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**Dates To Remember**

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**Wild West Purim**

**Wednesday, March 11**  
**Israel in the Community**  
A discussion with  
Israel's Consul General  
7:30pm at Beth Jacob

**Friday, April 3**  
**First Seder**

**Thursday, April 16**  
**Yom HaShoah**  
7pm at the Adas Israel

**Thursday, April 23**  
**Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**  
at the JCC

**Sunday, May 3**  
**Michele Tredger**  
in Concert

**Sunday, May 31**  
**Garage Sale**

**Sunday, June 14**  
**Celebration & Appreciation**  
**Rabbi Dan & Karen Selsberg**

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In celebration and appreciation of  
**RABBI DAN AND KAREN SELSBERG**

see back page for details

## Bold. New. Platinum.



Rabbi Dan Selsberg

**W**hen I arrived in Hamilton, almost nine years ago, there was a long list of things I wanted to accomplish. I wanted to help the community revitalize the shul. To make services more engaging. To give sermons and classes that were relevant and engaging. To help refresh the building and the spaces we use in it. Over the years, we've had a pretty good record. But one goal remains elusive: ensuring that Beth Jacob Synagogue is on firm financial footing. Which is why, just in time for Purim, I would like to announce our new strategy.

Beth Jacob has many loyal members who have steadfastly supported our shul through good times and bad. It is your generous funding of our programming that educates our youth, allows

the Torah to be read, connects us with God, our ancestors, and our tradition, helps build support for Israel, keeps the lights on, and keeps this venerable institution running smoothly. But times are changing. A simple membership may no longer be enough. Which is why I'm proud to announce Beth Jacob Platinum™ memberships.

Just like a platinum credit card offers greater benefits and rewards, just like a platinum frequent flyer program offers access to plush lounges and shorter waiting times, Beth Jacob Platinum™ memberships provide the ultimate Beth Jacob experience. Sure, it costs a bit more, but look what you get. With Beth Jacob Platinum™:

Platinum members get access to the new UltraShulLounge™, a new space filled with luxurious sofas and chairs, flat-screen TVs tuned in to news outlets approved by CIJA, and a safe spot where the rabbi won't glare at you for checking your phone on Shabbat.

Platinum members are allowed to add as many names of loved ones as they want to the Mi'sh'beirakh list, and are no longer limited by the (new) maximum of three names of ailing individuals that come with

the Beth Jacob Classic™ membership.

Platinum members are given 12 HonourCards™ per year, which can be used either to procure an aliyah, ark opening, or similar honour at anytime throughout the year, or they may be used to decline an honour when one is offered. (High Holiday honours cost three HonourCards™, both for those who wish to procure an honour or for those who are desperate to refuse one.)

Platinum members are given access to sermons and divrei Torah that are 25 per cent less guilt-inducing than those given to Beth Jacob Classic™ members.

Platinum members can audibly sigh and check their watches during shul without being thought rude.

When Beth Jacob Classic™ members get egg salad at Shabbat kiddush, Beth Jacob Platinum™ members get ... you know it. Lox.

And when everyone else gets a bagel with Costco brand cream cheese, or something like that? Platinum members get Philadelphia. Oh yeah.

Platinum members are guaranteed that The Holy One of Blessing will look with favour at all of their worthy deeds and aspirations. (Note: this last benefit

is still a work in progress. We have made the request of the appropriate Authority, and, at press time, are still awaiting written confirmation.)

These benefits and more are now available to those who wish to step up their support of our shul by becoming Platinum members, which entails merely a nominal phenomenal increase in your dues. And for those who may aspire to such support, but are unable to move beyond the Beth Jacob Classic™ membership level, don't worry. You will still enjoy the same high level of service, the same devotion to Am Yisrael, and the same Costco cream cheese that you've always loved at Beth Jacob. Only now, there will be, you know, an obvious superiority-inferiority thing going on. But I'm sure it'll be OK. Right?

I hope many of you will think seriously about becoming Platinum members. It is a bold new step in synagogue fundraising and in sowing divisiveness in congregations. I look forward to hearing about how much you love the UltraShulLounge™— I have to rely on you, because I can't afford to get in.

Many blessings for a wonderful Purim— but more blessings for you-know-who.

# LAST CHANCE LEARNING

## 3 CLASSES

Each Focusing on a Different Classic Text That We Can Learn Together For The First... and Last Time

Come join Rabbi Selsberg for three classes on three different themes that we have not yet discussed together. As we prepare for receiving Torah on Shavuot, we'll explore some foundational texts.

