

Dates To Remember

Saturday, Sept 19
Sunday, Sept 20
Rosh Hashana

Sunday, Sept 27
Kol Nidre
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times

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Saturday, October 3
**Shabbat Mishpacha
& Sukkot (1st Day)**

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Shmini Atzeret

Sunday, October 11
Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 14
Annual General Meeting

Thursday, October 29
Beth Jacob Lottery

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L'Shana Tova Tikatevu



לשנה טובה תכתבו

Please join us at a
"Meet and Greet"
as we welcome our new Cantor/Educator

Eyal Bitton
on

Saturday, September 12

at a special Shabbat kiddush immediately following services

“Makes No Difference Who You Are”



Rabbi Dan Selsberg

I'm writing this as we're still unpacking from our summer holiday. This year held a special bonus: a visit to Disney World (also known as "After Hamilton, the Second Happiest Place on Earth"). There's a lot to say about visiting Disney with a pair of five-year olds, and even more to say about the "wisdom" of going to Florida in August. But one thing that sticks in my mind is the Orlando airport. Amid the usual array of newsstands and fast food joints, there were stores run by the big theme parks in the area: Universal Studios, SeaWorld, and, of course, Mickey Mouse and Friends. Why do they need spots at the airport? Didn't folks buy their souvenirs when they spent hour after hour in the park? Didn't the dozens and dozens of souvenir stands on Disney grounds provide ample opportunity to purchase tzochnies? The answer is no. Sure, some folks bought all they needed. But others forgot. Others thought they'd have a chance to do it later. So not only did they log days trooping around theme parks, but now they want time to spend some more time (and money) holding on to their vacation.

Disney isn't alone in knowing that people work this way. You might have noticed the same trend in the High Holiday season. The Aseret Yamei Teshuvah, the Days of Repentance, are just that. Days and days long. Ten days from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur. Followed quickly by a week of Sukkot and Simchat Torah. One might ask, what gives? Why so many days of repentance—can't I just say I'm sorry and go? If I apologized to those I wronged during Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah, then why do I need two days of prayer and reflection to think about what I've done? And why, then do I need to burden myself with a fast and thoughts of the thin line between life and death on Yom Kippur—and then why do we spend even more time connecting with family and friends in a sukkah the next week?

There are many answers—just look at the Disney shop at the airport. It's because people forget. It's because we put off what we want to do. Because we spend time deciding whether or not something is worth it. Because we wait until the last possible minute for important things. Because it takes time to dig deeper into our souls and find what we want to remove, admit to it, and commit to becoming better people. Because of the sins that we have committed before You knowingly or unknowingly. (in your Silverman Machzor, page 343! Please rise!)

Our ancestors thought this time was necessary, and their world moved at a much slower pace than ours does. We would all do well to spend as much time thinking about how we can build better selves, better families, and better communities as

we spend thinking about the consumer goods we buy. We can't maintain this intense focus all year, so it's worthwhile to commit to finding a meaningful connection to ourselves, to each other, and to the Eternal One during the days (and days) we've already set aside for exploring who we've become, and who we want to be.

Back in the Disney gift shop, you can buy a Jiminy Cricket, famous for his role as Peter Pan's conscience. I hoped for the same function in the Jiminy doll, but was sorely disappointed. Turns out, our conscience is found within ourselves, and in our interactions with others. As always, finding it is harder than it looks in the movies.

Shana Tovah u'Metukah—May you be blessed with a sweet New Year.

From your Co-Presidents

“It's a Go”

Well, it is hard to believe it is that time of year again. Summer is nearly over (what summer you might ask), and our thoughts now turn once again to getting the kids off to school, to planning for the upcoming High Holidays, to harvesting the fields (hold on... there is only one family of Jewish farmers in our community and unfortunately they don't belong to our shul.)

This year, however, is very special for another reason. This is the year that our "SHUL WITHIN THE SHUL" will become a reality. Wendy and I are proud to announce that the project is a go, and, subject to approval by the incoming board of governors, next year, by this time, our new home will be a reality.

Now this is not to say that our fundraising efforts are complete or that you can stop looking for my name on the call display. We need all of you now more than ever. If you have already stepped up and committed to the campaign, please take this opportunity, if you're able, to increase your donation. If one of our campaigners hasn't yet connected with you, please give us a call so that you can feel the excitement by participating in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a shul.

You'll hear more from us over the next little while and, over the High Holidays, our final plans will be on display in the foyer.

On behalf of Wendy and I we wish each of you a happy and healthy new year - L'Shana Tovah.

And one further thing. On behalf of the board, the executive and all of the members of the Beth Jacob, we welcome Eyal and Michele to our community and the Beth Jacob.

And in case people are wondering... it is true – the Rabbi, Eyal and I do all go to the same barber.

Beth Jacob welcomes Eyal Bitton

Beth Jacob Synagogue is delighted to welcome our new Cantor/Educator Eyal Bitton and his wife, Michele Tredger, to our family.



Eyal Bitton

Eyal brings 20 years of experience in synagogue music to his new role at Beth Jacob. As a child he sang in the choir at Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, and from the age of 18, when he was hired as that synagogue's choir director, was already arranging and composing music. In 2003, Eyal moved to Toronto when he was hired by Beth Tikvah Synagogue to replace the late Srul Irving Glick, as its musical director.

