

The Circle

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

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Tamuz, Av, Elul 5777

Coming Up

Friday, June 23

Down By The Bay
with David Gershon

Sunday, July 9

Tribute to Cantor Eyal Bitton
and Michele Tredger

Saturday, July 15

Farewell Shabbat
sponsored by Cantor Eyal,
Michele & Miya

Monday July 31 at 8:45pm

Erev Tisha B'Av

Thursday, Sept. 21

First day Rosh Hashana

Friday, Sept. 29

Erev Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 15

Spice Up Your Life
with Bonnie Stern



On Sunday, July 9, please
join Beth Jacob in thanking

Cantor Eyal Bitton & Michele Tredger

With gratitude to Cantor Eyal
for his extraordinary tenure
at Beth Jacob, as well as to
Michele and Miya, we're going
to rock the house with
Jordan Abraham and his
band, Soundwave ...
and nosh a little too.

Be prepared to dance
or armchair boogies.
Family friendly and everyone
is welcome
at no charge.

Festivities start at 7 p.m.
Dairy reception



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Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli

Recently I happened to listen to a lecture about successful business leadership. There was a lot of emphasis on effective time management, which is definitely something they stress when training you for the rabbinate. This lecture said that one should have clear short-term and long-term goals in mind, towards which one should work. The successful leader, in the lecturer's eyes, avoids doing tasks of low priority which don't lead directly to the goal's fruition; those tasks should instead be deleted if possible, or delegated to "a person whose time is worth less than one's own," or, as a last resort, deferred until the high-priority tasks have been completed.

This notion that tasks of low importance should be delegated to people whose time is worth less than one's own was offensive to my Jewish sensibilities. Who are we to judge the value of someone else and

compare it to our own? As the Talmud says, "Who is to say that your blood is redder than theirs?" True, if there is a task which one person is uniquely qualified for and another task which requires less expertise, it would probably be the most effective to let the expert handle the complicated matter. But this must not be done with the condescending attitude of "their time is worth less than mine". Everyone's time and energy deserves respect. And we surely cannot decide on someone's value by the amount of zeros in their salary. The most important people in ensuring humanity's successful continued existence, after parents and rabbis, are school teachers. And we all know about the long, never-ending hours teachers put in to their work beyond their classroom hours. Yet they are paid much less than so many less-essential professionals.

In the lecture, success was defined in terms of dollars and cents. They were, of course, talking about business success. There was another kind of success, far more important in my mind, that was being neglected: human success.

Judaism teaches us from the cradle to have a global outlook. We don't just measure worth in terms of dollars and cents. We constantly remind ourselves that we have to look out for everyone else, and that no matter where we work or for whom, we "answer to a Higher Authority" – our moral sensibility.

Remember the news item published a few months ago about the purse purchased at one of those mega-chains, that had a note hidden inside it from one of the horribly mistreated factory slaves being forced to produce that merchandise? The ease of information access available today allows us to know so much more about where our purchases are being sourced and to make appropriate ethical decisions. Most of us would prefer not to save a few cents when that is directly supporting a network of child slaves on the other side of the world. We don't want to buy clothes made by children for children.

Summer is the time when our calendar marks the destruction of our grand spiritual world of old, Temple-era Jerusalem, accompanied by the genocide and exile of our people by the Romans. Tradition tells us that our spiritual world was destroyed because of lack of care for people. It's our responsibility to rebuild our spiritual world through over-emphasizing concern for others. As summer allows us to enjoy more time with our families, we should think about the families on the other side of the globe, and remember that each action of ours has a global effect, whether beneficial or detrimental.

But let's conclude on a hopeful note. Remember way back when

people used to be able to bare skin and lie around to sunbathe, without having to worry about using sunblock? Many of you will remember what I do from when I was younger, when they announced (in 1985) that a horrific hole was developing in the ozone layer. This was directly linked to people's use of aerosol deodorant cans was directly involved in creating a horrifically dangerous hole in that ozone layer. We suddenly saw actual, physical evidence that a small action of mine here could have drastic measurable effects half way around the world! And yet, when that problem was identified, the world, perhaps surprisingly, reacted in a positive way. An international treaty was reached in 1986, at first greatly reducing, and later eliminated completely the production of CFCs. Today, all the countries in the world have signed that treaty! In 2003 scientists reported that the depletion of the ozone layer was slowing down, and just last year, in 2016, it was announced that actual healing was being noticed. It is estimated that the ozone layer will be back to 1980 levels in 30 or so years.

Rabbi Nachman is quoted as saying, "If you believe it is possible to damage, believe also that it is possible to repair." Let's both be optimistic, and work hard at improving the world we will be leaving to our children.



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The Max and Beatrice Wolfe Campus

**Matthew Ogus**

Beth Jacob has been a busy place over the past few months, with many simchas, holidays, meetings, and events. In particular, I want to highlight two pivotal events that bode well for the shul's reinvention. First, the well-attended community meeting, where you made insightful comments, asked probing questions about where we stand and where we're headed, and offered visions and suggestions for the future. And second, the most successful lottery night in the history of our congregation, where we raised \$65,000! And

we did it thanks to the devotion and hard work of our wonderful honouree and dedicated volunteers.

On the basis of your comments at the community meeting, as I wrote in the follow-up letter sent out after Shavuot, the Board has formed five new committees. The Board encourages congregants who are interested in joining a committee or contributing to its activities to contact the committee chair or liaison at the email listed.