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 p.m. May 6, 13, & 20 at Beth Jacob

# When the month of Adar enters, we increase in joy – Talmud Taanit 29a



Cindy Richter

Do you already have a musical Pharrell-style HAPPY! beating from your head down to your toes? In Adar, the month in which we celebrate Purim,

we are commanded to be even more cheerful, merry and freylach.

For the other months of the Jewish calendar, it's also permissible to feel joyful too. At Beth Jacob, we don't need a holiday to spread happy-itis. But, beware! There's more than one variety of this disposition.

You may be happy if :

- You have honoured someone's yahrzeit or helped another person honour theirs.
- You have found some part of the community where you are making a difference.
- You have reached out to be known or welcomed someone who might want to know you.
- You witness others being happy!

Check out our religious school and family program. Rina stirs up energy, optimism and action!

- You are swept into the peaceful realm of Kabbalat Shabbat from Cantor Eyal's first musical note.
- You make a Tuesday Out of the Cold commitment. Your happiness naturally spills into the food you are preparing, flavouring it with the Jewish taam only you can provide.
- You are one of the new voices delivering a d'var torah! We are a congregation of talented, intellectual, well-travelled, learned and insightful members with medical, business, educational and life experience. If you have something to share, we are

happy, eager sponges ready to listen and learn.

- You are creating electricity on the energy/house committee!
- You are interviewing the impressive rabbinical candidates who are showing us the purpose and fulfillment associated with the Conservative/Masorti Movement!

When you enter your home, Beth Jacob, be open to something unexpectedly positive and good happening here. Walk in with a sense of curiosity and receptivity which are exactly the elements that increase the likelihood of developing something truly happy.

Chag Purim Sameach!

## A word from THE CANTOR



Cantor Eyal Bitton

On Friday, February 27, 2015, Leonard Nimoy, known to most of us as Mr. Spock from Star Trek, passed away. Nimoy, as Spock, was beloved.

He captured our imagination. He was a symbolic pioneer. After all, he was the first alien to work alongside humans - on board the starship USS Enterprise.

There's a desire we humans have to know that we are not alone in this universe. For some, it's a desire to know that there are aliens out there. For others, it's a desire to know that there is a God out there. And for yet others, it's both.

Can we connect to an experience that extends beyond the human one? Can we, in so doing, be made to feel humble? For knowing we are not alone would render us humbled by the knowledge that we are not the centre of the universe.

Gene Roddenberry, creator of Star Trek, tapped into these questions when he created the character of Mr. Spock. And Leonard Nimoy brought this character to life - and added so very much.

Many Jews know the story of the Vulcan greeting, Spock's famous hand gesture accompanied by the phrase, "Live long and prosper." Leonard Nimoy appropriated the

gesture from the traditional Jewish priestly blessing which he witnessed in synagogue as a young boy.

During the synagogue service, the kohanim, descendants of the Temple priests, shroud themselves in the prayer shawl and bless the congregation. Members of the community are not permitted to look at them - because they represent the presence of God. A young Leonard Nimoy, naturally being curious, peaked. He saw the kohanim making a two-handed gesture and was fascinated by it. Years later, he used it — as a one-handed gesture — as the Vulcan gesture of greeting on Star Trek.

The decision to do so is more than Jewish trivia. It's highly significant.

In Judaism, the symbol is accompanied by the three-part priestly blessing:

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;*

*May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.*

When Leonard Nimoy elected to use this as a symbol of alien greeting, Nimoy was invoking the biblical blessing and imparting to humanity not just a message of peace, but a message of comfort and spirituality. The symbol connotes blessing, guardianship, protection, kindness, peace, religion, spirituality, and Godliness. Wow!

In doing so, Leonard Nimoy, elevated the character. The Vulcan greeting resonates within us, particularly as Jews, because of its deep message:

Fellow humans, members of the family of Adam and Eve, we are not alone. And what's out there is not to be feared. For when you see this symbol, know that you are indeed blessed.

**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
 STANDING TOGETHER AT SINAI

**Celebrate Shavuot all night!**

**Watch for details!**

**ONE BOOK ONE SHUL**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 15 AT 10:00AM**

**A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED**  
 DARA HORN

Our next book is *A Guide for the Perplexed*, by Dara Horn. A story that blends our fascination with technology and the tumultuous Middle East with the history of the Jews of Cairo. The story spans eras, raising questions of memory and empathy.