Beth Jacob members can expect to hear a mix of Ashkenazi and Sephardic traditional music and Eyal's own compositions in his prayers. His goal is to make the synagogue "a singing congregation." "I don't see my job as a performance", says Eyal. "What you'll see in services is creativity and innovation and what you will see in the school will be creativity and innovation." Eyal invites parents interested in enrolling their children in Beth Jacob's Hebrew school to contact him at 905-522-1351, ext 18. Visit Eyal's website at www.eyalbitton.com.

Greetings from Eyal

As the new Cantor / Education Director here at Beth Jacob, I want to share with you a little about my approach.

When you walk into a Beth Jacob service, you will hear joy. You will hear a musical tradition spanning a millenium – reaching back to our rich heritage and pressing forward into the present and beyond. A typical Eyal Bitton service features a combination of traditional Ashkenazi melodies, Sephardic airs, and original compositions of my own. Expect tradition and innovation. Expect the transformation of Beth Jacob into a singing congregation. After all, I am not the performer; we are ALL performers and GOD is the audience! So when you come, sing along!

My approach to Beth Jacob She'arim Hebrew School and Enrichment Program is the same. We will seek new ways to explore our heritage and what it means to be Jewish in the modern world. The essential element to impart is a passion for our shared heritage.

I look forward to forging a wonderful relationship with my new community.

Soul, Body & Mind

The popular Sunday morning minyan, breakfast and lecture series returns to Beth Jacob in the Fall and Winter. Our series opens with **Jacob Steinberg** (October 25/09) talking about the oldest existing Jewish community in the Americas, the Jewish Community in Suriname. On November 29th, in honour of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Tel Aviv, **Izzy Ferguson** will recount his recent visit to the "White City" in search of its magnificent, modernist architectural gems. How and why did such a city evolve? What induced modernist architects to bring the revolutionary spirit of Europe's new town planning principles to the sand dunes of Tel Aviv? Join us for some answers. In the new year (January 24/2010) Cantor **Eyal Bitton** will enlighten and also entertain us when he discusses the challenges and opportunities in "Creating a musically inspiring, but not tiring, synagogue service." Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend all our thought provoking talks. Watch the Beth Jacob website for further details.

CELEBRATE SUKKOT AT BETH JACOB WITH YOUR FAMILY

Beth Jacob Synagogue invites you to
SHABBAT MISHPACHA & SUKKOT

Come celebrate the first Shabbat Mishpacha of the year during the holiday of Sukkot on Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3.

Join us at Family Friendly Friday night Services on October 2 at 6 pm followed by an oneg shabbat in the Sukkah.

Join us the following morning at interactive and engaging services for your children, followed by a festive kiddush.

Shabbat Mishpacha takes place the first shabbat of every month. To get on the Beth Jacob email list email the office at office@bethjacobsynagogue.ca

Please join us on
Saturday, September 5
for a
Farewell Shabbat kiddush in honour of
Lynda and Neil Morris
in honour of their going on aliyah

**EREV ROSH HASHANA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**

Candles: 7:06 pm Evening Service 6:00 pm

**ROSH HASHANA 1ST DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

Pesukei D'Zimra	8:30 am	Return Torah	10:40 am
Shacharit	8:45 am	Sermon	10:55 am
Ayn Kamochoh	9:30 am	Musaf	11:15 am
Torah Reading	9:45 am	Mincha/Maariv	7:20 pm

**ROSH HASHANA 2ND DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009**

Pesukei D'Zimra	8:30 am	Sermon	10:55 am
Shacharit	8:45 am	Musaf	11:15 am
Ayn Kamochoh	9:30 am	Tashlich	6:30 pm
Torah Reading	9:45 am	Mincha/Maariv	7:20 pm
Shofar	10:30 am	Havdalah	8:03 pm
Return Torah	10:40 am		

**SHABBAT SHUVAH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009**

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 6:53 pm

SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

Morning Service, 9:15 am
Mincha at 7:10 pm

**KOL NIDRE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009**

Mincha: 2:00 pm Candles: 6:49 pm
Kol Nidre Services: 6:30pm sharp

CANDLE LIGHTING

On Kol Nidre Eve, after 6:00 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
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

Pesukei D'Zimra	9:00 am	Musaf	12:30 pm
Shacharit	9:20 am	Mincha	5:10 pm
Torah Reading	11:00 am	Neilah	6:40 pm
Sermon	11:50 am	Conclusion of	
Yizkor	Immediately following sermon	Fast/Shofar	7:42pm

Yizkor time is approximate. Please arrive early to not miss services *
Candles for the second evenings of Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot as well as the Shabbat immediately following, and for Erev Simhat Torah, should be lit on or after this time from a pre-existing flame, such as a 24 hour candle or pilot light.

HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH SERVICES

Rosh Hashana I - Sat, Sept 19
Rosh Hashana II - Sun, Sept 20
Yom Kippur - Mon, Sept 28

TEEN DISCUSSION

for all post-b'nai mitzvah teens, ages 13-17.
Led by Elliot Biro in the Youth Lounge.
Both Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, 11am - Noon

YOUTH SERVICES

Interactive, interesting, and active services for children ages 4 to 12 will take place in classrooms in the school wing from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Children are also welcome to sit with their parents in the sanctuary. Parents are discouraged from having their children stay in the halls during services.

Babysitting in the playroom located in the school wing will be available both mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for toddlers. Babysitting will also be available on Kol Nidre night. Please call the shul office (905-522-1351) in advance if you wish to use babysitting services.

TASHLICH

Tashlich, meaning "cast away," is a ritual performed on Rosh HaShanah as a physical reminder of the human effort to cast away one's sins. By casting crumbs of bread into the water – we state our intention to return to our true selves. For many Jews, Rosh Hashanah is a time for reciting many words. Through Tashlich, we use our bodies and actions to do the work of return. This year Tashlich will take place on **Sunday, September 20**. Please meet in the synagogue parking lot at 6:30 pm.

BETH JACOB CEMETERY HOURS

Sunday through Thursday: 8 am to 5 pm Friday: 8 am to 3 pm
SATURDAY: CLOSED ALL DAY

BETH JACOB STANLEY SOBOL CEMETERY

Sunday 8:00AM to 5:00PM; Closed Saturday
For Monday to Friday call Brian Guffroy at 905 527-0775

DIRECTIONS TO BETH JACOB CEMETERY FROM HAMILTON

Highway 403 East to Highway 6 North; Exit York Rd and follow the signs to Plains Rd. Opposite the City View Motel turn left at Hillsdale Rd. Cemetery is the first right. Or take Dundurn St. to York Blvd. Turn left at light. Follow York Blvd. to Plains Rd. W. Turn left at light. Follow Plains Rd W. over the 403 and turn right on Hillsdale Rd. Cemetery is the first right.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BETH JACOB STANLEY SOBOL CEMETERY

Follow the directions above and it is on the left at the end of Hillsdale.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BETH JACOB CEMETERIES FROM TORONTO

Exit Highway 6 North off of the 403 West and follow the directions above – Take the first right which leads to the cemetery parking lot.

**SUKKOT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009
SHABBAT MISHPACHA & SUKKOT**

Sukkot Evening Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009
SHABBAT MISHPACHA & SUKKOT**

Sukkot Morning Service 9:00 am
Shabbat Mishpacha 10:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv Services 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009
Sukkot Morning Service 9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv Services 7:00 pm

CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Mon, Oct 5 - Thurs, Oct 8

Morning Services at 7:30 am
Evening Services at 6:00pm

OPEN SUCCA @ THE SELSBERGS

(19 ORCHARD HILL)

AT 6:30PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

HOSHANA RABA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

Hoshana Rabbah Service 7:00 am
Evening Service 6:00 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET/ EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

Shemini Atzeret service 9:00 am
Yizkor Memorial Service at approx. 10:30 a.m.
Kohelet 9:45 am Mincha Services 6:45 pm
followed by Ma'ariv & Hakafot & refreshments
for the entire family at 7:15pm; Candle Lighting 7:27 pm



SIMCHAT TORAH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

Chatan Torah: Ira Greenspoon
Kalat Bereshit: Maureen Price
Simchat Torah Service 9:00 am
Hakafot (singing and dancing with the Torah)
for the entire family and aliyot for
everyone in attendance followed by Kiddush Lunch
Mincha/Ma'ariv Services 7:20 pm



**Sometimes the poorest of people
are the richest...**

Join us at a pre-Rosh Hashana film, discussion
& Selichot program featuring the acclaimed film

Amal



Mincha/Ma'ariv at 7:35 pm
Havdalah at 8:18 pm
Film at 8:30 pm
Selichot Services at 10:30 pm

SUKKOT IS APPROACHING

This year the Sukkot Festival begins on Friday night, October 2. One of the most beautiful customs in our tradition is that of waving the Etrog and Lulav during Sukkot Services. Please call the shul at 905.522.1351 or speak to Philip Price to order.



COME HELP BUILD THE SUKKAH

Come spend an hour Sunday morning, Sept 27 at 10:00 am having breakfast after morning minyan, and then working it off by helping to build the Beth Jacob sukkah. Roll up your sleeves and bring your hammer, adjustable wrench and screw-driver. To offer your help please leave a message with Hanna at the Synagogue office at 905-522-1351 or email the office.



**SUKKAH DECORATING
& EARLY PIZZA DINNER**

Now that the Sukkah's been built, it needs some pizzazz. On Wednesday, September 30 at 4:30 pm come and help us make creative and innovative decorations for the Sukkah and then reward yourself for all your labours with some delicious pizza! All ages welcome.



OPEN SUKKAH @ THE SELSBERGS

Join Rabbi and Karen Selsberg at their home at 19 Orchard Hill at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 8 for a snack in their Sukkah, immediately following evening services.

