

# The Circle

## BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE



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### Dates To Remember

Sunday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m.  
**O-MA-NOOT Reception**

Thursday & Friday Sept. 25 & 26  
**Rosh Hashanah**

Friday, Oct. 3  
**Kol Nidre**

Saturday, Oct. 4  
**Yom Kippur**

Thursday & Friday, Oct. 9 & 10  
**Sukkot**

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m.  
**One Book, One Shul  
discussion in the Sukkah**

Thursday, Oct. 16  
**Shemini Atzeret - Yizkor**

Friday, Oct. 17  
**Simchat Torah**

Sunday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.  
**Storied Treasures Exhibit  
Opening Reception**

Thursday, Oct. 30  
**Beth Jacob Lottery**

Friday, Nov. 14  
**Congregational Dinner**

Wednesday, Dec. 17  
**Chanukah Dinner**



*L'shana Tovah*  
Tikateyvu V'tichatemu  
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# Far Away. So Close.



Rabbi Dan Selsberg

It's hard to imagine that not too many months ago, discussions about Israel's political situation tended to centre on talks with the Palestinian Authority regarding the West Bank. And the Iranian nuclear program. And the risks associated with Syria's ongoing civil war. But Hamas, and the dire situation Hamas puts both Israel and the residents of Gaza into, was a back-burner issue.

Hamas' elaborate plans to tunnel into Israel for military and kidnapping raids were not generally known. I googled "Hamas tunnels into Israel", and came up with 16,900,000 hits. I googled the same words, and limited the search to July 1, 2013 - July 1, 2014: no results found. "Terror tunnels" gets many thousand hits, but none before July 1, 2014. Much has changed since July 1. It's safe to say the recent war in Gaza, while sim-

ilar to past conflicts, is unique — and not in a good way.

Synagogues are not inherently political organizations, and, by design, house diverse political opinions. That goes for both domestic policies and Israeli policies. At the same time, Jewish law and thought have, for millennia, claimed relevance in every corner of human experience. How we approach war and peace is no different. For rabbis, this is a minefield, but a considerably less dangerous one that real soldiers face.

As Jews, we are obligated to support our brothers and sisters in Israel. All Jews are responsible for each other, the sages emphasize. This is not so different from any other people — Canada will rescue Canadians in distress around the globe, and any nation seeks the well-being of its own. Still, Jews live with the knowledge of a unique history, a burden of too many events when no one looked out for Jews. Baruch Hashem, Jews and the Jewish state have friends today, but it all starts with us. Our covenant requires us to look after the well-being of Israel and Israelis.

What form should this support take? Some like to support hospitals, Magen David Adom, or UJA's "Stop the Sirens" campaign. Some prefer supporting those serving in the IDF, with food or equipment. Some opt for building shelters for those under attack from Gaza, providing food

relief for those whose work life is disrupted, or improving the quality of life for Israelis under attack. All are good, just pick one that is close to your heart. We all know there is great suffering in Gaza. We also know that Hamas has a history and a goal of diverting international aid, aimed at alleviating the suffering in Gaza, to offensive military ends, targeting Israeli civilians and causing the death of Palestinians. I lament the human tragedy in Gaza, and the unnecessary suffering of many innocent civilians. I don't know how to alleviate the pain, aside from marginalizing Hamas.

Hamas. What are our obligations vis-a-vis Hamas? It is imperative to not confuse Hamas with Palestinians: Hamas want to kill Jews, destroy Israel, and does not care how many civilians, Israeli or Palestinian, it has to sacrifice to achieve its despicable goals. Hamas is as bad as any terrorist group one can name. Israel, Canada, the US, and the EU are all (formally, at least) on the same page on this- they also share a goal of a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. There are many different shades of what one might think of these policies, but views well-grounded in the Jewish tradition have limits: Support for Hamas, its allies, or its agenda are anathema to Jewish thought, or to any sense of a just resolution for Is-

raelis and Palestinians. Hamas wants to kill Jews, and proudly tells this to anyone who will listen. Our clear-eyed view of Hamas does not mean we are to be indifferent to the very real suffering in Gaza. I don't trust Hamas' numbers on casualties, but that's not the point: in war, innocents suffer and die. There is a time to talk about who started it, and a time to focus on how to end it. We are commanded to view every life as precious, and to alleviate suffering when possible. Hamas bears responsibility for the suffering in Gaza, but lovers of Israel, by definition, are pained by this tragedy.

Gaza might not have been a front-burner issue for long, but the war looks like it will drag on. Polls show a vast, vast majority of Israelis see the conflict as a battle for survival — I think they're right. We will soon join together, in prayer and camaraderie, in our ancient and essential practice of being honest about our past and clearly confronting our future. Then, we will pray for the well-being of the people and State of Israel. We will pray for the safety of those who defend her. We will pray for a just solution for the conflict that plagues Israel and her neighbours. And we will re-commit to the dream of Israel of peace and justice; we will know our responsibilities and accept them. May God give strength to His People, may God bless the people Israel with peace. (Psalm 29).

Wishing the Beth Jacob Family

## Shana Tova

Rabbi Dan & Karen Selsberg  
Cantor Eyal Bitton & Michele Tredger

Rina Rodak

Cindy Richter

The Beth Jacob Board of Governors

Hanna Schayer, Maureen Price,

Kelly Buwalda and Vo Eun Mom



**Tashlich will be on Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

Our congregational Tashlikh will be at 6:15 at Bayfront Park.

Mincha will be there at 6:00pm; feel free to bring a picnic dinner!

## Fragrance-Free High Holy Days

This High Holy Day season we ask that congregants please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne as some people get allergic reactions or headaches as a result of other people's fragrances and moving seats isn't always an option. Thank you!

# Leadership entrances are wide. Exits are narrow.



Cindy Richter

One of the most frequent questions I am asked is, "Madame President, how much longer are you going to do this?" My response is sometimes, "Did Lowell tell you to ask me?" or "Oh no, am I sinking the shul, letting you down, putting us into debt?" But my response always includes, "I love it!! Being able to share daily synagogue life alongside our rabbi, Eyal and Hanna, the Board, staff and busy, funny, thoughtful congregants is joyful beyond words."

Rarely do I reply, "No one is stepping up." I can't respond that way,

because in all honesty, I haven't asked anyone. Why, you would ask. Well, it takes more than a tap on the shoulder, a cup of coffee, an email and a look of desperation to ask someone to be part of a team to execute a fundraiser, serve on a finance committee, check in on the housebound and ill, or plan our future. It takes the absence of the fear of rejection. It also entails handing off responsibility and hoping that it will be done without causing another person hardship. There, that's been said; I feel better. I've been selfish with the tasks that I've been hoarding. Giving time to a synagogue is a sacred responsibility and also a mitzvah opportunity. It binds people together. If delegated wisely, a volunteer experience should be so meaningful and suited to that persons interests, passions, talents, vested project or social group that they want to continue to give of one of their most precious commodities: time.

Here is what I propose: In accepting a synagogue role, one is given a well-defined goal, a mentor or a *synagogue* and mounds of support

to do the job well. So help me G-d! There are congregants who are best accommodated by short and intense roles. Others who are episodic, long or short term projects; how about family participation, outdoor, once a year, ones that give someone a chance to teach someone else a skill or learn one. The most important thing is that it is something that brings you meaningful engagement and experiences to your Jewish life!