A close-up portrait of Michele Tredger, a woman with long dark hair and light-colored eyes, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

# MICHELE TREDGER

LIVE IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Beth Jacob's own treasure, Michele Tredger, brings her beauty and talent to the synagogue for a memorable night of spectacular music. Don't miss this opportunity to catch this unique performer on home-turf doing what she does best – bringing the house down! Support your shul while being entertained by a vocal tour-de-force!

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

Call 905-522-1351 to order or email [office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca](mailto:office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca)



# Kesher Education Program

## HEBREW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE ALL WE HAVE LEARNED THIS YEAR!  
AND SEE WHAT IS IN STORE FOR 2015-2016!!

Special guests



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Grand reveal

GRADE 6 & 7'S  
PHOTOMENTARY



Wednesday May 27th  
4:30 to 6:30p.m.

**everyone welcome**  
Kindergarten through post-Bnei Mitzvah

R.S.V.P. to Rina Rodak

[school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca](mailto:school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca)

Sunday May 10th 2-4:30pm  
JEWISH HAMILTON

# LIMO SCAVENGER HUNT

grades 3-10

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
[limohunt2015@gmail.com](mailto:limohunt2015@gmail.com)

MARCH 4TH

KIDS ACTIVITIES BEGIN @ 4:30P.M.  
DINNER AT 5:30P.M.  
MEGILLAH READING @ 6:15P.M.  
LIGHT SNACK FOLLOWING

## A WILD WESTERN PURIM

### School Calendar

- March 18** No Hebrew School
- March 25** BJ Hebrew school at Temple Anshe Sholom!
- March 29** Pre Pesach Program
- April 8** No Hebrew School
- April 18** ShaBubbie & ShaZaidi Shabbat Morning program
- May 3** Morning in the park with PJ Library
- May 10** Limo Scavenger Hunt Cross Community gr 3 to 10)
- May 24** Youth Led Service
- May 27** End of Hebrew School Celebration & Open House with special guests Mystic Drumz

# YAHARZEITS

## 10 ADAR – MARCH 1

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

## 11 ADAR – MARCH 2

Joseph Minster  
Yetta Lewis  
Cecil Feldman  
Ralph Waldman  
Fred Rosenblood

## 12 ADAR – MARCH 3

Irving Rosen  
Myer Levitt  
Sam Mandel  
Charles Levinson

## 13 ADAR – MARCH 4

Sari Vaisler  
William Kosky  
Samuel Freedman  
Yitzchak Redner  
Ryfka Redner  
Shalom Redner

## 14 ADAR – MARCH 5

Rochel Vine  
Pinchas Smurlick  
Abraham Latner

## 15 ADAR – MARCH 6

Molly Richter

## 16 ADAR – MARCH 7

Mother-in-law of Anne Gooblar  
Anthony Margo  
Mother of Bea Matchen  
Morris Gelber

## 17 ADAR – MARCH 8

Lillian Rosen  
RosaLeah Weinrib

## 18 ADAR – MARCH 9

Frank Goldblatt  
Shirley Schneider  
Doris Gaffe  
Selma Maclin

## 19 ADAR – MARCH 10

Fay Adler  
Giulia Acciaroli  
Sarah Silverstein

## 20 ADAR – MARCH 11

Elke Zimmerman

## 21 ADAR – MARCH 12

Max Walters  
Morris Fruitman  
Lillian Goldblatt  
Elizabeth Majer  
Zelda Rostoker  
Sam Szpirglas

## 22 ADAR – MARCH 13

Harry Liberman  
Miriam Adler  
Jennie Schmerling  
Robin Abraham  
Joan Kizell  
Sol Schmerling  
Arthur Caplan

## 23 ADAR – MARCH 14

Dave Levy

## 24 ADAR – MARCH 15

Abraham Halpren  
Brian Silvert

## 25 ADAR – MARCH 16

Fay Leon  
Dr. David Feldman  
Edie Rochkin

## 26 ADAR – MARCH 17

Barbara Goldblatt

## 27 ADAR – MARCH 18

Frimet Rosenshein  
Sister-in-Law of Anita Weitzman  
Bernard Wunder  
Paula (Beloff) Dasch  
Rose Irene Berk  
Solly Adler

## 28 ADAR – MARCH 19

Sarah Rosenberg  
Clarice Lillian Ileda Ellison

## 29 ADAR – MARCH 20

Morris Rostoker  
Maternal grandmother of  
Helen Minden & Ada Farkas  
Zelda Wisner  
James Orkin  
Sophie Steinberg  
Lily Silverstein

