

## Welcome to Beth Sholom

Beth Sholom is a traditional Conservative congregation that attracts families from all areas of Greater Toronto, in particular the vicinity of the Synagogue. Those who are searching for a large, beautiful synagogue that fully supports all of its members' needs, will find what they are looking for at Beth Sholom. We are here at all times of celebration for Simchas from birth to Bar/Bat Mitzvah and weddings and you will find comfort and consolation in times of sadness. Our Adult Education offers programs for a variety of interests and backgrounds. High Holy Day services and community activities have the friendliness of a small 'family' type synagogue. Beth Sholom is the kind of Shul where the Rabbi knows your name, where the Sanctuary is warm, inclusive and where there is a sense of accessibility.

### MEMBERSHIP

Beth Sholom is a 1000+ family synagogue with a "small" shul feel. This is something we are proud of and we will never lose this warmth. In addition, there is a wide range of 'big' programs and services to educate and entertain your entire family. From Shabbat morning nursery for young children, weekly Junior Minyan Youth program, Adult Education lectures, 'Learn to Read Hebrew' classes for beginners, as well as our regular schedule of daily services, there is plenty here to keep you busy.

### Membership Has Its Privileges...

- Reduced rates on High Holiday tickets
- Priority bookings for Bar/Bat mitzvahs and weddings
- Discount rates for programs with fees
- Full use of on-site Library
- Cemetery plots
- Reduced rates on room bookings
- Amazing and inspirational clergy, and much more!

## Shabbat Youth Programs

### Junior Minyan - Ages 6-12

at 10:30 a.m.

### Simcha Room

Led by

**Benny Shilling**

### Shabbat Nursery - Ages 2-6

at 10:00 a.m.

### Playtime Nursery Room (Lower Level)

Supervised by

**Nechama Rubenstein**

### Please Note:

The last day of Junior Minyan & Shabbat Nursery is December 19<sup>th</sup>. They will both resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## Youth Programs

### Grades 2-4 Program TBA

Sunday, January 17th, 2010  
12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.  
NO COST  
In the Youth Lounge

### Grades 5-8 Girls' Night

January 23rd, 2010  
6:00 p.m.  
NO COST  
In the Youth Lounge/ Assembly Hall

## With reverence we remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing

Sylvia Alpert  
Jean Ameis  
Pauline Barkin  
Sonia Berk  
Bessie Cooper  
Harry Cronish  
Percy Cronish  
Rose Davidson  
Max Feldbloom  
Mary Feldman  
Celia Goldglas  
Belle Goldman  
Henry Goodman  
Lillian Hanson  
Mary Kahn

Frances Karasick  
Moishe Kay  
Ben Langer  
Frances Lenick  
Necha Levit  
Samuel Lichtenstein  
Dr. Earl Myers  
Aron Naimer  
Morris Orfus  
Howard Parker  
Samuel Pelchovitz  
Clara Persofsky  
Bertha Pomotov  
Isabella Rocklin  
Pearl Rosenshein

Gloria Rotstein  
Eliezer Salkovich  
Murray Schwartz  
Robert Slan  
Donald Snipper  
Halina Solow  
Mayer Spiegel  
Andrew Szenes  
Dora Tarnow  
Roselyn Tobin  
Stephen Turack  
Rose Wagman  
Albert Wales  
Joseph Wasserman

### CONDOLENCES

To the family of **Sandra Beallor**, beloved wife of Morley Beallor, mother & mother-in-law of Jeffrey Beallor and Michael & Stephanie Beallor and sister & sister-in-law of Evelyn & Lawrence Snow and Marshal & Rosalie Gottlieb. Shiva at 190 Hillhurst Blvd. Shiva concludes on Monday morning, December 14th.

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**Rabbi:** Aaron Flanzraich  
**Chazzan:** Eric Moses  
**Chazzan Sheni:** Larry Shilling  
**School Principal:** Karen Goodis

**President:** Jerry Sand  
**Executive Director:** Barbara Berke  
**Programs & Youth Director:** Andrea Rowan

**Saturday, December 12, 2009 • 25 Kislev, 5770**

**Shabbat Vayeshev-Hanukkah • Shabbat Mervachim**

Torah #1: 141 • Torah #2: 596 • Haftarah: 987  
Haftarah: Kara Altow & Sarah Yellan

### Rabbi's Shabbat Message

A classic story is how the Macabees returned to Jerusalem to liberate it. They entered the Temple and cleared it of the idols placed there by the Syrian vandals. Judah and his followers built a new altar, which he dedicated on the twenty-fifth of the month of Kislev, in the year 3622. Since the Syrians had stolen the original golden Menorah nearly 600 years earlier, the Macabees now made one of a cheaper metal. When they wanted to light it, they found only a small cruse of pure olive oil bearing the seal of the High Priest Yochanan. It was sufficient to light only for one day, but by a miracle of G-d, it continued to burn for eight days, till new oil was made available. That miracle proved that G-d had again taken His people under His protection. In memory of this, our sages appointed these eight days for annual thanksgiving and for lighting candles. And this is the story that is known to us all; however, some problems remain:

1) Why did it have to burn for 8 days – couldn't they have made some new oil?

2) Why did the oil have to have the seal of the High Priest (the Cohain Gadol) – all oil would have been ritually pure – kosher – for the lighting?