Understandably, requests to become more involved are best delivered by people who are most involved. Amy Back, Yael Reznick DeMarco, Benson Honig, Jeff Levy, Wendy Schneider and Michael Sherman, have stepped into the positions of *synagogues*. (It took a lot of convincing and the promise of a flashlight for them to agree to that moniker.) If they don't call, call them or me!

Here are my honest answers to the opening question. Upon entering the presidential space, ha ha, one should already know about relationships, HVAC, HR, not-for-profits, financial statements, setting aside time

for one's own spiritual growth. One must be prepared for unexpected generosity, painful human loss, gratitude, recognition of one's short-comings, apologizing, listening, learning, seeking advice and, truthfully, 'miracles from God.' If I had come up through the ranks by involving myself first on The Board or committees or fundraising efforts, it would have helped enormously. (Alas, another plug for involvement from more members who are given true ownership and responsibility.) What I did own already was and still is *ahavat Yisrael*, a love for the Jewish people. That's why many of us, given the mission, never waiver from the vision, the tradition, the goal. We're in the shul business of shaping ourselves and the people with whom we study, share meals, cry, laugh and pray.

If there's a single-minded vision for the next sweet year at Beth Jacob, it is my hope that you can experience the joyfulness of giving more of yourself over to Jewish life, replenishing, enhancing, sustaining and dreaming of it's future.

Access to the shul during the High Holidays will be from the parking lot only. The Aberdeen Avenue entrance will be closed.

Thank you

## NEW CONSOLATION

Interactive learning into the heart of the Jewish tradition\*

Join us for a Slichot program  
Saturday night, September 20  
in preparation for the High Holidays

Mincha services begin at 7:00 pm.  
Havdallah/Slichot Program at 8:00 pm.  
Slichot Service at 9:15 pm.

## KOSHER FOOD DRIVE for JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

Please bring food Erev Yom Kippur, Friday, October 3. Look for the bin by the entrance of the parking lot. Jewish Social Services have requested the following kosher items for special consideration: \*cold cereals—cheerios, corn bran, or any cereal that is kosher, \*instant coffee—decaf or regular, soups—either in a box or can, kosher tomatoe sauce or paste, dishwashing liquid—Palmolive, Sunlight, Mr. Clean or any other brand, \*shampoo, soap, toilet paper, tissues, \*canned pineapples, applesauce, rice, spaghetti, \*cooking oil—kosher.

\* Items that are especially needed



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## HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE TIMES

### **EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm Candle lighting 6:57 pm

### **ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**

<i>T'fillah</i>	8:30am	Sermon	10:30am
<i>Bar'khu</i>	8:45am	Musaf	10:45am
<i>Avinu Malkeinu</i>	9:15am	Adon Olam & <i>Gut Yontiff!</i>	12:45pm
Torah Reading	9:20am	Mincha/Maariv	7:15pm
Shofar/Return Torah	10:20am	Candle not before	7:50pm

### **ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014**

<i>T'fillah</i>	8:30am	Shofar/Return Torah	9:45am
<i>Bar'khu</i>	8:45am	Sermon	10:00am
<i>Avinu Malkeinu</i>	9:15am	Musaf	10:20am
Torah Reading	9:20am	Adon Olam & <i>Gut Yontiff!</i>	12:30pm
		Mincha/Maariv	6:00 pm
		Light Shabbat candles at	6:53pm

**Please note sermon times!!**

### **SHABBAT SHUVAH**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014**

Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Seu'dah Shlisheet/Ma'ariv 6:50pm  
Havdallah 7:44pm

### **KOL NIDRE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014**

Kol Nidre Services \*6:40 pm Candles by 6:40 pm

\* Sharp. Our start time is not determined by when all are seated, but based on the position of the sun in the sky. We cannot wait for latecomers before beginning.

Please consider arriving sufficiently early to park (if driving), walk to shul, find your seats, shmooze with friends, and do some last-minute atoning before 6:40pm.

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

On Kol Nidre Eve, after 6:30 pm candles will be available in the main kitchen for those who wish to avoid riding to synagogue after the kindling of lights.

### **YOM KIPPUR DAY**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014**

<i>T'fillah</i>	9:00am	Musaf	noon
<i>Barchu</i>	9:15am	Adon Olam & <i>Gut Yontiff!</i>	2:00pm
Torah Reading	10:30 am	Mincha	5:00 pm
Sermon	11:00 am	Neilah	6:30 pm
Yizkor immediately following sermon		Conclusion of Fast/Shofar	7:31 pm

Service start times are firm; all other start times are approximate.

## *A word from* THE CANTOR



Cantor Eyal Bitton

## The new anti-Semitism

The military conflict between Israel and Hamas has been an upsetting experience for many Jews around the world. Jewish shops and synagogues in Paris were targeted. Many pro-Palestinian demonstrations across Europe and here in Canada exuded anti-Semitic sentiment with shouts of "Kill the Jews!" and "Hitler was right!". In Calgary, a Jewish man was dragged along the street and a Jewish woman

was punched several times.

I came across too many comments on Facebook expressing great antipathy towards Israel - and some of these people have no compunction about calling for the end of the two-state solution and Israel. And, of course, I watched skewed reporting of the conflict, to say the least. And the truth is, I have felt fear. I'm afraid about what this means for Jews around the world. I'm afraid of what this means for my safety. I'm afraid to learn that some people I know want my beloved Israel gone - and that some of these people may well harbour anti-Semitic views, overt or latent.

When I was 17, I took part in a phenomenal 6-week tour of Israel. On one occasion, we walked through Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem, mentioned in the Bible (2 Kings 20:20). I walked through that tunnel knowing that I was making a tangible connection with my heritage and with the Tanach (Bible). Ahead of us, a group of newly-initiated Israeli soldiers, young men and women, began singing: "Kol ha'olam kulo gesher tzar me'od, gesher tzar me'od... V'ha'ikar, v'ha'ikar lo l'fached klal" - "The entire world is a very narrow bridge; and the essential thing is not to be afraid."

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov's words, with a melody by Baruch Chait, continue to resonate - in every sense of the word - within me so many years later. If the world is a narrow bridge, then we can easily fall off. We are in peril. Dangers abound. So mustn't we tread carefully and with trepidation? No. "V'haikar lo l'fached klal" - we must not be afraid. We must embrace the values we have been imparted. We must forge ahead.

As we approach the High Holy Days, we become aware that God is judging us; that our actions should be evaluated. Let us approach this time with truth and honesty and also with the knowledge that we, as Jews, must forge ahead, unafraid of who we are and unafraid of the values and legacy that we have been given. I choose to remind myself that I should not fear how I am seen by the world - but by God.

Like the Israeli soldiers in Hezekiah's Tunnel, may our voices on these Days of Awe rise in unison to a thunderous and triumphant expression of joy, camaraderie, and community. This is how we cross the narrow bridge that is our world to the other side.

## Need a ride to shul?

If you live in Hamilton and need a ride to and from Beth Jacob services or events, please call the shul office at 905-522-1351.