## 1 NISSAN – MARCH 21

Margaret Ludwig

## 2 NISSAN – MARCH 22

Naiman Pulver

## 3 NISSAN – MARCH 23

Harry Israel Berk

## 4 NISSAN – MARCH 24

Lena Shapiro  
Al Oberman  
Sarah Yanover  
Harry Silverstein  
Sylvia Miller

## 5 NISSAN – MARCH 25

Benjamin Yanover

## 6 NISSAN – MARCH 26

Ralph Gerstein

## 7 NISSAN – MARCH 27

Lillian Shekter  
8 NISSAN – MARCH 28  
Morris Stiglick

## 9 NISSAN – MARCH 29

Harry Levy  
Abe Rosenberg

## 10 NISSAN – MARCH 30

Max Rotman

## 13 NISSAN – APRIL 2

Robbie Rochkin

## 14 NISSAN – APRIL 3

Serena Moskovitz  
Israel Khayutin  
Karl Leimovici

## 15 NISSAN – APRIL 4

David Rottman  
Kenneth Livingston  
Henry Haren

## 16 NISSAN – APRIL 5

Belle Simon  
Jerry Friedman

## 17 NISSAN – APRIL 6

Archie 'Ike' Walters  
Ab Walters

## 18 NISSAN – APRIL 7

Taub Brandeis  
Fani Grinspan

## 19 NISSAN – APRIL 8

Sister of Betty Foster  
Saul H. Cohen  
Lynne Ackerman

## 20 NISSAN – APRIL 9

Max Matchen

## 21 NISSAN – APRIL 10

Israel Kuttas  
Annie Oberman  
Ethel Levitt  
Fay Axelrad Dalfen  
Alan Borden

## 22 NISSAN – APRIL 11

Leon Mishkel  
Joseph Haim  
Bertha Leff  
Katie Papernick  
Abe Lebow  
Stewart Matheson

## 23 NISSAN – APRIL 12

Rose Steinberg  
Sarah Garshowitz  
Paul Stringer  
Anna Orlander  
Norman Jaye  
Ruth Lewis  
Tony Cuneo

Emma Sewitz  
Norman Leon

## 24 NISSAN – APRIL 13

Belle Levy  
Ben Albert  
John Milner

## 25 NISSAN – APRIL 14

Grandmother of Shelley Waxman

## 26 NISSAN – APRIL 15

Mashe Levinson

## 27 NISSAN – APRIL 16

Michael Minden  
Nate Adler  
Harry Robbins  
Reuben Gurevitz  
Morley Katz

## 28 NISSAN – APRIL 17

Rose Caplan  
William 'Bill' Shragge

## 29 NISSAN – APRIL 18

Nathan Sauder  
Annie Levine

## 30 NISSAN – APRIL 19

Betty Umansky  
Max Wisner  
Sam Smurlick

## 1 IYAR – APRIL 20

Hyman Madow  
Genia Ludwin  
Helen Roth Gajdos

## 2 IYAR – APRIL 21

Chaim Berrel Garshowitz

## 3 IYAR – APRIL 22

Joe Laskin

## 4 IYAR – APRIL 23

Rose Shapiro  
Clara Pearl

## 6 IYAR – APRIL 25

Belle Chisik  
Claire Latner

## 7 IYAR – APRIL 26

Abe 'Nutch' Cohen  
Harry Schneider

## 8 IYAR – APRIL 27

Raymond Miller

## 9 IYAR – APRIL 28

Ethel Polan  
Eve, sister of Ida Wright  
Cecil Levy  
Shirley Scholes

## 10 IYAR – APRIL 29

Lillian Smith

# YAHREZEITS

Max Goliger  
Joe Garshowitz

## 11 IYAR – APRIL 30

Sam Rochweg  
Maternal grandfather of  
Helen Minden & Ada Farkas  
Ruth Eleanor Levy

## 12 IYAR – MAY 1

Albert (Abraham) Garshowitz  
Isabel Gitlin Ashberg  
Arthur Weisz  
Laurell Schwartz