1) **Membership:** This committee will focus on supporting new memberships, as well as strengthening relationships with our existing and incoming members. The Board liaison for our membership committee is Judith Dworkin. Feel free to contact her at judith.dworkin@gmail.com.

2) **Board Development:** In the short term, the committee, made up of Tanis Hall, Dan Levy, and Matthew Ogus, will serve as the nominating committee for the incoming

Board, to be approved at our AGM. Once the slate for the new Board is finalized, the committee will focus on Board development activities. If you have questions or concerns related to this mandate, please get in touch with me at president@bethjacobsynagogue.ca.

3) **Real-Estate / Building & Structure:** This committee's focus is determining options for use of our building and property, and making recommendations to the Board on these matters. The Board liaison for this committee is Benson Honig, who can be reached at bhonig@mcmaster.ca.

4) **Spirituality:** This committee's objective is to bring more spirituality to our services and to our shul. It will focus on meaningfulness, connection, and community, on finding ways to ensure that rituals and traditions touch our hearts and souls. The chair of this committee is Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar, who can be reached at nessa@interlynx.net.

5) **Marketing and Communications:** In-reach and outreach -- increasing engagement in synagogue programs and enhancing Beth Jacob's profile in the community -- are the committee's goals. No Board member has undertaken to chair or serve as liaison for this important committee. If marketing and communications is an area where you have expertise or experience, our community needs your help; please email me at president@bethjacobsynagogue.ca.

As Rabbi Tarfon teaches in Pirkei Avot, "The day is short, and the task is great. ...you are not required to complete the task, but you are not at liberty to refrain from participating." The Board looks forward to working with the new committees, along with the existing ones, on ensuring the congregation's continued vitality and sustainability. Together, we can meet the challenges facing us, we can grow, we can thrive.

A word from THE CANTOR**Cantor Eyal Bitton**

There is a saying that if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. Just over eight years ago, I had no idea that I would leave Toronto and come to live in Hamilton. On August 1, 2009, I had the honour of becoming cantor of Beth Jacob Synagogue. It wasn't just a congregation that my wife and I were joining; we were also entering

a community. Michèle and I were struck by how warm and welcoming people were.

We made wonderful friends in this community and these friendships are what we will miss most when we leave. The congregants and members of the community became extended members of our family. As your cantor, it was a privilege and a deeply meaningful experience to be a part of your life cycle events. Sometimes, I had the pleasure of taking part in your simchas -- baby-namings, brit milahs, conversions, aufrufs, weddings, and b'nei mitzvahs. Other times, I had the difficult and humbling honour of taking part in your moments of sadness and grief. Each experience was a unique and significant moment in my role as a cantor of this lovely community and in my life as well.

Not all these moments were about being there for you. It was a heartwarming experience for Michèle and me to see the outpouring of love and support from the members of the Beth Jacob upon the birth of our precious daughter, Miya, last June.

It was also an honour to be a part of the Beth Jacob professional staff and clergy. A reflection of the community, these individuals proved to be caring and good people who I had the pleasure of serving with throughout my time here.

After receiving the news in early March that Beth Jacob would not be renewing my contract, I had no idea that other opportunities would present themselves soon after. I was preparing for a difficult year. However, as this door closed, another one opened shortly after. As I now

prepare to begin a new chapter in my life as cantor of Congregation Neveh Shalom in Portland, Oregon, I am filled with great excitement yet also filled with sadness. Saying goodbye to dear friends is not easy. Saying goodbye to a community that has been our community for almost eight years is not easy. Michèle and I are comforted by all the words of support we have received from so many members of the community.

Just as I had no idea that I would move to Hamilton, I had no idea that I would leave Hamilton and move to Portland. It seems like I have made God laugh once again. But, just as eight years ago, God has not just laughed but also presented a path, a door. Michèle, Miya, and I are opening that door.

Thank you to the Beth Jacob family and the warm community of Hamilton.

MILESTONES



*Beth Jacob Synagogue
extends a fond farewell to our
in-house chef, Katrina Simmons*

*Pictured here are the many
dedicated volunteers who had the
pleasure of working alongside
her. We will miss her!*

Beth Jacob extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

- Judy and Dennis Schwartz on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter in Toronto.
- Elissa Press on her birthday.
- Danielle Berger and Aaron Friedman on the naming of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. Proud family members include grandparents Aubrey Friedman, Darlene Throop and Ian Cowling, Alan and Lynn Berger; great-grandparents Magda Berger, Ruth Friedman, Lloyd and Muriel Throop and Ken and Wende Sinclair.
- All those who helped make the Blessings of Co-existence Program such a success. A special Kol HaKavod to Rabbi Hillel.
- Martin Levy on his birthday.
- Rabbi Hillel on his birthday.
- Yonina Kleiman and family on her Bat Mitzvah.
- Rhona and Lou Rottman on their 25th wedding anniversary.
- Jay Greenspoon and Janice Bacher on the birth of their son, Matthew Russell, a brother for Samantha. Proud grandparents are Ira and Shelley Greenspoon and Larry Bacher. Delighted great grandparents are Lawrence Pollock and Lily Goldberg.
- Fern and Larry Szpirglas on the safe arrival of their grandson, Sawyer Jake, son of Jonathan and Talia (Mohns) Szpirglas.
- Maureen and Philip Price on the dedication of a torah mantle in honour of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Francine and Murray Gerson on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Nathan son of Bryan and Sandra Gerson of Toronto.
- Anne and Ron Barrs, Marla Shragge, Howie Nerman and Ralph Gutkin on the naming of their grand-daughter, Ruby Mara. Congratulations as well to great-grandmother, Faye Radzinski, proud parents Reesa Barrs and Adam Gutkin, and big brother, Noah.
- Lawrence Pollock on his birthday.
- Joseph Braun on his birthday.
- Ron Richter on his 65th birthday.
- Phil Rosenshein on being honoured by the Beth Jacob Lottery in recognition of his many years of outstanding fundraising for the synagogue.
- Cantor Eyal on his performance at the Copernic Synagogue in Paris.
- Rochelle and Gerry Swaye on the forthcoming marriage of their son, Adam Swaye and Tanya Levin.
- Carole and Allen Bain on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Beth Jacob wishes to thank:

- All those who helped make our children's Purim celebration such a success. Thank you especially to Rina Rodak, Rabbi Hillel, Avi Rodak, Katrina Simmons, James Kacer, John

- Wiltshire, Lance Tsuchiya, Yael Reznick DeMarco, John DeMarco, Ben Avetissian, Denise Lilliman, Momma Malik, Swizelstick Theatre, Tovli Pizza, our Hebrew School staff and students.
- Aubrey Friedman for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of Sarah's Hebrew Naming.
- Ron and Debbie Richter for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of someone special.
- Rabbi Hillel, Yael Reznick DeMarco, Katrina Simmons and her trusty kitchen staff for preparing and presenting the beautiful seder we hosted at Beth Jacob.
- Natalie Sobel and Rafi Kleiman for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of Yonina's Bat Mitzvah.
- Marilyn Levy for creating a beautiful Torah mantle for the shul in honour of Maureen and Philip Price.
- Anne and Ron Barrs, Marla Shragge and Howie Nerman for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of Ruby's Hebrew naming.
- Yael Greenberg-Livingston, Rhona Rottman and Cindy Richter for baking for Shavuot.
- To all who made the Lottery such a success. Special thanks to this year's honoree, Phil Rosenshein and fundraising chair, Tanis Hall.
- Rochelle and Gerry Swaye for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of Adam and Tanya's aufruf.
- Carole and Allen Bain for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Joseph Braun, Aubrey Friedman and Jerry Goldblatt for the new office computers.
- Wendy and Lorry Schneider for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honour of Tanya and Zack's aufruf.

Beth Jacob extends our sincere condolences to:

- The family of Raye Lebow, z"l.
- Rochelle and Gerry Swaye and family on the passing of Rochelle's mother, Thelma Applebaum, z"l.
- The families of Ira and Allen Greenspoon on the passing of their mother, Ruthie Greenspoon, z"l.
- Shirley and Michael Molot on the passing of Shirley's sister, Sandra Levinson, z"l.
- Cele and David Steinberg on the passing of Cele's sister, Rifcha Kaufman, z"l.
- The family of Jocelyn Katz, z"l, on her passing.
- Brad and Sherri Michell on the passing of Brad's mother, Audrey Michell.
- The family of Suzanne Richter, z"l, on her passing.
- Kirk and Shirley Kaplansky on the passing of Kirk's sister, Karen Dawson, z"l.
- Murray and Francine Gerson on the passing of Murray's cousin, Janice Gerson, z"l.
- The family of Edith Petigorsky, z"l.



Beth Jacob Hebrew School & Family Programming

It has been a fantastic year of learning and fun!

Thank you to all our teachers, guest speakers, synagogue staff, education committee members, volunteers, parents and students! See you all in September!

At Beth Jacob we offer both weekly classes, which focus on the understanding of Judaism, and experiential opportunities which focus on the doing of Judaism.

Our school meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. September through May. During this time, children from Kindergarten through Grade 8 learn with Morah Gila, Morah Margalit and Mrs. Fay Schmerling. Our curriculum's focus is on teaching our students to read and write Hebrew, understand and recite prayers, and about Jewish holidays and Jewish history, with a particular focus on the family histories of members of Hamilton's Jewish community. There will be more singing, dancing, crafting and baking. We will also have special guest teachers who will introduce us to new ideas and exciting new topics.

This past year, our students participated in multiple family-focused Shabbat morning services. From leading prayers to carrying the Torah, to preparing the weekly sermon, the students were the true leaders. We strive to

develop the children's independence, competence and confidence in their Jewish activity, not solely their understanding of it.

Next year's new offerings include an intensive Hebrew Language program, and a post-Bnai Mitzvah volunteer opportunity program which will allow students experience volunteering with various organizations throughout Hamilton, both within and outside of our Jewish community. These hours can count towards the high school curriculum requirement for community involvement.

Children who are not enrolled in our Hebrew school are welcome to attend Shabbat and Jewish holiday services and events.

The school's growth, along with the enthusiasm and commitment of our families, inspires our entire congregation. To register for any of the above learning opportunities, or if you have questions, please contact Rina Rodak at school@bethjacobsynagogue.ca or call 905-522-1351.

DONATIONS

Adult Education

Condolences to: Family of Jocelyn Katz by Nancy & Alan Greenspoon.