## EREV SUKKOT

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014**

Sukkah Decorating and Pizza in the Hut: 4:30 – 7:00pm

Candle lighting 6:32pm Ma'ariv Services 7:00pm

## SUKKOT, DAYS 1 & 2

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10**

Morning <i>T'fillah</i>	9:00am
Thursday, Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	6:45pm
Friday, Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	6:00pm
Thursday, Light candles	7:30pm
Friday, Light candles	6:30pm

## HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15**

Shabbat Morning <i>T'fillah</i>	9:00am
Shabbat Mincha	6:30pm (Havdalah 7:30pm)
Sunday <i>T'fillah</i>	9:00am
Mon - Tues	7:30am
Wednesday, Hoshana Rabbah	7:15am
Sun - Wed, Mincha	6:00pm

## SHEMINI ATZERET/ EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Wednesday, Candles 6:20am	Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm
Morning <i>T'fillah</i>	9:00am
Yizkor	10:30am
Mincha	7:10pm

## SIMCHAT TORAH

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Thursday, Candles 7:20pm
Thursday, Ma'ariv, Hakafot, dancing, & snacks! 7:30pm
Morning <i>T'fillah</i> 9:00am
<i>Hakafot</i> , dancing, snacks, & Controlled mayhem! 9:40am
Simchat Torah luncheon following <i>t'fillot</i>
Yom Tov Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

## SHABBAT BERESHIT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

Shabbat Candle Lighting	6:16am
Friday, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00pm
Saturday, Morning <i>T'fillah</i>	9:15am
Shabbat Mincha & Seudah Shlisheet	6:15pm
Havdalah	7:08pm

Join us on **Friday, Oct. 17** as we recognize  
**Ted Adler** with the honour of **Chatan Torah** and  
**Rabbi Dan Selsberg** with the honour of **Chatan Bereshit**



**Ted Adler** is this year's honouree for Chatan Torah, the honour of concluding the reading of the Torah. In his active involvement with Beth Jacob Synagogue, Ted is following in the footsteps of three generations of Adlers and Kritzers. His sister, parents, grandparents and even his Kritzer great-grandparents are buried in the Beth Jacob cemetery on Snake Road. His grandmother, Sera Adler, donated a Torah to Beth Jacob in gratitude for the return to health of her eldest son, Dan, Ted's father. It took Sera Adler four decades of putting aside small change and the odd dollar bill to save up enough money to fulfill her vow. However, she persevered and finally in 1962, when Dan Adler was almost 50 and Ted was away at school in Boston, the Torah was donated, and is used proudly at Beth Jacob to this day. It was Dan Levy who first recruited Ted, initially to serve on the Beth Jacob board, and then on the Cemetery Committee. Ted played a key role in the planning and negotiations leading to the opening of the Stanley Sobel Cemetery. Ted joined the Pulpit and Ritual Committee, as the Religious Affairs Committee was then called, when recruited by Matt Schmerling. An early hands-on challenge was to help Matt hand out the Honours the year Philip Price was in Israel over the High Holy Days. Sensing Ted's latent talents, Philip took Ted under his wing and taught him how to run a service from behind the scenes, a skill that Ted has put to

good use over the years. For Ted, being a member of the Beth Jacob community is very much like being part of a large extended family, where the rewards of shared goals and diverse friendships far outweigh the responsibilities.

Over his own dissenting vote, Beth Jacob's Religious Affairs committee selects **Rabbi Dan Selsberg** as this year's Chatan Bereshit honouree. The stated reason for the selection is "other rabbis have had this honour". Rabbi Selsberg, if nothing else, merits keeping pace with other rabbis. Rabbi Selsberg, unquestionably the finest rabbi east of the 403, has never been honoured with the first aliyah in the Torah, a poetic description of the seven days of creation. His favourite day of creation is the third, dry land and vegetation. Also, dancing on Simchat Torah is the Rabbi's favourite activity of the two days of Shmini Atzeret, narrowly edging out the prayer for rain. Rabbi Selsberg has been at Beth Jacob since 2006, presiding over renovation, revitalization, and renewal of Beth Jacob. He is the president of the Ontario Region of the Rabbinical Assembly and a shareholder in the Green Bay Packers Football Club, Inc. He lives in Hamilton with his wife, Karen, and their three sons. On Simchat Torah morning, he will be present from 9:00 am. You should be there, too.

## **6 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 1**

Father of Anita Smurlick  
Rebecca Kauffman

## **7 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 2**

Ben Solomon  
Ben Sager

## **8 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 3**

George Berens  
Benjamin Price  
Max Goldberg

## **10 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 5**

Nathan Katz  
Fraser Kirk Metzger

## **11 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 6**

Miriam Penn  
Saul Smurlick

## **12 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 7**

Tillie Goldberg

## **13 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 8**

Shegulla Abraham  
Alexander Mintz  
Jean Schure  
Esther Zelda Shecter  
Benjamin Shapiro

## **14 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 9**

Shaye Zimmerman  
Hedy Ross

## **15 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 10**

David Leslie Stringer  
Mary Solomon  
Reta Barrs  
Florence Lasky  
Aaron Zaitchik

## **16 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 11**

Hilda Kurensky  
Nachum Greenberg

## **17 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 12**

Sera Adler

## **18 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 13**

Annie Zaltz  
Eve Finkelstein  
Sam Rosenblatt

## **19 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 14**

Abby Goldblatt

## **20 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 15**

Benjamin Rosenfeld  
Thelma Pearl Rusonik

## **21 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 16**

Minnie - Mother of Joie Gold

Milton Roher

## **22 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 17**

Paul Landa  
Chaim Schayer

## **23 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 18**

Frances Lew

## **24 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 19**

Grandfather of Hilton Silberg  
Morris Silver

## **25 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 20**

Rose Farkas  
Rebecca Mishkel  
Anne Bergart  
Jacob Abraham

## **26 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 21**

Father-in-law of Pete Rosenblatt

## **27 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 22**

Ida Rosen

## **28 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 23**

Malcolm Goldblatt

## **29 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 24**

Grandmother of Larry Goldblatt  
Samuel Levy

## **1 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 25**

Mother-in-law of Pete Rosenblatt  
Morris Black  
Zev Pearl  
Bernard (Bernie) Tick

## **2 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 26**

Toby Skrobacky  
Bertram Kaplansky  
Ida Charney

## **3 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 27**

Harry Gaffe  
Bubbles Benjamin  
David Gurevitz  
Marcia Bailery Levy

## **4 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 28**

Lillian Dressler Waldman

## **5 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 29**

Judi Green  
Blanche Latner  
Anne Wells  
Dr. Jack Shekter  
Muriel Back  
Barbara Molly Berens  
Harold Abraham Ellison