## 13 IYAR – MAY 2

Irving Umansky  
Jules Ungar  
Solomon Wolpert  
Larry Gottehrer

## 15 IYAR – MAY 4

Oscar Markusoff  
Harry Beube  
Murray Rosenblond  
Fae Wiseman

## 16 IYAR – MAY 5

Mother of Sydney Kudlats  
Anna Minden  
Sam Kritzer

## 17 IYAR – MAY 6

Samuel David Nagawker  
Abe Goldblatt  
Marilyn Rich

## 18 IYAR – MAY 7

Reuben Saperson  
Lawrence Saunders  
Helen Avetissian  
Frimette Pearl  
Elizabeth Senkevich  
Murray Rothberg

## 20 IYAR – MAY 9

Sydney Levy

## 21 IYAR – MAY 10

Sonia Mintz  
Saul Lewis

## 22 IYAR – MAY 11

Sadie Hoffman  
Frank Rubinstein  
Lena Marks  
Chuck Matchen  
John Arnold Gross

## 23 IYAR – MAY 12

Cantor Henry Zimmerman  
Samuel Kurensky  
Ruth Gold

## 24 IYAR – MAY 13

Father-in-law of Lawrence Pollock  
Harold Fenwick

## 25 IYAR – MAY 14

Nancy Fallon Sea

## 26 IYAR – MAY 15

Dorothy Sherman

## 28 IYAR – MAY 17

Yetta Levy

## 29 IYAR – MAY 18

David Latner  
Raymond Kizell

## 1 SIVAN – MAY 19

Gertrude 'Gertie' Friedman  
Gitel Sogolovitch Friedman  
Frieda Oberman  
Rebecca Kuttner

## 2 SIVAN – MAY 20

Rose Noble  
Mary Goldblatt

## 3 SIVAN – MAY 21

Bessie Swartz  
Gitel Katz  
Charles Dalfen

## 4 SIVAN – MAY 22

Fanny Liberman

## 5 SIVAN – MAY 23

Sara Wolfe  
Corinne Cuneo

## 6 SIVAN – MAY 24

Mark Levy

## 7 SIVAN – MAY 25

Freda Fenwick  
Philip Rosenblatt  
Pearl Markusoff  
Toby Gerstein  
Wolfe Margo

## 8 SIVAN – MAY 26

Julius Rusonik

## 9 SIVAN – MAY 27

Leib Fischer  
Ethel Caplan

## 10 SIVAN – MAY 28

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

## 11 SIVAN – MAY 29

Henrietta Pollock  
Nathan Katz

## 12 SIVAN – MAY 30

Barry Foster

## 13 SIVAN – MAY 31

Minnie Ber  
Bert Staples

# DONATIONS

## **Building Fund**

*Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Francine & Murray Gerson; *Speedy Recovery to:* Maureen Price by Kelly Buwaldka; *Yahrzeit of:* Mendel Levine by Irwin & Kathy Levine;

## **Chai Fund**

*Condolences to:* Blanche Levitt, Family of Irv Raxli by David & Cele Steinberg. *Mazal Tov to:* Stan Tick by Cele & David Steinberg.

## **Golden Book Fund**

*Mazal Tov to:* Hershey Latner by Nonie & Henry Vine, Ellie & Arne.

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*Condolences to:* Marlene Ziser by Denise & Randy Levinson; Miriam Zaltz & Family by Shava Siegel & Family; Mrs. Jack Kreiger by Shava Siegel.

## **House Fund**

*Condolences to:* Sherri, Brad, Matthew Michell & Family by Philip & Maureen Price; Josh Bach & Family by Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer; Mrs. Ann Millman by Elaine Miller. *Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Nomi, Sara, Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer, Flora & Allen Rams, Hilton & Shirley Silberg, Harvey & Shelley Waxman, Harold & Rayella Goldblatt, Lynne & Jack Lieberman, Sheldon & Suzy Gurevitz, Harold & Jo-Ann Pomerantz, Lorne & Judy Rochweg, Allen & Sandra Dressler Claretta & Jacques by Jerry & Elena Goldblatt; Karen Saperson & Jeremy Goldberg from Anne & Ron Barrs. *In honour of:* David Ludwin by Cheryl Levitt & Andrew Orkin.

*Donation from:* Cheryl Levitt & Andrew Orkin; Nessa Olshansky.

## **Library Fund**

*Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Bruce Levy.