Yahrzeits

12 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 1

Grete Levy

13 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 2

Tillie Goldberg
Shegulla Abraham
Alexander Mintz
Dr. Marvin L. Kwitco

14 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 3

Ronia Shenfeld
Father of Bella Braun

15 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 4

David Leslie Stringer
Mary Solomon
Reta Barrs
Florence Lasky
Aaron Zaitchik

16 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 5

Hilda Kurensky

17 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 6

Mother-in-law of Frank Levy
Sera Adler

18 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 7

Annie Zaltz
Pinchas Finkelstein
Eve Finkelstein
Sam Rosenblatt

19 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 8

Abby Goldblatt
Sally Goldblatt
Father of Mark Hagen

20 Elul - September 9

Benjamin Rosenfeld
Thelma Rusonik

21 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 10

Minnie, mother of Joie Gold
Armond Nellicks

22 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 11

Paul Landa
Chaim Schayer

23 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 12

Frances Lew

24 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 13

Grandfather of Hilton Silberg

25 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 14

Rose Farkas
Rebecca Mishkel
Anne Bergart

26 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 15

Father of Cookie Rosenblatt

27 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 16

Ida Rosen

28 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 17

Manya Blitstein
Malcolm Goldblatt

29 ELUL - SEPTEMBER 18

Faige Mehlinsky
Grandmother of Larry Goldblatt
Samuel Levy

1 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 19

Mother of Cookie Rosenblatt
Morris Black

2 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 20

Toby Skrobacky
Bertram Kaplansky
Ida Charney

3 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 21

Father of Paul Gaffe
Bubbles Benjamin
David Gurevitz

4 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 22

Clara Freedman
Lipa 'Leo' Lieberman

5 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 23

Judi Green
Blanche Latner
Anne Wells
Dr. Jack Shekter
Muriel Back
Barbara M. Berens

6 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 24

Hilda Goldblatt
David Obadiah

7 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 25

Nate Rotman
Andrew Back
Uncle of Amy Back
Jacob Brown

8 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 26

Ruth Levine
Sam Taylor
Robert Madow

9 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 27

Marion Levy
Manny Richter
Reuben Molot

10 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 28

Harry Cohen
Rose Swaye

12 TISHRI - SEPTEMBER 30

Harry Zigelstein

13 TISHRI - OCTOBER 1

Faye Haiven
Clara Cohen
David Polan
Trevor Shogilev

14 TISHRI - OCTOBER 2

Bernie Greenbaum
Saul Aaron Cohen

15 TISHRI - OCTOBER 3

Louis Labol Goldblatt
Lawrence Wengle
Betty Levy
Belle Cohen

16 TISHRI - OCTOBER 4

Jacob Furman

17 Tishri - October 5

Monya Cherns
Grandmother of Hilton Silberg

18 TISHRI - OCTOBER 6

Father of Edie Rochkin
Barry Blitstein
Maurice Wolpert

19 TISHRI - OCTOBER 7

Mother of Betty Foster
Ethel Goldberg
Gordon Fruitman
Jack Friedman

21 TISHRI - OCTOBER 9

Jessica Kaplansky

22 TISHRI - OCTOBER 10

Belle Orson
Irvin Eber
Gertrude Finkelstein
Hy Rotman
Ben Dasch

23 TISHRI - OCTOBER 11

Bertha Kaufman
Joseph Gold

24 TISHRI - OCTOBER 12

Marjorie Staples

25 TISHRI - OCTOBER 13

Rebecca Rainvasser
Anne Resnick

26 TISHRI - OCTOBER 14

David Levy
Sylvia Arron
Harriett Reisler

27 TISHRI - OCTOBER 15

Harry Petigorsky

28 TISHRI - OCTOBER 16

Sandra Marks

29 TISHRI - OCTOBER 17

Lazarus Latner

30 TISHRI - OCTOBER 18

Mother of Bunny Levinson
Bertha Gelber

Yahrzeits

1 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 19

Meyer Rotman
Paul Silver
Rose Fine

2 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 20

Brother of Frances Silver
Father of Leslie Roefe and Faye Karon
Mother of Andrew Orkin

3 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 21

Eva Wenter

4 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 22

Helen Zimmerman
Jack Caplan

5 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 23

Morris Paikin

7 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 25

Harold Applebaum
Sister of Susan Winter
Rebecca Haren
Albert Ennis

8 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 26

Sarah Latner
Joseph Levy

Donations

Building Campaign

In Memory Of:

Neil Woolfson's mother by Jacques Schoenberg & Family, David Yanover & Helen Silver and Family; George Woznuk by Jacques Schoenberg & Family.

Condolences to:

Vaknin Family by Jacques Schoenberg & Family.

Mazal Tov to:

Miriam Bergart & James Ling on their marriage by Tory Metzger; The Cutler Family on the occasion of Jamie's Bar-Mitzvah by Jacques Schoenberg & Family.

In honour of:

Rabbi Dan Selsberg by Ruth Rosenblatt.

Prayer Book Fund

Condolences to:

Diana & Victor Abraham by Neil & Linda Morris; Vince & Angie Agro by Cele & David Steinberg.

Mazal Tov to:

Steve & Yixcian Bromberg on their marriage by Cele & David Steinberg; Miriam Bergart & James Ling on their marriage by Maureen & Jerome Bergart; Susan & Sheldon Gurevitz on their 40th anniversary by Marcia & Bill Halpren; Rabbi Dan Selsbeg on his birthday by Edie Feldman.

