to:** Wendy James & Clay Braziller by Cindy & Lowell Richter; Jerry Goldblatt by Elizabeth Avetissian; Cantor Eyal Bitton by Tory Metzger; Jerry Goldblatt by Tory Metzger; **Shana Tova:** Rabbi Dan & Karen Selsberg & Family by Allen & Carole Bain.

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**Condolences to:** Rabbi Hillel & family by Rhona & Lou Rottman. **Mazal Tov to:** Hanna Schayer & Carl Cuneo, Cantor Eyal Bitton, Jerry Goldblatt by Rhona & Lou Rottman. **Shana Tova to:** Rabbi Hillel, Rabbi Yonah, Hisda by Rhona & Lou Rottman.

## 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 Moyses.
- 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](http://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 <b>Parashat Vayeshev</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 3:55 pm
6 Kislev 24 <b>Chanukah 1st candle</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	7 Kislev 25 <b>Chanukah 2nd candle</b>  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Kislev 26 <b>Chanukah 3rd candle</b>  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	9 Kislev 27 <b>Chanukah 4th candle</b>  Shacharit 7:30am Children's Activities 4:30pm Songs & Service 5:30pm Chanukah Dinner 6:00	10 Kislev 28 <b>Chanukah 5th candle</b>  Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalah 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Yonah classes 6:30pm	11 Kislev 29 <b>Chanukah 6th candle</b>  Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm Candles 4:25pm	12 Kislev 30 <b>Parashat Miketz Rosh Hodesh Chanukah 7th candle</b>  Rashi 8:45am Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 3:55 pm
13 Tevet 1 <b>Rosh Hodesh Chanukah 8th candle</b>  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 <b>Parashat Vayigash</b>  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 <b>Parashat Vayechi</b>  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 <b>Parashat Shmot</b> 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 <b>Parashat Vaera</b> 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 <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 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 <b>Parashat Bo</b> 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 <b>Parashat Beshalach</b> Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:30pm
24 Shvat 14 Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	25 Shvat 15 <b>Tu Bi'Shvat</b> 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 <b>Parashat Yitro</b> Rashi 9:00am Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:40pm

# FEBRUARY 2016

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