## **6 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 30**

Hilda Goldblatt

## **7 TISHRI - OCTOBER 1**

Nate Rotman  
Andrew Back  
Peter Wald  
Jacob Brown

## **8 TISHRI - OCTOBER 2**

Robert Madow

## **9 TISHRI - OCTOBER 3**

Marion Levy  
Manny Richter  
Reuben Molot

## **10 TISHRI - OCTOBER 4**

Harry Cohen  
Rose Swaye  
Michael Burjaw

## **12 TISHRI - OCTOBER 6**

Harry Zigelstein

## **13 TISHRI - OCTOBER 7**

Faye Haiven  
David Polan  
Trevor Shogilev

## **14 TISHRI - OCTOBER 8**

Bernie Greenbaum  
Saul Aaron Cohen  
Mischa Weisz

## **15 TISHRI - OCTOBER 9**

Louis Labol Goldblatt  
Lawrence Wengle  
Betty Levy  
Belle Cohen

## **16 TISHRI - OCTOBER 10**

Jacob Furman

## **17 TISHRI - OCTOBER 11**

Monya Cherns  
Grandmother of Hilton Silberg

## **18 TISHRI - OCTOBER 12**

Grandfather of Shelley Waxman  
Maurice Wolpert  
Hinda Myra (Babsie) Goldberg  
Reiselle Schayer

## **19 TISHRI - OCTOBER 13**

Mother of Betty Foster  
Ethel Goldberg  
Gordon Fruitman  
Jack Friedman

## **20 TISHRI - OCTOBER 14**

Rose (Cookie) Rosenblatt

## **21 TISHRI - OCTOBER 15**

Jessica Kaplansky  
Claris 'Brownie' Freedman

## **22 TISHRI - OCTOBER 16**

Belle Orson  
Irvin Eber  
Gertrude Finkelstein  
Hy Rotman  
Ben Dasch

## **23 TISHRI - OCTOBER 17**

Bertha Kaufman  
Joseph Gold

## **24 TISHRI - OCTOBER 18**

Marjorie Staples  
Martha Caplan

## **25 TISHRI - OCTOBER 19**

Anne Resnick  
Reva Gelber  
Eva Halasz

## **26 TISHRI - OCTOBER 20**

Sylvia Arron  
Evelyn Silver

## **27 TISHRI - OCTOBER 21**

Harry Petigorsky

## **28 TISHRI - OCTOBER 22**

Sandra Marks

## **29 TISHRI - OCTOBER 23**

Abraham Louis (Oscar) Weitzman  
Minya White

## **30 TISHRI - OCTOBER 24**

Rose Silvert  
Bertha Gelber

## **1 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 25**

Meyer Rotman  
Paul Silver  
Rose Fine  
Shelley Borovoy

## **2 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 26**

Boris Roefe  
Else Orkin  
Blanche Levy

## **4 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 28**

Helen Zimmerman  
Jack Caplan

## **5 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 29**

Morris Paikin

## YAHREZEITS

### **7 CHESHVAN – OCTOBER 31**

Rebecca Haren  
Harold Applebaum  
Barbara Roat  
Albert Ennis

### **8 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 1**

Bessie Gurevitz  
Coosy Frank  
Sylvia (Sorkey) Nellicks

### **9 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 2**

Samuel Price

### **10 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 3**

Hyman Wiseman

### **11 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 4**

Father of Marla Hoppe  
Maurice Zaltz  
Jack Rosen  
Ronald Fein  
Gina Guerina Gerotto-Pillon  
Solomon Waverman

### **12 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 5**

Mary Ackerman  
Gertrude Eisenstat  
Nathan Fox  
George Scholes  
Hyman Caplan

### **13 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 6**

Ralph Ennis  
Sydney Cohen  
Allan Rosen  
Stan Sobol  
Goldie Finkelstein

### **15 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 8**

Hasna Solomon  
Irene Bella Hershberg

### **16 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 9**

Father of Betty Foster

### **17 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 10**

Ruth Anne Zaitchik

### **18 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 11**

Jacob Norman Goldblatt  
Jacob Adler  
Barbara June Rosenberg

### **19 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 12**

Anuta (Hana) Pulver  
Sybil Dermer  
Melvin Manishen  
Alexander Khayutin  
Sigmund Botnick

### **20 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 13**

James L. Shekter

### **22 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 15**

Abram Price  
Ruth (Perle) Goliger

### **23 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 16**

Murray Cooper

### **24 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 17**

Grandmother of Larry Goldblatt

### **25 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 18**

Ethel Walters  
Nettie Levine  
Jacobo Ferdinand  
Shirley Zenner

### **27 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 20**

Sarah Shapiro  
Mendel Jegendorf  
Dr. Philip Yanover

### **28 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 21**

Joseph Eisenstat  
Edmund Orlander

### **29 CHESHVAN – NOVEMBER 22**

Mendel Levine  
Louis Rosenberg  
Ruth Borden  
Nathan Fenwick

### **1 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 23**

Joseph Oberman  
Leslie Roefe

### **2 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 24**

Mother of Raye Lebow  
Rose Rosenshein

### **3 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 25**

Faye Minden

### **4 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 26**

William Ginsberg

### **5 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 27**

Father of Dorothy Pollock  
Sam Boom

### **6 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 28**

Leonard Zalter

### **7 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 29**

Sheldon Ross

### **8 KISLEV – NOVEMBER 30**

Mariam Peters  
Arthur Avetissian  
Isabella Willinger Ducharme

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Know someone new to the neighborhood?**

If you know someone new to the Hamilton Jewish community, who you believe would be interested in finding out about Beth Jacob Synagogue, please contact the shul office, so we can speak to them about all of the wonderful religious, spiritual, educational and communal opportunities the synagogue has to offer.

### **Farewell to Milena and Jason**

The revitalization and growth of the Kesher Religious School and family programs is contributed to our retiring co-educators Milena Romalis and Jason Leizer. From their first leap, they committed to making learning fun, experiential and community binding. Yasher koach and thank you with all our love!

### **Flowers on the bima**

Flowers on the bima for the High Holidays were donated in memory of Lou and Claire Latner by Donna and Henry Vine and Family and Hershey Latner

### **Book of Remembrance**

The Beth Jacob Family wants to thank the hard working members of this year's Book of Remembrance Committee, Norma Mishkel, Sandra Morris, Maureen Price, Sandra Rabin & Fay Schmerling. Special thanks to Henry Morris for re-keying in all the Hebrew texts

### **Welcome to Lyonsgate Montessori School**

All summer long, the excitement mounted as our building was readied for the Fall opening of Lyonsgate Montessori School. The owner and operator Rachel Lyons was born and raised in Hamilton west and has been working as a Montessorian since 2000. She and her staff, students and their families are welcomed warmly. *Thank you to all who did so much to see the renovations through: Fay Schmerling, Wendy Schneider, Milena Romalis, Joe and Tom for moving desks, cabinets, furniture and books and for sorting through our school belongings. Calm and caring custodian Tom Lawlor and Hanna Schayer must be by now Fire Regulation specialists. Martin Levy, Benjy Katz, Mark Scholes and Lorne Richter who were always available for building and business advice.*

### **How would you like to win \$50,000?**

Now that we have your attention, Beth Jacob is forming an exclusive group of individuals who want to help keep the grounds around Beth Jacob looking beautiful. You can help with our **PRE-HIGH HOLIDAY CLEAN UP** and have input into efforts being made to make our grounds more pleasing to look at. We'll be putting our gardening tools to work early in September and all help would be appreciated. There may even be free coffee and bagels for those joining the group. Please leave your name with the Beth Jacob office before Sept. 11. *A message from the Beth Jacob Green Thumbs, Weed Whacking, Tree Pruning, Bush Trimming, Flower Planting, Gardening Group.*

### **Prayers for Healing**

If you would like to have a name placed on the misheberach (prayer for healing) list, please contact the shul office at 906-522-1351.