In honour of:

Anne Halpern by Hellen & Solly Adler.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honour of:

Rabbi Dan Selsberg by Maureen & Jerome Bergart.

Israeli Soldiers Welfare Fund

Condolences to:

Dr. Jack Genesova by Bea Matchen.

Bessie Gurevitz

Coosy Frank

9 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 27

Sheila Freedman
Andrew Noseworthy

10 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 28

Irving Mirsky

11 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 29

Father of Marla Hoppe
Maurice Zaltz
Jack Rosen

12 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 30

Mother in law of Merle Cwitco
Gertrude Eisenstat
Nathan Fox
George Scholes
Hyman Caplan

13 CHESHVAN - OCTOBER 31

Harry Shafman
Ralph Ennis
Norma Revo
Sydney Cohen
Leah Sturman
Stan Sobol

Donations

Get well to:

Samieth Mintz by Ruth Rosenblatt.

Library Fund

Mazal Tov to:

Carol & Richard Rossman on marriage of their daughter by Dennis & Mary Louise Beecroft.

Out of the Cold Fund

Condolences to:

Woolfson Family by Cindy & Lowell Richter; Ginette Bromhead by Rabbi Dan & Karen Selsberg, Hanna Schayer & Carl Cuneo.

Mazal Tov to:

Jamie Morris on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah by Diane & Victor Abraham; Dan & Marsha Levy on their new home by Bruce Levy.

Chai Fund

Mazal Tov to:

Norm & Blanche Levitt on the occasion of their granddaughter's Bat-Mitzvah by Molly Beube.

Mazal Tov to:

Ralph & Bev Orman on the birth of granddaughter by Maureen & Jerome Bergart.

Barry Foster Memorial Fund

In Memory Of:

Bruce Levy's mother, Susan Denburg's brother by Joy Foster.

Reuben and Belle Levy Memorial Endowment Fund

Mazal Tov to:

Carole & Richard Rossman on their daughter's wedding by John & Marla Levy.

Sadie and Albert Livingston Scholarship Fund

Condolences to:

Joel Davine, Susan & Judah Denburg by Alan & Yael Livingston &Family.

Dede Rosenthal Educational Endowment Fund

Condolences to:

Ahuva Soifer by Dorothy Rosenthal

Matt & Fay Schmerling Educational Fund

Get well to:

Matt Schmerling by Raye Lebow

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Mazal Tov to:

Morley & Joan Balinson on their 50th anniversary by Esther Shecter.

In honour of:

Terry Marcus by Esther Shecter

Get well to:

Krystyna Kwak by Esther Shecter

Hyman & Ettie Sobol Endowment Fund

Condolences to:

Freda & Morris Brown by Reva Gelber

Yahrzeit Donations In Loving Memory Of:

Helen Greenbaum
Morley Goldblatt
Hyman Skrobacky

THIS SIMCHAT TORAH, JOIN US AS BETH JACOB HONOURS MAUREEN PRICE, KALAT TORAH & IRA GREENSPOON, CHATAN BERESHIT

Maureen Price is this year's honouree for Kallat Torah, the honour of concluding the reading of the Torah. Maureen was born and grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa. After High School she attended the University of the Witwatersrand, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree and then a Diploma in Library Science. Later she obtained a Master's in Library Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. It was at the University of the Witwatersrand that she first met Philip Price.



In 1966, Maureen and two other girl friends went on the traditional grand tour of Europe. By this time Philip was studying in Toronto but he joined up with the party in London and then persuaded Maureen to come to Canada. Maureen and Philip were married in 1967. They have raised three wonderful children, twin sons, David and Richard and a delightful daughter, Sara, and are now the proud grandparents of five terrific grandchildren.

In the early years of their marriage the Prices moved home five times. Without a family close at hand, Maureen built her social network by joining organizations and volunteering. Through Hadassah and the annual bazaars, Maureen established enduring friendships in Toronto. In Halifax and Madison Wisconsin she joined the "Mothers of Twins" clubs, which helped her keep her sanity and taught her that "double trouble" can also equal double the fun.

After Madison, came nine enjoyable years in Montreal. Here Sara was born, all three children went to school, and Philip earned a Master's in Library Science at McGill University. With the rest of the family busily studying, Maureen went back to work in the library at John Abbott College. When Philip was offered a great job in Hamilton the family packed up yet again. In Hamilton the Prices joined Beth Jacob and the synagogue and its members soon became an integral part of their lives. At Beth Jacob, Maureen has been involved in various volunteer functions. She ran the gift shop for many years, and together with Barry Walfish reorganized the synagogue library, established a Library Fund and instituted a series of Book Talks. These later morphed into the popular Soul Body and Mind Sunday morning series, which she now arranges.

Maureen has served on the Board at Beth Jacob synagogue on and off over the years; and during that time served on the House Committee, and briefly on the Education Committee as well as the Library Committee. For the past three years she has worked on the Book of Remembrance and the Seating Committee for the High Holy Days.