Yahrzeit of: David Levy by Dina Honig.

Building Fund

Donation from: Irwin & Kathy Levine.

In honour of: Murray & Fran Gerson by Anne & Ron Barrs.

Chai Fund

Condolences to: Amanda & Jordana Katz by Cele & David Steinberg.

House Fund

Condolences to: Alan Livingston by Arlene Leibtag; Ira & Shelley Greenspoon & Family by Maureen & Philip Price, Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli; Rochelle Swaye by The Group, Maureen & Jerome Bergart; Cele Steinberg by The Group, Bev & Les Lasky, Marcia & Bill Halpren; Benji Katz, Amanda & Jordana by Lowell & Cindy Richter; Alan & Yael Livingston by The Olshansky Family; Andrea Molot & Sheldon Cutler, Debbie Molot, Carolyn Molot & Brian Allen, Shirley & Michael Molot by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli; Cele & David Steinberg by Lowell & Cindy Richter; Cele Steinberg by Carole Machtinger; Kirk & Shirley Kaplansky, Allen & Nancy Greenspoon, Brad & Sherri Michell and Family, Rochelle & Gerry Swaye and Family, Ken & Rena, Lorne & Susan, Elaine & Leon, Charles & Chana & Steven by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli; Judy Berkle by Holly Hamann-Higgins; Shelly Berkle by Marcia & Bill Halpren; Ira Greenspoon & Family, Allen Greenspoon & Family by Wendy & Lorry Schneider; Allen & Ira Greenspoon, Kirk & Shirley Kaplansky by Elena & Jerry Goldblatt; Rochelle Swaye by Stephen Fay; Lorne Lebow & family by Mark & Laurie Bernick; Cele & David Steinberg & Josephine Grossman by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli; Cele Steinberg by George & Bunny Levinson, Philip & Maureen Price; Rochelle Swaye & Family by Brenda Richter; Rochelle & Gerry Swaye by Janet Weisz; The Berkle Family by Jerome & Maureen Bergart; Elaine Genesove & Family by Ellen Warner; David Leon by Beverly & Les Lasky; David Leon & Sandi Respivo by Jackie Wasserman & Milton Ross; Sandra Yanover & Family by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Shirley & Michael Molot by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Brad Michell & Family by Philip & Maureen Price; Ira & Shelley Greenspoon by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli. **Mazal Tov to:** Dr. Mark & Lisa Levy by Rabbi Hillel-Lavery-Yisraeli, Lowell & Cindy Richter; Elissa Press by Sarah Zelcer; Anne & Ron Barrs by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli; Yonina Chana Kleinman by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli; Carol & Alan Bain by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Ron Richter by Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer; Rosalie Gaffe by Bella & Joseph Braun; Maureen & Philip Price by Bella & Joseph Braun; Rosalie Gaffe by Tanis & Larry Hall; Carole & Allen Bain by Tanis & Larry Hall. Ira & Shelley Greenspoon, Janice Bacher & Jay Greenspoon, Ron Richter, Yonina Chana Kleinman, Larry & Fern Szpirglas, Jonathan & Talia by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli. **In honour of:** Ben Caplan, Taryn Kawaja and Judi Caplan by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli; Kerop Sargsyan by Rabbi Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli; Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli by Bella & Joseph Braun. Councillor Aidan Johnson, Hanna Schayer, Carl Cuneo, Sara & Amiel, Nomi & Eric, Jordan Abraham, Cindy & Lowell Richter, Ron & Debbie Richter by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli. **Refuah Sheleimah to:** Tanis Hall, Dr. Yehudah Aryeh Denberg, Milt Lewis by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli. Thank you to: David & Laura Ludwin by the Selsbergs. **Yahrzeit of:** Karl (Akiva) Leimovici by Susan Fainer-Levy & Bruce Levy, Laurie, Jared & Aiden Simon. Golda Zegendorf, Abe Kaufman by Bessie & Len Kaufman.

Out of the Cold Fund

Condolences to: Judi Caplan & Family by Diana & Victor Abraham; Rhoda & Bernie Katz by Donna & Henry Vine; Mrs. Joyce Shalom by Diana & Victor Abraham; Bella Muller & Family by Andrea & Marvin Stringer; Kirk & Shirley Kaplansky by Diana & Victor Abraham; Cele Steinberg by Irma & Philip Perelgut, Marilyn Foreman, Bev & Ralph Orman; Emma Nott by Victor & Diana Abraham; Enoch Solomon by Victor & Diana Abraham; Rochelle Swaye & Family, Berkle Family, Greenspoon Family by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Rochelle Swaye & Family by Henry & Donna Vine, Denise & Stephen Yanover, Debbie & Ron Richter, Judy Rosen & Family; Cele Steinberg & Family by Gwen & Harvey Schwab, Donna & Henry Vine; Judi Caplan by Denise & Stephen Yanover; Ira Greenspoon & Family by Diana & Victor Abraham; Dr. Allen Greenspoon by Ron & Anne Barrs.

Donations from: Cynthia Finkel, Rhonda Kemeny, Jo-Ann Pomerantz, Naomi Levy, Sara & Alan Mendelson, Lou & Rhona Rottman, Marlene & Sheldon Gains.

Mazal Tov to: Miriam & Ron Davidson by Your Book Group Friends; Natalie Sobel & Rafael Kleiman by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Emmy Singer by Diana & Victor Abraham.