### **A Message to the Beth Jacob Community from Ahuva Soifer**

If I have offended you in any way, I regret it and apologize and hope that you will tell me and give me a chance to atone. My best wishes to Rabbi Selsberg and family, and to Cantor Bitton and Michele and their dear ones for a year of peace, growth, and quiet. To all those who keep Beth Jacob going as a warm, lively place that is always inviting.



# Kesher Educa

## We Believe in Family Education

In our monthly family programs, families have the opportunity to take Judaism off the page and into a broader context with field trips, art and writing workshops and innovative holiday celebrations.

If you would like to be on our email list or learn more about a particular program, email [school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca](mailto:school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca) or visit [www.bethjacobsynagogue.ca](http://www.bethjacobsynagogue.ca).

This fall, the Kesher Education Program invites you to join us for

### Kesher Hebrew School

*JK-Grade 7 - Classes start on Oct. 22*

*Wednesdays, 4:30-6:45 p.m. with dinner included*

The school runs from JK-Grade 7 and features Hebrew language, music and prayer and an interactive arts component.

### Shabbat Programming

*10:15 a.m. to noon - all ages*

Our family education program is thoroughly integrated with the life of the entire congregation, and adult community members are partners in learning with our children. In this intimate service, Cantor Eyal Bitton leads a child-centered, interactive approach to tefillah.

### Adopt-a-Park Program It's a Mitzvah

Beth Jacob has adopted Beulah Park through the City of Hamilton Adopt-a-park program. The first of Beth Jacob's four assignments will take place on Wed. October 22 at 4:30pm. Meet us at the park where all materials will be provided. Then, following the clean-up, we'll return to Beth Jacob for a light dinner. Bring the whole family!

### Beth Jacob welcomes new education director Rina Rodak



Beth Jacob is delighted to announce the appointment of Rina

Rodak as its new education director. Since moving to Hamilton from Toronto in 1994, Rodak has worn many hats. She has served as Camp Kadimah director, and as a teacher and administrator at Beth Jacob and Temple Playhouse. Rina recently served as co-chair of the Kehila Jewish Community Day School board. Rina is married to Matthew and mom to Zane, Bram and Jack.

Beth Jacob's Kesher Family Education Program is hitting the ground running! Our weekly program takes place on Wednesday afternoons beginning on October 22. We have new teachers, a new curriculum and we will once again be serving dinner (at the end of class time so that our Minyanaires can join in). We will also offer Shabbat opportunities for kids of all ages, including a "Kid"dush Club and "Bubies & Bagels" program.

We have excellent family programs during the High Holidays. Please see the box on the next page for more information about all of our programs.

For more information contact Rina Rodak at [school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca](mailto:school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca) or call 905-512-4036.



# tion Program

## Family Program Schedule



### Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Diane Sandler will lead us through an interactive family service from 10:45 - 11:30 am in the Richter Chapel.

### Rosh Hashanah Day 2

David Gershon leads another reflective and inspirational family service from 11:00am to noon. (see box) Please arrive by 10:45 am

### Yom Kippur

Diane's Yom Kippur family service begins at 10:30 am. Jonah and the Whale comic book activity at 11:00 am

### Apple Picking

Sunday, Sept. 14 - A joint program with Temple Anshe Sholom. Meet at 2:00 pm @ Myers on Highway 52 in Copetown. Donation of kosher nonperishable food item.

### Pizza in the Hut & Sukkah Decorating

Wednesday, October 8 at 5 pm - Help us decorate our synagogue sukkah. Paint beautiful pictures, string veggies, and then enjoy the first meal of the holiday as a community.

### Other Important Dates

Oct. 13: Open Sukkah at the Selsbergs - 6 p.m.

Oct. 22: First Day of Hebrew School

Dec. 17: Chanukah Dinner

Jan. 10: Havdalah Dinner

Feb 1: Family Program TBA

Feb. 27: Congregational Dinner

March 4/5: Purim Megillah Reading & Carnival

May 3: PJ Library Program

Beth Jacob Synagogue presents a dynamic and exciting

## ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY SERVICE

featuring

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 26  
AT 10:45 A.M.

SONGS, STORIES, REFLECTION  
AND OF COURSE, SHOFAR  
BLOWING AND HONEY CAKE!

If you came last year, you know what you're in for!!  
If you missed last year, be sure to come for the fun!!

Book your seats today!

Call 905-522-1351 or email  
school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca.

Please note: If you already have High  
Holiday tickets for Beth Jacob, contact  
us to reserve complimentary seats.

TICKETS: \$36/FAMILY

David Gershon specializes in turning family  
synagogue services into meaningful, interactive  
experiences. He leads services in synagogues  
and camps throughout Canada.

## BETH JACOB DAY



## THE HAMILTON BULLDOGS



### Come watch the 'Dogs,

hear Cantor Eyal sing the National  
Anthems, and enjoy an afternoon with  
fellow hockey-lovin' Hebrews.

**TICKETS \$15**  
from the shul office

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Puck Drop 3:00PM

First Ontario Centre

(I know- it's still Copps to me, too)

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# DONATIONS

## Adult Education

**Condolences to:** Richard & Arlene Leibtag & Family by Chris, Terry, Andrew & Alysse Overholt; Gould Family by Chris, Terry, Andrew & Alysse Overholt.

## Chai Fund

**Condolences to:** Family of Faye Leibtag by Cele & David Steinberg;

## Golden book

**Condolences to:** Dennis Schwartz & Family by Bernie & Rhoda Katz. **Mazal Tov to:** Bonnie & Ted Lax by Andrea & Marvin Stringer.

## House Fund

**Yahrzeit of:** Helen Greenbaum. **Condolences to:** Dennis & Judy Schwartz & Family by Ted & Bonnie Lax; Joel Wertman by David Yanover & Helen Silver; Michael Sherman & Family by Ruth & Harold Margles & Family; Neil Sherman by Hal & Catherine Oreck; Helen Adler & Family by Jackie Waserman; Howard Sherman by Richard Morris; Michael Sherman by Mark & Sylvia Cohen; Dennis Schwartz & Family by Linda Pollack. **Thank you to:** Wendy Schneider by Laura Ludwin; Jerry & Elena Goldblatt by Hanna Schayer & Carl Cuneo. **Mazal Tov to:** Harold & Rayella Goldblatt by Elena & Jerry Goldblatt.

## Library Fund

**Mazal Tov to:** Dr. Elliot Biro by Philip & Maureen Price.

## Music Fund

**Condolences to:** Judy & Dennis Schwartz by Diane Sandler & Bill Nisker; Dennis Schwartz by Bev & Les Lasky, Stan Tick, Larry Hall by Bev & Les Lasky; Michael & Gwen Sherman by Sandra Rabin & Ivan Ross. **Mazal Tov to:** Sandra Rabin by Maureen & Philip Price.