Maureen has also found time to volunteer outside of Beth Jacob. She served on the Home and School Committee at Westdale High School for the ten years her children attended school there. In 1994, she was awarded the Bernard M. Bloomfield medal for meritorious service to the Jewish National Fund in acknowledgement of her five years co-chairing the JNF annual telethon. Semi-retirement now gives Maureen more time to devote to her various interests and volunteer activities. She is a member of the Hamilton Genealogical Society, and a Book Club. Her other interests include visiting her family in Israel, her grandchildren in Cleveland and Toronto, gardening and opera. Maureen is thrilled and happy to accept the honour of Kallat Torah.

Ira Greenspoon is this year's honouree for Chatan Bereshit, the honour of beginning the reading of the Torah.



Ira grew up in Toronto. After high school he attended the University of Toronto where he received his Bachelor of Science degree with distinction. He then attended law school at Osgoode Hall Law School from 1978 to 1981. After his Call to the Bar in 1983 he spent a year with the Provincial government's Financial Institutions Branch before entering private practice and specializing in real estate and contracts law.

He met his wife Shelley (Pollock) at the engagement party of his brother Allen to Nancy Siegel. They were married by Rabbi Silverman in 1981. Ira and Shelley lived in Oakville for three years with Ira commuting to his law office in Toronto while Shelley travelled to her teaching job in Hamilton. They moved to Dundas exactly one week before their son Jay was born in August 1984. Their daughter Jill was born in 1987. Jay has just started his law career as an articling student for the law firm of Osler Hoskin and Harcourt in Toronto. Jill is starting her first year of medical School at University of Western Ontario.

As a lawyer who commutes to Toronto every day, Ira did not have much time to be involved with community events although he would perform magic and act as master of ceremonies for events at the JCC and he organized an annual hockey tournament for Jewish children of all ages from all over Southern Ontario. He also performed a yearly magic show during the Christmas season at the McMaster Children's Hospital for a number of years.

Ira first joined the Board of Governors of Beth Jacob during the last few years of Rabbi Silverman's tenure and helped co-ordinate the retirement dinner in honour of the Rabbi. It was during the time that Ira was saying Kaddish for his father in 2005, that he realized that he could make a difference in the Hamilton community by continuing to attend shul in the mornings and help ensure minyans so that those who wanted to say Kaddish would have the chance to do so. As Ira was now a regular at morning minyan, Matt Schmerling convinced him to become a Gabbai. And when the morning minyan required a shofar blower, he taught himself to blow the shofar to fill that need. He rejoined the Board of Governors in support of the efforts by John, Wendy and Mark to revitalize Beth Jacob.

Ira has been very instrumental in creating a social atmosphere at Beth Jacob. He has produced comedy events over the last 4 years as well as being the driving force behind the recent Cantorial Concert "Cantors Do Broadway" in an attempt to "fill our sanctuary with laughter and song". All of these events have been greatly enjoyed by the many who have attended as well as being successful fundraisers for the Shul.

Ira has found that his involvement at Beth Jacob has become very satisfying and meaningful to him "My involvement and commitment has allowed me to get to know a number of committed, unselfish and genuinely nice people who are involved with and attend Beth Jacob, whom I otherwise would never have come to know. I have made friendships and formed bonds that have become an important part of my life. As I sat in Shul one morning, I realized that the more time and energy I give to Beth Jacob the more I get from Beth Jacob."

Ira is honoured and delighted to accept the honour of Chatan Bereshit.

Out of the Cold

Because Jews once knew hunger and experienced what it was like to dwell as strangers on the margin of society, we are commanded to create a society in which the marginal are cared for and the hungry are provided with food.

Last season, our food and shelter program fed 2,611 dinner guests over 21 Tuesdays! That was an increase of thirty per cent from the prior year. You may be surprised and saddened to know that a number of our guests identify themselves as Jewish, even wearing kipot when we celebrate Hanukkah and Purim. Our over-night guests numbered 435 guests. At the start, when numbers were swelling, we were stretching food to be sure that everyone was well served. That may sound unappetizing, but we do have creative chefs who still received rounds of praise! This practice did not have to go on for long.

Due to very generous monetary donations and very important donations-in-kind from our congregation and friends in the community, we were as well provided for as our guests. Thank you to all who could give in whatever manner was possible. Such involvement creates immense satisfaction and fulfillment.

In April, three hundred OOTC volunteers gathered for an Appreciation Night dinner. Our own Philip Price won the raffle's grand prize, a bicycle which, in gracious gabbai fashion, he gifted to his grandson! (He's always giving ... bikes, kipot, siddurim, aliyot!)

As we prepare for another season, please consider dropping off toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion) as well as clean socks and gloves and hats, (adult sizes) for our Bathtub Project in the lower foyer.

When we engage with others and provide life's essential needs to people who have little hope and less to eat, there's no end to the good and mitzvot which can and must be done. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Joanne Manishen, Volunteer Co-ordinator or Cindy Richter.

Beth Jacob Lottery

In the last 5 years the lottery has raised almost \$100,000 for the benefit of the synagogue and its educational activities. We know that with your participation we can make this year's lottery even more successful than last year. Please mark your calendars: it will be held Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

The Beth Jacob Lottery is open to everyone. We encourage both men and women to attend. We will again have a number of door prizes. Krystyna working in conjunction with our food committee has enhanced last year's wonderful buffet dinner of brisket and chicken with the addition of some new menu items. There will again be an open bar, black jack tables and a wheel of fortune. A fun night will be enjoyed by everyone who attends. The price of tickets, \$50.00 each, is the same as last year.