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*Condolences to:* Sherri, Brad & Matthew Michell by Diane & Bill Sandler & Family, Bev & Les Lasky. Joyce & Irving Dain by Bev & Les Lasky. *In honour of:* Eyal Bitton & Michele Tredger by Dorothy Rosenthal;

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*Condolences to:* Susan & David Schiff, The Michell Family, Gail Wilkinson & Family by Cindy & Lowell Richter; Sherri & Brad Michell by Hanna Schayer. *Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Corey Gurevitz; Judy & Daniel Berk by Diana & Victor Abraham; Maureen & Philip Price by Diana & Victor Abraham. *Donation from:* Barb & Brian Pinto; Alyssa Hunt; Naomi Metter; Janet Weisz; Kehila Jewish Day School; David & Laura Ludwin; Marcia & Bill Halpren; Helena Posner; Rhona & Lou Rottman; Jane Dezoete; David & Rebecca Russo; Bev & Les Lasky; Jeanette Nathan. *Yahrzeit of:* Dorothy Bain by Allen & Carole Bain. *Speedy Recovery to:* Les Wolfe by Nonie & Henry Vine.

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*Condolences to:* Simon Gencher by Cele & David Steinberg; Josh, Sara & Eva Bach by Marcia & Bill Halpren, Cele & David Steinberg; Sherri & Brad Michell by Cele & David Steinberg; Blanche Levitt by Shava Siegel. *Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Ray & Sheley Doering; Cheryl Levitt & Andrew Orkin by Marvin & Judi Caplan; Ira & Shelley Greenspoon by Joanne & Jeff Manishen; Christine Nusca by Cele & David Steinberg.

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*In Memory of:* Michael Kehr by Philip & Maureen Price. *Speedy Recovery to:* Maureen Price by Shlomit Acciaroli. *In honour of:* Anne Sanderson by Peter Smurlick. *Mazal Tov to:* Lou & Rhona Rottman by Jeffrey & Joanne Manishen; Victor & Diana Abraham, Ramona & Gabriel Samuel; Jerry Goldblatt by Henry & Donna Vine, Rhona & Lou Rottman & Family; Jerry & Elena Goldblatt by Cindy & Lowell Richter.

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*Condolences to:* Moshe Oscar by Victor & Diana Abraham.

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*In Memory of:* Les Roefe by Gloria Roefe & Family. *Condolences to:* The Adler Family by Gail & Les Wolfe; Bach Family by Gail & Les Wolfe, Carol & Ted Adler; Shlomit Acciaroli; Joyce & Irving Dain by Hanna Schayer, Shlomit Acciaroli. *Yahrzeit of:* Bertha Kaufman, Mendel Jegendorf, Golda Jegendorf, Abe Kaufman by Len & Bessie Kaufman. *Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Judy & Dennis Schwartz; Ira & Shelley Greenspoon by Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer; Philip Price by Phil Rosenshein; Maureen & Philip Price by Nomi, Sara & Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer, Shirley & Hilton Silberg; Shelley & Harvey Waxman by Philip & Maureen Price. *Speedy Recovery to:* Mrs. Sheryl Katz by Gail & Les Wolfe; Maureen Price by Sandra Rabin & Ivan Ross.

## **Mollie Caplan Memorial Fund**

*Speedy Recovery to:* Gwenn Sherman by Carole & Allen Bain; Les Wolfe by Carole & Allen Bain. *Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt, Ira & Shelley Greenspoon by Carole & Allen Bain.

## **Barry Foster Memorial Fund**

*Condolences to:* Josh Bach & Family by Joy Foster.

## **Sol Frankel Fund**

*Condolences to:* Blanche Levitt by Bert Frankel, Fern & Larry Szpirglas & Family.



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### **Myrna Goldhar Memorial Fund**

*Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Larry & Jay Rosenberg.

### **Sol Hoffman Fund**

*Yahrzeit of:* Freda Hoffman by Mark & Lisa Levy.

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*Mazal Tov to:* Jerry Goldblatt by Harriet & Michael Orlander.

*Condolences to:* Josh Bach & Family by Harriet & Michael Orlander.

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*Condolences to:* Josh Bach & Family, Blanche Levitt, Mrs. Ruth McNeil by Dorothy Rosenthal.

*Mazal Tov to:* Judy & Daniel Berk by Dorothy Rosenthal.

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*Condolences to:* The Family of Vicky Bach by Fay Schmerling.

*Mazal Tov to:* Judy & Danny Berk, Shelley & Harvey Waxman by Fay Schmerling.

### **Hyman & Ettie Sobol Fund**

*Mazal Tov to:* Cantor Eyal Bitton & Michele Tredger by Rhona & Louis Rottman & Family.

### **Rose and Allen Swaye Endowment Fund**

*Condolences to:* Blanche Levitt by Sasha & Tommy Weisz.