## Out Of The Cold

**Condolences to:** Dennis Schwartz & Family by Diana & Victor Abraham; Dennis Schwartz by Tory Metzger, Carole & Allen Bain; Michael & Gwenn Sherman & Family by Lowell & Cindy Richter; Michael Sherman & Family by Renee & Jeffrey Solomon; Gloria Wunder by Donna & Henry Vine; Gail & Les Wolfe, Dennis & Judy Schwartz, Stan & Liz Tick by Ahuva Soifer; Mayor Bob Bratina & Family by Cindy Richter; Reverend George Horton & Julia Horton by Cindy Richter; Gould & Horvath Family by Nomi & Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer. **Mazal Tov to:** Tory Metzger, Brian Albert, Sandra Rabin, Shirley & Hilton Silberg by Carole & Allen Bain; Fay Schmerling, Bev & Les Lasky, Susan

## For Post Bar & Bat Mitzvah Students Jewish History like you've never heard (or seen) it before!



## WEDNESDAYS, 5PM, STARTING OCTOBER, 29

An upfront look at why and how we got here. A multimedia class where our discussions will leap off from text, drawings and video

**WHO:** You — even if your parents don't force you to come.

**WHY:** You have to know where you came from to figure out where you're going.

**HOW:** By asking honest questions and getting honest answers. It's part of our history; make it part of your present Questions? RSVPs? Contact Rabbi Selsber 905.522.1351 or rabbi@bethjacobsynagogue.ca

& Judah Denburg by Ahuva Soifer; Solomon Samson by Victor & Diana Abraham; Julia Kollek by Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer.

## Prayer Book Fund

**Condolences to:** William Tidball by Cele & David Steinberg; Dennis Schwartz & Family, Stan Tick & Family by Judi & Marvin Caplan; Dennis Schwartz by Marcia & Bill Halpren; Dr. Michael & Gwenn Sherman by Jeffrey & Joanne Manishen; Dennis & Judy Schwartz & Family by Jeffrey & Joanne Manishen; Michael Sherman by Ron & Anne Barrs; Michael Sherman & Family by Jerry & Elena Goldblatt; Dan Levy & Family by David & Libby Garshowitz & Family; Michael Sherman & Family by Philip & Maureen Price; Richard & Arlene Leibtag & Family, Gould Family by Judi & Marvin Caplan. **Mazal Tov to:** Stan & Pat Dermer by Francine & Murray Gerson. **Thank you to:** Lowell & Cindy Richter by Judi & Marvin Caplan.

## Prayer Book/High Holiday Machzor/Chumash Fund Bookplate

**Condolences to:** Dana Hollander & Family by Olshansky & Ashtar Family, Shlomit Acciaroli. **Mazal Tov to:** Mendel Somer by Cele & David Steinberg; Shelley Carr by Cele & David Steinberg.

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**In Memory of:** Phyllis Kantor by the Gurevitz Family. **Condolences to:** Dennis Schwartz by Irwin & Katherine Levine; Judy & Dennis Schwartz & Family by Francine & Murray Gerson, Mary Louise & Dennis Beecroft; Nick Storch, Dana Hollander & Family by Olshansky & Ashtar Families; Michael & Gwen Sherman & Family by Elaine Miller. Foxman Family by Beverley Sobel & Family; Michael Sherman by Mary Louise & Dennis Beecroft; Dennis Schwartz by Pat & Stan Dermer; Michael Sherman by Tory Metzger; Richard & Arlene Leibtag by Elaine Miller. **Yahrzeit of:** Cecelia Levy by Jeanette Tauber. **Mazal Tov to:** Stan & Pat Dermer by Barb & Jeff Dermer, Sarah, Matthew, Michele, Amanda, James, Emiko & Gilda Dermer, Chela Zane & Family. **Thank you to:** Rabbi Dan & Karen Selsberg by Carole & Allen Bain.

## Sefer Torah Fund

**Mazal Tov to:** Victor Abraham by Philip & Maureen Price.

## Shabbat Kiddush Fund

**Condolences to:** Dennis Schwartz & Family by Philip & Maureen Price, by Shlomit Acciaroli, Cuneo & Schayer Family, Rabbi Dan & Karen Selsberg, Gail & Les Wolfe; Sherman Family by Gail & Les Wolfe; Michael Sherman & Family by Judy & Dennis Schwartz; Joe Walker by Hanna Schayer & Carl Cuneo. **Mazal Tov to:** Sheridan Lax, Anne Sanderson, Tory Metzger, Mr. & Mrs. Al Foreman, Mrs. Eva Raphael, Bea Matchen by Gail & Les Wolfe; Bea Matchen, Pat & Stan Dermer by Maureen & Philip Price; Ramona & Gabriel Samuel by Shlomit Acciaroli; Diana & Victor Abraham by Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer. **In honour of:** Melodie Adler by Nomi, Sara, Carl Cuneo, Hanna Schayer.

## Mollie Caplan Memorial Fund

**Yahrzeit of:** Ethel Caplan, Louis Bain by Carole & Allen Bain. **Mazal Tov to:** Victor & Diana Abraham by Allen & Carole Bain.

## Myrna Goldhar Memorial Fund

**Condolences to:** Michael & Jay Sherman by Larry & Jay Rosenberg.

## Daniel & Rebecca Kaufman Fund

**Condolences to:** Michael & Gwenn Sherman by Peter Smurlick & Anne Sanderson.

## George and Henrietta Pollock Endowment Fund

**Mazal Tov to:** Joel & Ilana Goldberg by Lawrence Pollock.

## Dede Rosenthal Educational Endowment Fund

**Mazal Tov to:** Miriam Lebow, Diana & Victor Abraham by Dorothy Rosenthal.

## Matt & Fay Schmerling Educational Fund

**Condolences to:** Dennis Schwartz & Family, the Family of Dorothy Sherman by Fay Schmerling. **Mazal Tov to:** Sandra Rabin, Dorothy Rosenthal, Pat & Stan Dermer, Rafael Kleiman, Sharon & John Biro, Shelley & Howard Brown, Rosalie & Paul Gaffe, Shirley & Hilton Silberg, Marla & John Levy by Fay Schmerling.

## Nathan and Dorothy Sherman Educational Fund

**Condolences to:** Howard Sherman & Family by Harold & Rayella Goldblatt; Michael Sherman & Family by Sondi Goldblatt, Ralph & Bev Orman. Howard Sherman by Maurice & Linda Desjardins; Michael Sherman & Family by Gertrude Solomon, Merle & Jack Brown, Elaine & Cuppy Katz.

## Rose and Allen Swaye Endowment Fund

**Condolences to:** Annette Segal, Gloria Wunder, Howard Sherman & Family, Dennis Schwartz & Family, Michael Sherman & Family by Sasha & Tommy Weisz.