In honour of: Deirdre Pike, Mayor Fred Eisenberger by Rabbi Lavery-Yisraeli.

Thank you to: Diana & Victor Abraham by Hanna Schayer, Carl Cuneo & Nomi.

Speedy Recovery to: Ruth Fine by Rhona & Lou Rottman & Family.

Happy Passover to: Halle & Howard Cohen by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Jordan Abraham, Ramona & Gabriel Samuel & Family by Diana & Victor Abraham.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Condolences to: Bella Muller & Family by Henry & Donna Vine; Bella Muller by Tanis & Larry Hall; Kirk & Shirley Kaplansky by Diana & Victor Abraham, Aubrey Friedman & Family; Judi Caplan by Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar; Aubrey Friedman, Tanis & Larry Hall; Ira & Shelley Greenspoon & Family, Cele & David Steinberg and Family by Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer; Rochelle & Gerry Swaye, Adam & Shelley Swaye by Yves & Luba Apel; Gerry Swaye by Paul Goldstein; Cele Steinberg & Family by the Morris Family, Pearl & David Yolles; Cecile & David Steinberg by Larry & Tanis Hall, Ira & Shelley Greenspoon; Alan Livingston & Family by The Touch of Klez Group, Jeanette Nathan; Sandra Eisenberg by Bev & Ralph Orman. **Thank you to:** Beth Jacob Synagogue by Paul & Helen Hanover. **Mazal Tov to:** Judy & Dennis Schwartz by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Rhona & Lou Rottman by Francine & Murray Gerson; Howard Cohen by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Halle Cohen by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Ron & Anne Barrs by Rhona & Lou Rottman & Family; Hilary by Hanna Schayer, Carl Cuneo, Nomi, Sara & Ami; Rosalie Gaffe by Pat & Stan Dermer. **In honour of:** Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli by Denise & Randy Levinson, Carl Cuneo & Hanna Schayer. Rhona & Lou Rottman by Francine & Murray Gerson. **Yahrzeit of:** Mary Lynn Levine by Jeanette Tauber; Moishe and Sarah Olshansky by Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar. **Refuah Sheleimah to:** Milt Lewis by Larry & Tanis Hall. **Happy Passover to:** Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli by Jeanette Nathan.

Hebrew School Fund

Mazal Tov to: Phil Rosenshein by Judith Coret-Simon. **Condolences to:** Brad Michell by Pauline & Jonathan Morris, Lisa & Barry Zaitchik.

Music Fund

Condolences to: Ira & Shelley Greenspoon & Family by Diane Sandler & Bill Nisker; Allen & Nancy Greenspoon by Diane Sandler & Bill Nisker.

Prayer Book Fund

Condolences to: Judi Caplan & Family by Cele & David Steinberg, Elena & Jerry Goldblatt; Family of Raye Lebow by Bill & Marcia Halpren; Ira Greenspoon by Bill & Marcia Halpren; Cele Steinberg & Family by Ivan Ross & Sandra Rabin; Ira & Shelley Greenspoon & Family by Randy & Denise Levinson; The Family of Raye Lebow by Denise & Randy Levinson & Family. **In honour of:** Gloria Nardi Bell by David & Cele Steinberg.

Prayer Book/High Holiday Machzor/Chumash Fund Bookplate

In Memory of: Karen Louise by Shirley & Kirk Kaplansky; Thelma Applebaum by Gwenn & Michael Sherman. **In honour of:** Rosalie Gaffe by Donna & Henry Vine; Carole & Allen Bain by Judy & Daniel Berk.

Selsberg Creative Living Fund

Speedy Recovery to: Halle Cohen by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe. **Mazal Tov to:** The Selsberg Family by Rosalie & Paul Gaffe; Sammy Selsberg, Asher Selsberg by Carol Adler.

Shabbat Kiddush Fund

Condolences to: Judi Caplan & Family by Carol Adler; Ira Greenspoon & Family by Gail & Les Wolfe; Brad Michell, Ira Greenspoon by Carole & Allen Bain. **Refuah Sheleimah to:** Tanis Hall by Carol & Allen Bain. **Mazal Tov to:** Aubrey Friedman by Shirley & Kirk Kaplansky; The Kleiman Family, Murray & Fran Gerson by Gail & Les Wolfe, Carole & Allen Bain; Hershey Latner by Gail & Les Wolfe; Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli by Carole & Allen Bain.

Social Justice Fund

Condolences to: Judi Caplan & Family by Debbie & Ron Richter, Barbara & Rob Paikin, Hanna Schayer, Carl Cuneo, Nomi & Sara, Philip & Maureen Price and Family, Yael Greenberg & Alan Livingston, Nancy & Alan Greenspoon, Harold & Rayella Goldblatt, Esther Olshansky, Barry Walfish, Adele Reinhartz & Family, Sari Ackerman, Katrina Simmons & Terry Asma, Arlene Leibtag.

DONATIONS

Mollie Caplan Memorial Fund

Mazal Tov to: Carole & Allen Bain by Sandra Rabin & Ivan Ross, Joy Foster;

Barry Foster Memorial Fund

Condolences to: Sandra Yanover by Joy Foster.

Myrna Goldhar Memorial Fund

Condolences to: Cele & David Steinberg, Rochelle & Gerry Swaye by Larry & Jay Rosenberg.