*Yahrzeit of:* Allen Swaye by Sasha Weisz.

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Passover guides are available at the shul office or can be mailed upon request. You can also visit [rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide](http://rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide). Chametz forms will be available at [www.rabbiselsberg.blogspot.com](http://www.rabbiselsberg.blogspot.com) after Purim.

## 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 to find out how.

## MILESTONES

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

- Carol Rossman on her exhibition of raku fired clay works at the Carnegie Gallery in Dundas.
- Stan Tick on his appointment by the Government of Ontario to the Hamilton Police Services Board.
- Hershey Latner on his 75th birthday.
- Joy and Mindi Foster on the Bat Mitzvah of their grand-daughter and niece Hanna Lupovitch, daughter of Marni Foster and Howie Lupovitch.
- Cheryl Levitt and Andrew Orkin on the birth of the newest member to their family, grand-daughter Nina Sadie Orkin, to her parents Drs. Aaron and Julia Orkin.
- Grandparents Ira and Shelly Greenspoon and Larry and Pauline Bacher and great grand-father Lawrence Pollock on the birth of Samantha Taryn to Jay Greenspoon and Janice Bacher.
- Marcia and Bill Halpren on their birthdays.
- To the new Board of Directors for 2014-2015: Elliot Biro, Yael Reznick DeMarco, Benson Honig, Benjy Katz, Jeff Levy, John Levy, Martin Levy, Matthew Ogus, Elissa Press, Philip Price, Cindy Richter, Wendy Schneider and Mark Scholes.
- To Maureen & Philip Price (48 years), and Judy & Daniel Berk (53 years) on their anniversaries.
- David and Sue Schiff on the birth of grand-daughter, Elleyse Lily Hansen, daughter of Karen Schiff and Lorne Hansen and to Aunt Deena and Uncle Jamie Richter.
- David Ludwin on his retirement.
- Phil Rosenshein for being inducted into B'nai B'rith's Hall of Fame.
- Happy Birthday to Alan Livingston and Sylvia Livingston.
- Jeanette Nathan on the birth of a great grandson to her grandchildren Madison and David Isaacman of Toronto. Great aunt and uncle are Marty and Sandi Levy.
- Jerry Goldblatt on his 70th birthday.
- Cindy & Lowell Richter, on their 30th Wedding Anniversary.
- Shelley & Harvey Waxman on the birth of a granddaughter.
- Karen Saperson & Jeremy Goldberg on their daughter Nicola's engagement to Michael Katchen. Proud grandmother is Marcia Saperson.
- Shirley and Hilton Silberg on the engagement of their daughter Maxine to Bram Berk.
- Anne and Ron Barrs and family on the birth of their first grandchild, Noah Toby, a son for Reesa Barrs and Adam Gutkin.
- Stephen and Denise Yanover on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Amanda Sue, daughter of Alyssa and Scott Douglas.

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

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- Chanukah dinner volunteers: Clareta Schoenberg with her mom and Aunt Tia, Sari Richter and Brandon Moyse, Jeanette Nathan, Fay Schmerling, Terry Babij, Lisa Zaitchik, Charles Kravetsky, Marcia Halpren, Ralph Orman, Milena Romalis, Dan Levy, Jerry Goldblatt, and the shoppers Laura Ludwin, Les and Bev Lasky, Karen Selsberg.
- Dina and Elliot Biro for co-sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of their son Saul's 5th birthday.
- Maureen & Philip Price and Judy & Daniel Berk for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush.
- Alex and Patrizia Maine for co-sponsoring Kiddush in celebration of their third anniversary and in appreciation of the rabbi, congregants and staff who were so supportive of Al when he was mourning the passing of his father.
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- Anne Sanderson for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush, "just because"
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### ***Beth Jacob extends our sincere condolences to:***

- Sherri, Brad and Matthew Michell and family on the passing of their son and brother Stephen Michell, z"l.
- Josh, Sarah and Eva Bach on the passing of their wife and mother, Vicky Bach, z"l.
- The family of Bernard Pasis, z"l on his passing.
- Blanche Levitt & family on the passing of her brothers Melvin Rosenberg, z"l and Robert Rosenberg, z"l.
- The family of Bessie Goldblatt, z"l on her passing.



# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Adar 10</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Israeli Film Festival 10:30am O-MA-NOOT reception 12:45pm	<b>2 Adar 11</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>3 Adar 12</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	<b>4 Adar 13</b> <b>Erev Purim</b> <b>Ta'anit Esther</b>  Shacharit 7:45am- Brown Bag Babylon noon Ma'ariv 6:00pm Megillah 6:30pm	<b>5 Adar 14</b> <b>Purim</b>  Shacharit 7:15am Megillah 8:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>6 Adar 15</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 5:56pm	<b>7 Adar 16</b> Parashat Ki Tisa  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:55pm
<b>8 Adar 17</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>9 Adar 18</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>10 Adar 19</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	<b>11 Adar 20</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon noon Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>12 Adar 21</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Board Meeting 7:30pm	<b>13 Adar 22</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:05pm	<b>14 Adar 23</b> Parashat Vayakhel- Pekudei  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 7:05pm
<b>15 Adar 24</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>16 Adar 25</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>17 Adar 26</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	<b>18 Adar 27</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon noon Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>19 Adar 28</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>20 Adar 29</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:13pm	<b>21 Nissan 1</b> Parashat Vayikra <b>Rosh Hodesh</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:10pm
<b>22 Nissan 2</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 8:00pm	<b>23 Nissan 3</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>24 Nissan 4</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	<b>25 Nissan 5</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Brown Bag Babylon noon Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>26 Nissan 6</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>27 Nissan 7</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:21pm	<b>28 Nissan 8</b> Parashat Tzav  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 7:20pm
<b>29 Nissan 9</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>30 Nissan 10</b>  Shacharit 7:45 am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	<b>31 Nissan 11</b>  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm				

# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Nisan 12  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	2 Nisan 13  Shacharit 7:45m Ma'ariv 6:00pm Bedikat Chametz after 8:35pm	3 Nisan 14 Erev Pesach Ta'anit Bechorim  Shacharit 9:00am No Chametz after 11am Chametz must be burned or hidden before 12:15pm Candles 7:29pm No Mincha/Ma'ariv First Seder	4 Nisan 15 Pesach 1  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 2:00pm Candles 8:30pm No Ma'ariv Second Seder
			5 Nisan 16 Pesach II  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	6 Nisan 17 Pesach III  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	7 Nisan 18 Pesach IV  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	8 Nisan 19 Pesach V  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm
12 Nisan 23  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	13 Nisan 24  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	14 Nisan 25  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	15 Nisan 26  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	16 Nisan 27 Yom HaShoah  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00 pm	17 Nisan 28  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:46pm	18 Nisan 29 Parashat Shemini  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:45 pm
19 Nisan 30 Rosh Hodesh  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	20 Iyyar 1 Rosh Hodesh  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 8:25pm	21 Iyyar 2  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	22 Iyyar 3 Yom HaZikaron  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	23 Iyyar 4 Yom Ha'atzmaut  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	24 Iyyar 5  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:54pm	25 Iyyar 6 Parashat Tazria-Metzora Bat Mitzvah of Noa Kam  Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:50pm
26 Iyyar 7  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	27 Iyyar 8  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	28 Iyyar 9  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	29 Iyyar 10  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	30 Iyyar 11  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm		

# May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Iyyar 12  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:02pm	2 Iyyar 13 Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:00pm
					3 Iyyar 14  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Michele Tredger Live 7:00pm	4 Iyyar 15  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm
10 Iyyar 21  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	11 Iyyar 22  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	12 Iyyar 23  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	13 Iyyar 24  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	14 Iyyar 25  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	15 Iyyar 26  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:18pm	16 Iyyar 27 Parashat Behar-Bechukotai  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:15pm
17 Iyyar 28  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	18 Iyyar 29  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	19 Sivan 1 <b>Rosh Hodesh</b>  Shacharit 7:30am Ma'ariv 6:00pm Primordial Israel 6:30pm	20 Sivan 2  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	21 Sivan 3  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	22 Sivan 4  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:25pm	23 Sivan 5 Parashat Bamidbar <b>Erev Shavuot</b>  Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:25pm Candles 9:35pm
24 Sivan 6 <b>Shavuot I</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Ma'ariv 9:00pm Candles 9:36pm	25 Sivan 7 <b>Shavuot II</b>  Shacharit 9:00am Yizkor 10:30am Ma'ariv 9:00pm	26 Sivan 8  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	27 Sivan 9  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	28 Sivan 10  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm	29 Sivan 11  Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm  Candles 8:32pm	30 Sivan 12 Parashat Nasso  Shacharit 9:15am  Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:35pm
31 Sivan 13  Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv 6:00pm						



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