# MILESTONES

## ***Beth Jacob extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:***

- all Hamilton Jewish Federation's Shem Tov award winners most especially to Sandra Rabin, Brian Albert, Dennis Schwartz, and Yael Reznick DeMarco – our most excellent volunteers.
- Jerry and Elena Goldblatt on their 45th wedding anniversary.
- the members of our Adult B'nai Mitzvah for completing a year of study with Cantor Eyal Bitton and Karen Selsberg, and for participating in the Shabbat service – Brandon Irish (D'var Torah), Tory Metzger (Reading from the Torah), Anna Ouwehand (D'var Torah) and Anne Sanderson (D'var Torah).
- Sally, Bonnie, and Ted Lax on the birth of a baby boy to Richard and Rachel Lax.
- Sarah Rochweg on the engagement of her grandson Jeff, son of Lorne and Judy Rochweg, to Hayley, daughter of Frank and Deborah Fisher.
- Fred and Marla Hoppe on the engagement of their son Daniel to Tamara Grundland, daughter of Shelly Galler and Sam Grundland
- Michael Sherman on his birthday.
- Rabbi Dan Selsberg on his new role as president of the Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario Region.
- Naomi Metter, mother of Laura Ludwin, on her 90th birthday.
- John and Marla Levy on the marriage of their daughter Lani to Marc Weisinger; Mazel-tov also to Grandmother Mary Katz.
- Lorne and Jill Gaffe, Jared Gaffe, Paul and Rosalie Gaffe, and Sam Lewis on their son, brother, grandson, and great-grandson Isaac becoming Bar Mitzvah.
- Ramona and Gabriel Samuel and big sister Sapphira on the birth of a baby girl; proud family members are grandparents Diana and Victor Abraham, and Uncle Jordan.
- Marlene and Sheldon Gains, daughter Eryn, and grandparents Sam and Lillian Silverstone on the marriage of Daniel to Debbie Allworth.
- Shirley and Hilton Silberg on the marriage of their son Brad to Liron Redden.
- Victor Abraham on his birthday.
- Joel and Ilana Goldberg on the occasion of the birth of their grandson.
- Doreen and Larry Goldblatt on their 60th wedding anniversary and on their special birthdays.
- Elliot Biro on receiving his doctorate.
- Pat and Stan Dermer on their 45th wedding anniversary
- Bonnie and Ted Lax on their 40th wedding anniversary.
- Brenda Zalter and Gary Minden on the marriage, in Israel, of Brenda's daughter, Brittany Ventresca.
- Mazel-tov to Francine and Murray Gerson on their 45th wedding anniversary.
- Lorne and Michele Finkelstein on the birth of their third grandchild, Charlie Braydon Finkelstein, to Sheri and Chad Finkelstein.
- Roz and Alan Cohen, Karen Selsberg's parents, on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.
- Joanne and Jeff Manishen on their 30th wedding anniversary.
- Shirley and Hilton Silberg on the birth of their first grandchild, Isabella Riley Silberg.
- Diane Sandler and Bill Nisker on their 30th wedding anniversary.
- Goldie Robbins on the marriage of Dustin and Talia Katz.


## ***Beth Jacob wishes to thank:***

- those who made the Ben Caplan/ Michele Tredger concert such a success: Ben Caplan, Michele Tredger, Brenda Burjaw, Wendy Schneider, Ben Shragge, Becky Katz, Khalm Smiderle, Jordan Abraham, Judi and Marvin Caplan, Hanna Schayer, Kelly Buwalda, Maureen Price, Voen Mom, Jason Leizer, Cindy and Lowell Richter, Tory Metzger, Laura Ludwin, Jeff and Naomi Levy, Cindy and Samantha Smyth, Amy Back, Les and Bev Lasky, Milena Romalis, Lisa Zaitchik, Mark Scholes, Eyal Bitton, Jerry Golblatt, Denise Levinson, Rabbi Dan and Karen, Joe Walker, Tom Lawlor, The Effort Trust Company, Taylor Leibow, Sheldon Levy, and Post Controlled Air Inc.
- our cheesecake bakers: Francine Gerson, Harriet Orlander and Marvin Caplan.
- the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2014, Rabbi Dan and Karen Selsberg, and an anonymous donor for sponsoring Shabbat kiddush lunch.
- David and Bonnie Loewith for donating ice cream for Tikkun Leil Shavuot.
- Dan Levy for generously replenishing our liquor supplies; the minyanaires are very happy.
- Ethan Stolar, Arvith Jhirad and Daniella Khayutin for leading services.
- Pat and Stan Dermer, for sponsoring Shabbat kiddush in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.
- Sally, Ted, and Bonnie Lax for sponsoring "Down By the Bay".
- Sharon and John Biro for hosting Shabbat kiddush in honour of their son Elliot Biro receiving his doctorate.
- Nomi and Sara Cuneo and Norman and Evelyn Schayer for sponsoring Shabbat kiddush in honour of the birthdays of Carl Cuneo and Hanna Schayer (the Schuneos)
- Patrizia and Alex Maine for polishing all the silver breast plates and crowns.

- Thank you to Creekwood Metals (aka Jerry Goldblatt), Murray Gerson, Martin Levy, Benjy Katz and Tom Lawlor for refurbishing with blood, sweat and gelt, the downstairs men's washroom.
- Joanne and Jeff Manishen for sponsoring a kiddush in honour of their 30th anniversary.
- Jodi Asch, Mayta Shore and Susan Gilbert for sponsoring Shabbat kiddush in honour of their parents Larry and Doreen Goldblatt's 60th anniversary.
- Our wonderful High Holiday bakers Jordana Asch, Jodi Asch, Marvin Caplan, Harriet Orlander, Rhona Rottman, Lainie Tessier and Gail Wolfe.

## ***Beth Jacob extends our sincere condolences to:***

- the family of Phyllis Kantor, z"l, on her passing.
- Joe Walker and family on the passing of his aunt Joan Decker, z"l.
- Kristine and Mario Stolar and family on the passing of Kristine's mother, Carolyn Barbara Wilson.
- Jeanette Nathan, David and Esther Levy, Martin and Sandi Levy and Jeff and Naomi Levy on the passing of their brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Murray Minden, z"l.
- Kathryn Johnson and family on the passing of her husband George Johnson, z"l.



# O-ma-noot

Gallery at Beth Jacob Synagogue - Values Inspiring Creativity

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## In Celebration of the Pomegranate

Please join us for the  
**Opening Reception  
& Artist Presentations**

**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2 to 3 p.m.**

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of art will continue to fund the initiative to create, educate and collaborate.



## Sukkot Programs

### Help Build the Sukkah

Help build the sukkah on Sunday, October 5 at 10:00am.  
Call the shul office at 905-522-1351 if you can help.

### Order your lulav & etrog

Sukkot begins on **Wednesday, October 8**. If you'd like to purchase your own lulav and etrog, call Philip Price at 905-523-8067 to order.


### Open Sukkah at the Selsbergs'

Join Rabbi and Karen Selsberg at their home at 19 Orchard Hill on Monday, October 13 for a light nosh in their Sukkah, immediately following evening services.



## PRIMORDIAL ISRAEL

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Most Jews **don't know** our foundational stories well—  
Learn the **real stories** of our all-too-human ancestors.

The stories of the pious, the rebellious, the unrepentant, the rejected, and the chosen.

**TUESDAYS 6:30**  
Beginning October 28 | Shul Library

QUESTIONS? Contact Rabbi Selsberg | 905.522.1351 | [rabbi@bethjacobsynagogue.ca](mailto:rabbi@bethjacobsynagogue.ca)  
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**A MULTIMEDIA CLASS ABOUT**  
who we are & how we got here

A history discussion, using the BBC/PBS documentary from acclaimed historian Simon Schama. We'll explore the often overlooked corners of the Jewish story, learning what it meant then and what it could mean now.