Gurevitz Fund

Condolences to: The Family of the late Thelma Applebaum by The Gurevitz Family, Cecile Steinberg & Family, Family of Saul Eisenberg by Suzy Gurevitz, The Family of the late Ruthie Greenspoon by Suzy & Corey Gurevitz.

Landa Family Foundation

Condolences to: Cele Steinberg & Family by Marvin & Andrea Stringer.

Sam & Sally Lax Fund

Condolences to: The Swaye Family, Ira Greenspoon & Family, Allen Greenspoon & Family, Cecile & David Steinberg & Family by Ted & Bonnie Lax. Happy Passover to: Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Faust & Family by The Lax Family.

Rose and Phil Rosenshein Museum Fund

Mazal Tov to: Phil Rosenshein by Molly Beube. *Speedy Recovery to:* Milt Lewis by Phil Rosenshein.

Matt & Fay Schmerling Educational Fund

Condolences to: Amanda & Jordana Katz & Family, Shirley & Kirk Kaplansky, the Family of Raye Lebow, Rochelle & Gerry Swaye, Family of Ruthie Greenspoon, Marilyn Richter by Fay Schmerling.

Mazal Tov to: Judi & Dennis Schwartz, Bea Matchen, Anne & Ron Barrs by Fay Schmerling. Thank you to: Fay Schmerling by Hanna Schayer. Speedy Recovery to: Bunny Levinson by Fay Schmerling.

Ettie & Hyman Sobel Fund

Condolences to: Rochelle Swaye & Family, Cele Steinberg & Family by Rhona & Lou Rottman. Mazal Tov to: Amy Back, Francine & Murray Gerson, Dr. Lisa Balick & Dr. Richard Balick, Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli by Rhona & Lou Rottman & Family; Rhona & Lou Rottman by Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli.

Rose and Allen Swaye Endowment Fund

Condolences to: Judi Caplan & Family by Sasha & Tommy Weisz & Family; Rochelle & Gerry Swaye by Philip & Maureen Price, Bill & Marcia Halpren; Rochelle Swaye & Family by Ivan Ross & Sandra Rabin, Sasha, Tommy, Donna, David, Leah & Eric & Families; Rochelle & Gerry Swaye & Family by Paul & Eileen Swaye.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS
DAVID GERSHON
(OF THE RENOWNED JUNO-AWARD WINNING
"JUDY & DAVID")
LEADING
KABBALAT SHABBAT
DOWN BY THE BAY (@ PIER 4)
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!
FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD
Meet in the parking lot at Pier 4 @ 5:45pm
Service begins at 6pm
POTLUCK Dinner!! Dairy or Pareve food only! 100% nut free! Please label if food is GLUTEN or DAIRY free!
QUESTIONS? RSVP? 905-522-1351 or school@bethjacobschool.ca

YAHREZEITS

7 SIVAN – JUNE 1

Freda Fenwick
Philip Rosenblatt
Pearl Markusoff
Wolfe Margo

8 SIVAN – JUNE 2

Julius Rusonik
Allan Swartz
David Levy

9 SIVAN – JUNE 3

Ethel Caplan

10 SIVAN – JUNE 4

Jack Ben Mintz
Ferne Glory Mintz
Bessie Rochweg

11 SIVAN – JUNE 5

Henrietta Pollock
Nathan Katz
Harold Botnick

12 SIVAN – JUNE 6

Barry Foster

13 SIVAN – JUNE 7

Minnie Ber

14 SIVAN – JUNE 8

Judi Roberta Shapiro
Louis Goldberg
Esther Goldberg Cohen
Joyce Rossman
Irving Liberman

15 SIVAN – JUNE 9

Wilfred Goldblatt
Joe Kuttas
Sam Liberman
Dorothy Feinstein

16 SIVAN – JUNE 10

Rabbi Israel N. Silverman

18 SIVAN – JUNE 12

Sylvia Ellison

19 SIVAN – JUNE 13

Rabbi Samuel Levine
Henry Rabin
Jordan Swartz

20 SIVAN – JUNE 14

Sophie Landman

21 SIVAN – JUNE 15

Pearl Weitzman
Randy Michael Sean Grossman
Eddy Shenker

23 SIVAN – JUNE 17

Mollie Caplan

24 SIVAN – JUNE 18

Philip Rosenberg
Avrum Dalfen
Mary Rothschild

25 SIVAN – JUNE 19

Mickey Rabkin
Leonard Miller

27 SIVAN – JUNE 21

Mary Chaje Miller
Gertrude Cyril Zigelstein
Louis Bain

28 SIVAN – JUNE 22

Etta Sobol
Eudy Halberstadt
David Ackerman

29 SIVAN – JUNE 23

Leonard Paul Albert
Dorothy Lieberman
David Ackerman

30 SIVAN – JUNE 24

Jessie Goldblatt

1 TAMUZ – JUNE 25

Jack Shapiro
Albert Feldman

3 TAMUZ – JUNE 27

Isaac Rosenshein
Rose Wolfson
Sydney Vaisler

4 TAMUZ – JUNE 28

Lena Fried
Lillian Shapiro

5 TAMUZ – JUNE 29

Samuel Garshowitz
Morris Barrs
Barney (Baruch) Ross
Judi Duckman
Gino Pillon

6 TAMUZ – JUNE 30

Rachel Saperson

7 TAMUZ – JULY 1

Phamie Gooblar

8 TAMUZ – JULY 2

Rebecca Rosenblatt
Louis Gooblar
Helen Greenbaum
Alex Schure
Joseph Bordo
Aharon Botnick