The great sage, Rabbi Yosef Karo, wrote in a book he named the "Beit Yosef" his particular answer to the many questions surrounding Hanukkah. He says that the miracle of Hanukkah is not that they found only one cruse of oil with the seal of the High Priest, and the miracle is not that it burned for 8 days (because the 1<sup>st</sup> day wasn't a miracle then, because there was enough oil to last the 1<sup>st</sup> day!) – no, the miracle is found in something else.

He says that when Judah and the other Hasmonean's entered into the Temple, and rededicated it for Jewish worship, they went about to do this as quickly as possible. The final touch was the lighting of the Menorah, but they faced a problem. Should they light it at all, only to see the lights go out after one day? Or, should they wait a week when they can be sure that there will be oil to refill it?

What the Hasmonean's did was illogical and they lit the Menorah! And for us, there come times in all of our lives that we should not be logical, or completely reasonable.

Shabbat Shalom  
**Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Saturday, December 12, 2009 – Friday, December 18, 2009**

### Mincha Services

Shabbat Mincha 4:30 pm  
Shabbat concludes 5:25 pm  
Sunday to Friday 4:30 pm

### Morning Services

Saturday 8:45 am  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Monday to Friday 7:30 am

### **Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Candle Lighting 4:24 p.m.

## Prayers

Prayer for Canada: Helen Better

Prayer for Israel: Elinor Grossman

Prayer for Peace: Esther Grossman

Prayer for Women in Israel: Debby Altow

## Mazel Tov

To **Mark & Frances Altow** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Kara. Proud grandparents are Bill & Debby Altow. Fondly remembered at this time are Ben & Celia Goldglas <sup>z"l</sup>.

To **Sidney & Karen Yellan** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah. Proud grandparents are Herbert & Elinor Grossman and Jerry Yellan. Fondly remembered at this time is Ann Yellan <sup>z"l</sup>.

To **Dr. Joseph & Estelle Grader** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

## Kiddush

The congregation is invited for kiddush in the Kiddush Lobby following services, sponsored by Mark & Frances Altow and Sidney & Karen Yellan in honour of their simchas and by Dr. Josh & Estelle Grader in honour of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**This week's Shabbat Brochure is sponsored...**

In Honour of Ari & Talia Flanzraich

&

By

The Altow Family

In Memory of Celia Goldglas <sup>z"l</sup>

## PLEASE NOTE:

THE USE OF CELL PHONES, PAGERS, AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES IS PROHIBITED IN THE BUILDING ON SHABBAT.

KINDLY TURN THEM OFF UPON YOUR ARRIVAL.

## Upcoming Events

### Beth Sholom's Annual Hanukkah Party!

**Sunday, December 13th from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Bring the entire family for Hanukkah entertainment and activities for all ages! Enjoy latkes, sufganiot, singing, games, lunch, and much more! Everyone is welcome! NO COST!

### Chai Society

#### New Year's Eve in the Afternoon

**Wednesday, December 30th at 1:30p.m.**

Join us for the afternoon! Enjoy a delicious dessert buffet and sing along with Yitzhak Argaman. You can even dance to his freylekh music if you like! Cost:\$15.00 per person. For more information about any Chai Society programs, please contact Rivy at the synagogue office at 416-783-6103 ext. 228.

## SHABBAT IN 60 MINUTES

**January 23, 2010**

**At 10:30 a.m. in Chapel**

Learn how to follow the Shabbat morning service, sing Shabbat songs and gain insight into the weekly Torah portion. All are welcome. Reservations in advance are a must! Cost: \$10. Kids are free!

## BRINGING THE TORAH TO LIFE

**January 23, 2010**

**at 9:45 a.m. in the Board Room**

Join educator Rachel Urowitz as she explores themes in Jewish history inspired by the weekly Parashat. These engaging sessions are geared to bring Torah to Life for both the beginner and those with more experience. All are welcome!

## Youngish Couples Cooking

**Sunday, January 24th, 2010**

**7:30 p.m.**

Cook up a culinary success together with other couples. The best part is enjoying the food afterwards! Location of this program TBA. Please contact the synagogue office for further information.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Shabbat morning services will be held in the Chapel from December 19, 2009—January 9, 2010.**

## Announcements

### ISRAEL TRIP

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich invites you to join him on a trip unlike any other you have been on before! Join him next summer in Israel from July 8<sup>th</sup>—July 22, 2010. This is sure to be a trip that you will never forget! For more information contact Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich directly at 416-783-6103 ext. 223 or at [rabbi@bethsholom.net](mailto:rabbi@bethsholom.net).

### KOSHER FOOD BANK

The Kosher Food Bank needs your help. Beth Sholom's Kosher Food Bank serves over 30 needy families weekly, every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00. We are falling short of our budget for 2009 and are desperately in need of cash donations to continue to support this worthy initiative. Call the synagogue office for more

### MEMORIAL PLAQUES

If you wish to honour the memory of a dear one, a most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a Memorial Plaque. Each memorial plaque, bearing the name and yahrzeit date, is mounted on a bronze plaque and can be placed in either the Sanctuary or Chapel. The light is kindled for the first year of death, then on all Yizkor days and on every yahrzeit anniversary. It is lit on the four festivals during the year when Yizkor is recited. To order a plaque, contact Mary at ext. 232.

### YIZKOR BOOK

A most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance to honour a loved one is through a Yizkor Book inscription. Each year Beth Sholom publishes a Yizkor Book on Shavuot which contains the Yizkor service and the names of our deceased loved ones. Forms are available in the information stand. For more information contact Angie at ext. 300.