We again have sponsorship opportunities that include additional lottery tickets. We ask that our business and professional communities to be particularly generous by taking advantage of these sponsorship programs. A bronze category listing costs \$150.00. It entitles you to 3 lottery tickets. A silver listing entitles one to 5 tickets and a gold listing to 10 tickets. For these or any other sponsorship programs or if you wish to sell tickets, please contact Larry Rosenberg (905-522-3816) or Harold Goldblatt (905-304-3660).

Tickets may be purchased from one of our ticket sellers or by phoning or e-mailing the synagogue office. Please note that tickets must be purchased and paid for before the actual draw in order to be eligible for the draw itself. Even if you are unable to attend the Beth Jacob Lottery, support your shul buy a couple of tickets. The key to success for any event like Lottery Night is participation. In order to make Thursday, October 29, 2009 successful, come out, bring a friend or two and sell some lottery tickets. Our synagogue needs our support.

Your Lottery Committee's Co-chairs
Harold Goldblatt & Larry Rosenberg

The Beth Jacob Family wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to:

- the Cutler/Molot family on the Bar Mitzvah of Jamie
- the Morris family on the Bar Mitzvah of Jamie
- Carol and Richard Rossman on the marriage of their daughter
- Sheldon and Suzy Gurevitz on their wedding anniversary
- Anne and Ron Barrs on their daughter Reesa being called to the Bar
- the Givon and Kaplansky families on the recent wedding of Rachel and Gavriel
- Barry Walfish on the publication of a new bencher
- Sandi and Martin Levy on the recent engagement of their son Robbie to Ashira Gerskup
- Benson Honig on his recent appointment at McMaster
- Ira and Shelley Greenspoon and Lawrence Pollock on the engagement of their son and grandson, Jay, to Janice Batcher of Thornhill, daughter of Larry and Pauline Batcher
- Michelle Foster and Brent Clifford and Judy Rosen and Stephen Foster on the birth of their sons and grandsons
- Wendy Schneider and Billy Shaffir on the up-coming launch of the Jewish Hamilton Project

The Beth Jacob Family extends our condolences to:

- Vince and Angie Agro on the loss of their daughter
- Diana and Victor Abraham on the loss of their sister-in-law
- Joel Davine on the loss of his mother
- Susan Denburg on the loss of her brother
- Ahuva Soifer on the loss of her brother
- Ginette Bromhead on the loss of her mother

The Beth Jacob Family extends our appreciation to:

- Our kitchen crew: Yael Reznick DeMarco, Marlene Gains, Shelley Greenspoon, Marla Levy, Sandy Morris, Sandra Rabin, Cindy Richter & Natalie Sobel
- Dena and Benson Honig who were inadvertently left off of our Volunteer Appreciation list
- to Lynda and Neil Morris who are making aliyah in September
- to our wonderful office staff, Hanna Schayer, Cheryl Stevens and Maureen Price
- to our wonderful office volunteers: Carole Bain, Skippy Caplan, Yael Reznick DeMarco, Sandra Morris, Sandra Rabin, Dorothy Rosenthal, Gwenn Sherman & Donna Vine.

Please note, when making a donation or purchasing tickets through the Beth Jacob office, ensure that your VISA or Mastercard number is up to date. Alternatively, you can give us a cheque. We are no longer able to process financial requests by adding them to your Beth Jacob account. Thank you

On behalf of the Beth Jacob Family we extend our appreciation and fond farewell to Cantor Ben Sharpe

On behalf of the Beth Jacob Family we extend a warm welcome to our new Cantor/Educator Eyal Bitton


Wishing the entire Beth Jacob Family Shana Tova

Co-Presidents, John Levy & Wendy Schneider
Rabbi Dan & Karen Selsberg
Eyal Bitton & Michele Tredger
Hanna Schayer, Cheryl Stevens & Maureen Price
The Beth Jacob Board of Governors