10 TAMUZ – JULY 4

Simon Zelman Koff

11 TAMUZ – JULY 5

Fanny Selimsky

12 TAMUZ – JULY 6

George Pollock
Harold Back

13 TAMUZ – JULY 7

Charles (Chic) Steinberg
Bert Staples
Benjamin Chin
Rebecca 'Bobby' Lebow

16 TAMUZ – JULY 10

Bertha Matchen
Sylvia Molot
Pearl Freedlander
Esther Mauer

17 TAMUZ – JULY 11

Aaron Weitzman
Frima Krausz
Dr. Alexander Stiglick

18 TAMUZ – JULY 12

Morris Carr
Ella Bordo

19 TAMUZ – JULY 13

Joseph Lees

20 TAMUZ – JULY 14

Lazar Vine
Charlotte Cohen
Chayim Walters
Minnie Saunders
Joseph 'Yosh' Cohen

21 TAMUZ – JULY 15

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

22 TAMUZ – JULY 16

Saul Rabkin
Ines Anna Stamera Pillon

23 TAMUZ – JULY 17

Harry Shekter
Morley Goldblatt
Max Zaitchik
Zelda Cohen

24 TAMUZ – JULY 18

Ada Stock

25 TAMUZ – JULY 19

Harry Kwitco
Dora Price

26 TAMUZ – JULY 20

Rose Zelsman
Ruth Rottman

27 TAMUZ – JULY 21

Jack Streiner
Tom Radzinski
Dr. Cecil Saperson

28 TAMUZ – JULY 22

Sarah Rosenberg
Nathan 'Nissi' Applebaum
Elaine Walman
Charles Arnold Schure
Bella Aftenig
Fritz Rothschild

29 TAMUZ – JULY 23

Ida Gillitz
Mildred Shendelman
Cecelia Levy

1 AV – JULY 24

Molly Miller
Gertrude Sugarman
Mary Bach
Paul "Pinny" Poteck

2 AV – JULY 25

Hyman Skrobacky
Max Palter
Merle Ruth Carr Orenstein

3 AV – JULY 26

Maucey Ritts
Mark Adrian Kuritzky

4 AV – JULY 27

William Schreiber Q.C.
Esther Olswanger

5 AV – JULY 28

Rheba Walters
Sister of Ralph Orman
Jerry Alan Levy
Marilyn Gold

6 AV – JULY 29

Samuel Silverstein
Ben Matchen
Norman Levitt

7 AV – JULY 30

Melech Cherns
Hyman Poteck
Gertie Gurevitz

8 AV – JULY 31

Harry Adler
Anne Shaffer
Judith Koff

9 AV – AUGUST 1

Max Yanover
Harry Leibow
Jacob Roat
Fred Penn
Elio Acciaroli
Carolyn Barbara Wilson