**4000 Years in 13 Classes**  
**STARTING OCTOBER 29**  
Wednesdays 6:30 | Richter Chapel

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## BROWN BAG BABYLON

Lunch With the Sages

**WOULD YOU LIKE WISDOM WITH THAT?**  
Study Talmud Brachot over the noon hour. Join Rabbi Selsberg as we explore the masterwork of Jewish thought. The text can be surprising, confusing, offensive, strange, familiar, clever, and challenging—sometimes on the same page.

**Join the discussion. Bring your questions.**  
**Beginners welcome.**

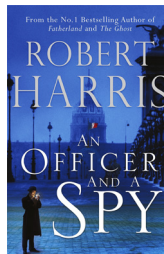
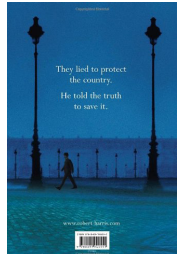
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## ONE BOOK ONE SHUL

*Sunday, Oct. 12 @ 10 am in the shul sukkah!*

**If** our community opens the **same book**, will we close it with a **greater sense of connection?**

**W**e're bound together by a book and by the stories we share, and this year we'll add a story to our repertoire. Beth Jacob's inaugural One Book One Shul event asks each of us to read a book, then we'll get together and discuss it in the fall. Especially keen readers are welcome to discuss it in the aisles of Fortino's, over coffee, at kiddush, etc.

# SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Elul 6  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>2</b> Elul 7  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>3</b> Elul 8  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>4</b> Elul 9  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>5</b> Elul 10  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:31pm	<b>6</b> Elul 11 <b>Parashat Ki Teitzei</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30pm
<b>7</b> Elul 12  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>8</b> Elul 13  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>9</b> Elul 14  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>10</b> Elul 15  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>11</b> Elul 16  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>12</b> Elul 17  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:18pm	<b>13</b> Elul 18 <b>Parashat Ki Tavo</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:15pm
<b>14</b> Elul 19  Shacharit 9:00am Omanoot Reception 2:00pm Family Program Myers Apple Farm 2:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>15</b> Elul 20  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>16</b> Elul 21  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>17</b> Elul 22  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>18</b> Elul 23  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>19</b> Elul 24  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:06pm	<b>20</b> Elul 25 <b>Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00pm Havdalah/Slichot Program 8:00pm Slichot Service 9:15 pm
<b>21</b> Elul 26  Shacharit 9:00 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>22</b> Elul 27  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>23</b> Elul 28  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>24</b> Elul 29 <b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm Candles 6:57pm	<b>25</b> Tishrei 1 <b>Rosh Hashanah I</b>  Shacharit 8:30am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:15pm Candles 7:55pm	<b>26</b> Tishrei 2 <b>Rosh Hashanah II</b>  Shacharit 8:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 6:53pm	<b>27</b> Tishrei 3 <b>Parashat Ha'Azinu</b> <b>Shabbat Shuva</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:50pm
<b>28</b> Tishrei 4  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>29</b> Tishrei 5  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>30</b> Tishrei 6  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm				

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<b>5</b> Tishrei 11  Shacharit 9:00am Sukkah Building 10:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>6</b> Tishrei 12  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>7</b> Tishrei 13  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>8</b> Tishrei 14 <b>Erev Sukkot</b> Shacharit 7:45am Pizza in the Hut Sukkah decorating 4:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00pm Candles 6:20pm	<b>9</b> Tishrei 15 <b>Sukkot I</b> Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45pm	<b>10</b> Tishrei 16 <b>Sukkot II</b> Shacharit 9:00am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm Candles 6:16pm	<b>11</b> Tishrei 17 <b>Sukkot III</b> <b>Volunteer Shabbat</b> Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:25pm
<b>12</b> Tishrei 18 <b>Sukkot IV</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>13</b> Tishrei 19 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Sukkot V</b> Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm Open Sukkah at the Selsbergs 6:00pm	<b>14</b> Tishrei 20 <b>Sukkot VI</b>  Shacharit 7:30am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>15</b> Tishrei 21 <b>Sukkot VII</b>  Shacharit 7:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm Candles 6:20pm	<b>16</b> Tishrei 22 <b>Shmini Atzeret</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	<b>17</b> Tishrei 23 <b>Simchat Torah</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Hakafot 7:00pm	<b>18</b> Tishrei 24 <b>Parashat Bereshit</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:15pm
<b>19</b> Tishrei 25  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>20</b> Tishrei 26  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>21</b> Tishrei 27  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>22</b> Tishrei 28  Shacharit 7:45am First day of Hebrew School 4:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>23</b> Tishrei 29  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>24</b> Tishrei 30 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Shacharit 7:30am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 6:05pm	<b>25</b> Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan <b>Parashat Noah</b> Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:05pm
<b>26</b> Cheshvan 2  Shacharit 9:00am Storied Treasures Opening 11:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>27</b> Cheshvan 3  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>28</b> Cheshvan 4  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon 12:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30 pm	<b>29</b> Cheshvan 5  Shacharit 7:45am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00pm The Story of the Jews 6:30pm	<b>30</b> Cheshvan 6  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm The Lottery 7:00pm	<b>31</b> Cheshvan 7  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 5:55pm	



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<b>2</b> Cheshvan 9  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>3</b> Cheshvan 10  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>4</b> Cheshvan 11  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> Cheshvan 12  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon 12:00pm Ma'ariv 6:00pm The Story of the Jews 6:30pm	<b>6</b> Cheshvan 13  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>7</b> Cheshvan 14  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 4:46pm	<b>8</b> Cheshvan 15 <b>Parashat Vayera</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Bat Mitzvah of Dana Schoenberg Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:45pm
<b>9</b> Cheshvan 16  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>10</b> Cheshvan 17  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>11</b> Cheshvan 18  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> Cheshvan 19  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon 12:00pm Ma'ariv 6:00pm The Story of the Jews 6:30pm	<b>13</b> Cheshvan 20  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	<b>14</b> Cheshvan 21  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Candles 4:30pm Congregational Dinner 6:30pm	<b>15</b> Cheshvan 22 <b>Parashat Chayei Sara</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:35pm
<b>16</b> Cheshvan 23  Shacharit 9:00am BJ Day at the Bulldogs 3:00pm Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>17</b> Cheshvan 24  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>18</b> Cheshvan 25  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Cheshvan 26  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon 12:00pm Ma'ariv 6:00pm The Story of the Jews 6:30pm	<b>20</b> Cheshvan 27  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>21</b> Cheshvan 28  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00pm Candles 4:33pm	<b>22</b> Cheshvan 29 <b>Parashat Toldot</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:30pm
<b>23</b> Kislev 1 <b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b> Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>24</b> Kislev 2  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>25</b> Kislev 3  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> Kislev 4  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon 12:00pm Ma'ariv 6:00pm The Story of the Jews 6:30pm	<b>27</b> Kislev 5  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>28</b> Kislev 6  Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00pm Candles 4:29pm	<b>29</b> Kislev 7 <b>Parashat Vayetzei</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:25pm

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