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Elul 12, 5769 Mincha 6:00pm	2 Elul 13, 5769 Mincha 6:00pm	3 Elul 14, 5769 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	4 Elul 15, 5769 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:31pm	5 Elul 16, 5769 Parashat Ki Tavo Shacharit 9:15am Kiddush in honour of Neil & Lynda Morris Mincha 7:45pm Havdalah 8:30pm
6 Elul 17, 5769 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	7 Elul 18, 5769 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	8 Elul 19, 5769 Mincha 6:00pm	9 Elul 20, 5769 Mincha 6:00pm New Board Orientation 8:00pm	10 Elul 21, 5769 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	11 Elul 22, 5769 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 7:19pm	12 Elul 23, 5769 Parashat Nitzavim Shacharit 9:15am Meet & Greet Eyal Bitton Mincha 7:35pm Havdalah 8:18pm Movie 8:30pm Selichot 10:30pm
13 Elul 24, 5769 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm Jewish Hamilton Project @ Shalom Village: 2:00 & 7:00pm	14 Elul 25, 5769 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	15 Elul 26, 5769 Mincha 6:00pm	16 Elul 27, 5769 Mincha 6:00pm	17 Elul 28, 5769 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	18 Elul 29, 5769 Erev Rosh Hashana Ma'ariv 6:00pm Candles 7:06pm	Tishri 1, 5770 Rosh Hashana I Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 7:20pm Havdalah 8:05pm
20 Tishri 2, 5770 Rosh Hashana II Shacharit 9:00am Tashlich 6:30pm Mincha 7:20pm Havdalah 8:03pm	Tishri 3, 5770 Tzom Gedaliah Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	22 Tishri 4, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	23 Tishri 5, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	24 Tishri 6, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	25 Tishri 7, 5770 Shacharit 7:45am Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 6:53pm	26 Tishri 8, 5770 Parashat Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuva Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 7:10 pm Havdalah 7:52 pm
Tishri 9, 5770 Succah Building Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 2:00pm Ma'ariv 6:45pm Erev Yom Kippur Candles 6:49pm Services 6:30pm	28 Tishri 10, 5770 Yom Kippur Pesukei D'Zimra 9:00 am Musaf 12:30pm Mincha 5:10 pm Ne'ilah 6:40 pm Shofar 7:42pm	29 Tishri 11, 5770 Kitchen SM 7:00am - 10:00pm Mincha 6:00pm	30 Tishri 12, 5770 Shabbat Mispacha Prep: 9:30am - 2:00pm Succah Decorating 4:30pm Mincha 6:00pm			

October 2009

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 <p>Be sure to join us for Shabbat Mishpacha held the first weekend of every month starting in October.</p>				1 Tishrei 13 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	2 Tishrei 14 Shabbat Erev Sukkot Mincha 6:00pm Candles 6:40pm Shabbat Mishpacha	3 Tishrei 15 Sukkot I Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 7:00pm Havdalah 7:39pm Shabbat Mishpacha
4 Tishrei 16 Sukkot II Shacharit 9:00 am Mincha 6:00 pm	5 Sukkot III (CH"M) Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	6 Sukkot IV (CH"M) Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	7 Tishrei 19 Sukkot V (CH"M) Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm School in the Succah BJ Annual General Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Tishrei 20 Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm Open Succah @ the Selsbergs @ 6:30pm	9 Tishrei 21 Sukkot VII Hoshana Raba Shacharit 7:00 am Mincha 6:00pm Candles 6:28pm	10 Tishrei 22 Shmini Atzeret Shacharit 9:00am Yizkor 10:30am Mincha 6:45pm Candles 7:27pm
11 Simchat Torah & Honourees' Luncheon Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:45pm Havdalah 7:25pm	12 Tishrei 24 Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	13 Tishrei 25 Mincha 6:00pm	14 Tishrei 26 Mincha 6:00pm	15 Tishrei 27 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00 pm	16 Tishrei 28 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 6:16pm	17 Parashat Bereshit Shacharit 9:15am Mincha 6:30pm Havdalah 7:15pm
18 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 7:20pm	19 Chesvan 1 Rosh Hodesh Shacharit 7:30am Mincha 6:00pm	20 Chesvan 2 Mincha 6:00pm	21 Chesvan 3 Mincha 6:00pm Board Meeting 8:00pm	22 Chesvan 4 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm	23 Chesvan 5 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 6:05pm	24 Chesvan 6 Parashat Noach Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 6:20pm Havdalah 7:04 pm
25 Chesvan 7 Soul, Body & Mind 10:00 am Shacharit 9:00am Mincha 6:00pm	26 Chesvan 8 Shacharit 7:45 am Mincha 6:00pm	27 Chesvan 9 Mincha 6:00pm	28 Chesvan 10 Mincha 6:00pm	29 Chesvan 11 Shacharit 7:45am Mincha 6:00pm BJ Lottery 7:00pm	30 Chesvan 12 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm Candles 5:54pm	31 Chesvan 13 Parashat Lech Lecha Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha 6:15pm Havdalah 6:54 pm

THIS YEAR, I PROMISE TO...

visit my Bubbie more often • live a healthier lifestyle • help other people • go to synagogue more • take a vacation with my family • keep kosher • volunteer • become more active in my community • become passionate about a cause • get in touch with an old friend • help those less fortunate • protect the environment

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BETH JACOB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009

The Agenda will include the following:

Public Reading of Births, Deaths, New Members

Approval of Minutes From Last Year's AGM

Presentation of Financial Statements

Appointment of Auditors

Election of Board of Governors

Ratification of Directors' Activities of Previous Year

Rabbi's Report

Presidents' Report

PROPOSED SLATE

John Levy, Wendy Schneider, Elliot Biro, Ira Greenspoon,
Benson Honig, Benjy Katz, Denise Levinson, Dan Levy,
Laura Ludwin, Norma Mishkel, Pauline Morris, Philip Price,
Mark Scholes, Donna Shapiro, Hilton Silberg, Shirley Silberg

We thank the following members who have ended their tenure for serving our congregation with so much devotion over the last year.

Carole Bain, Alan Livingston, Maureen Price, Peter Smurlick,
Andrea Stringer and Gail Wolfe