10 AV – AUGUST 2

Leonard Williams
Sam Hoppe
Frank Stephen Gold

11 AV – AUGUST 3

Nathan Adler

12 AV – AUGUST 4

Jean Appleton
Rose Paikin
Jack Ovssey
David Redner
Ann Leon
Lionel Mauer

14 AV – AUGUST 6

Jordan Livingston
Anne Palter

15 AV – AUGUST 7

Morris Sewitz

16 AV – AUGUST 8

Moshe Levy
Martin Levinson

18 AV – AUGUST 10

Mendel Olswanger
Abraham Mallick

19 AV – AUGUST 11

Abraham Kritzer
Bella Cohen
Michael Back
Rose Hecter

21 AV – AUGUST 13

Cielia Brooks

22 AV – AUGUST 14

Max Kuttas
Tiba Stringer
Mania Roefe
Max Stein
Annie Smurlick
Rinald Valdman

23 AV – AUGUST 15

Alfred Gooblar
Freda Gerson
Norman Zaltz
Bertha Berkovsky
Alisa Paikin

24 AV – AUGUST 16

Sam Walters
Harry Minden
Samuel Latner
Jack Honig
Adam Michael Cohen

25 AV – AUGUST 17

Faye Karon

26 AV – AUGUST 18

Jack Brooks
Rabbi Chaim Noah Denburg

27 AV – AUGUST 19

Bella Ginsberg
Faye Ennis
Joy Wickens

28 AV – AUGUST 20

Hymie R. Meyerson

29 AV – AUGUST 21

Labol Levy

1 ELUL – AUGUST 23

Leonard Victor Landa
Leonard Henry Berk

2 ELUL – AUGUST 24

Rebecca Sauder
Milton Gottehrer
Harry Matchen

3 ELUL – AUGUST 25

Ben Ber
Florence Skudwick
Dan Adler
Julius Lebow
Jean Gottehrer
Harold Rochweg

4 ELUL – AUGUST 26

Grandfather of Denise
Levinson
Harold Lewis
Doris Scholes
Alvin Deskin

5 ELUL – AUGUST 27

Susan Adler
Lily Cooper
Harold Kudlets

6 ELUL – AUGUST 28

Solomon Skudwick
Rebecca Kauffman
Murray Minden

7 ELUL – AUGUST 29

Ben Solomon
Ben Sager

8 ELUL – AUGUST 30

George Berens
Benjamin Price
Max Goldberg

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sivan 7 Shavuot Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 7:30pm	2 Sivan 8 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:36pm	3 Sivan 9 Parashat Nasso Aufruf Tanya Schneide Zack Ross Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:20pm
				4 Sivan 10 Shacharit 9:00am Evening service 6:00pm	5 Sivan 11 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	6 Sivan 12 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm
11 Sivan 17 Shacharit 9:00am Evening service 6:00pm	12 Sivan 18 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	13 Sivan 19 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	14 Sivan 20 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	15 Sivan 21 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	16 Sivan 22 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:44pm	17 Sivan 23 Parashat Sh'lach Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30pm
18 Sivan 24 Shacharit 9:00am Evening service 6:00pm	19 Sivan 25 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	20 Sivan 26 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	21 Sivan 27 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	22 Sivan 28 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	23 Sivan 29 Down By The Bay with David Gershon Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:45pm	24 Sivan 30 Parashat Korach Rosh Hodesh Tamuz Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:35pm
25 Tamuz 1 Rosh Hodesh Tamuz Shacharit 9:00am Evening service 6:00pm	26 Tamuz 2 Shacharit 7:45 am Evening service 6:00pm	27 Tamuz 3 Evening service 6:00pm	28 Tamuz 4 Evening service 6:00pm	29 Tamuz 5 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	30 Tamuz 6 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:45pm	

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Tamuz 7 Canada Day Parashat Chukat Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:35pm
2 Tamuz 8 Evening service 6:00pm	3 Tamuz 9 Civic Holiday for Canada Day Shacharit 9:00am Evening service 6:00pm	4 Tamuz 10 Evening service 6:00pm	5 Tamuz 11 Evening service 6:15pm	6 Tamuz 12 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	7 Tamuz 13 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:43pm	8 Tamuz 14 Parashat Balak Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30pm
9 Tamuz 15 Evening service 6:00pm	10 Tamuz 16 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	11 Tamuz 17 Fast of Tamuz Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	12 Tamuz 18 Evening Service 6:00pm	13 Tamuz 19 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	14 Tamuz 20 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:40pm	15 Tamuz 21 Parashat Pinchas Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:25pm
16 Tamuz 22 Evening service 6:00pm	17 Tamuz 23 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	18 Tamuz 24 Evening service 6:00pm	19 Tamuz 25 Evening service 6:00pm	20 Tamuz 26 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	21 Tamuz 27 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:34pm	22 Tamuz 28 Parasha Matot-Masei Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:20pm
23 Tamuz 29 Evening service 6:00pm	24 Av 1 Rosh Hodesh Av Shacharit 7:30am Evening service 6:00pm	25 Av 2 Evening service 6:00pm	26 Av 3 Evening service 6:00pm	27 Av 4 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	28 Av 5 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:28pm	29 Av 6 Parashat D'varim Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:15pm
30 Av 7 Evening service 6:00pm	31 Av 8 Erev Tisha B'Av Shacharit 7:45am Ma'ariv followed by Eicha 8:45pm Fast begins 8:42pm					

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		1 Av 9 Tisha B'Av Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 2:00pm Ma'ariv 9:00pm	2 Av 10 Evening service 6:15pm	3 Av 11 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	4 Av 12 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:19pm	5 Av 13 Parashat Va'etchanan Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:05pm		
		6 Av 14 Evening service 6:00pm	7 Av 15 Civic Holiday Shacharit 9:00am Evening service 6:00pm	8 Av 16 Evening service 6:00pm	9 Av 17 Evening service 6:00pm	10 Av 18 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	11 Av 19 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 8:10pm	12 Av 20 Parashat Eikev Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:55pm
		13 Av 21 Evening service 6:00pm	14 Av 22 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	15 Av 23 Evening service 6:00pm	16 Av 24 Evening service 6:00pm	17 Av 25 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	18 Av 26 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:59pm	19 Av 27 Parashat Re'eh Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:45pm
		20 Av 28 Evening service 6:00pm	21 Av 29 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	22 Av 30 Rosh Hodesh Elul Shacharit 7:30am Evening service 6:00pm	23 Elul 1 Rosh Hodesh Elul Shacharit 7:30am Evening service 6:00pm	24 Elul 2 Evening service 6:00pm	25 Elul 3 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:48pm	26 Elul 4 Parashat Shoftim Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:35pm
		27 Elul 5 Evening service 6:00pm	28 Elul 6 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	29 Elul 7 Evening service 6:00pm	30 Elul 8 Evening service 6:00pm	31 Elul 9 Shacharit 7:45am Evening service 6:00pm	1 Elul 10 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:36pm	2 Elul 11 Parashat Ki Teitzei Shacharit 9:15am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:20pm

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Stern’s talents exceed the kitchen as she now hosts private cooking events and corporate classes, leads culinary trips and sends out a monthly newsletter with recipes, restaurant recommendations and information about her monthly book club. At her book club, Bonnie brings readers and authors together over dinners that are related to the theme of the book, combining both her passion for literature and her love of cooking. She keeps in touch with students and readers with her weekly column in the National Post and through social media on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. With titles under her belt such as cook, teacher, writer, author and business woman, Bonnie Stern has gone above and beyond to redefine what it means to be a chef.



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