



Beth Sholom Bulletin

Shavuot

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Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Memorial & Plaque Dedication

A moving ceremony for all those who have lost loved ones during the past year

Mincha 8:00 pm; Dedication 8:15 pm; Maariv 8:30 pm

Refreshments will be served

Following the memorial service, join us at
Beth Tzedec (1700 Bathurst St.)

Tikkun L'eil Shavuot

God-Talk: Searching Google...and Beyond!

The All-Night Torathon begins with a light supper (at no charge) followed by a one hour presentation by distinguished panelists. A Teen Track program will run simultaneously.

For more information on this program, contact the synagogue office at (416) 783-6103

Membership Survey 2011

We want to hear from you!

www.surveymonkey.com/s/bethsholom

Win an iPad 2 or Blackberry Playbook

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חג זמן מתן תורתנו

Toronto Board of Rabbis Support Organ Donation



Religious leaders met at Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) on February 3, 2011 to mark the United Nation's World Interfaith Harmony Week. Their goal: to explore ways to deepen and broaden their multi faith outreach to encourage more Ontarians to register their consent to donate organs and tissues.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute; (back row) Dr. Frank Markel, President and CEO of TGLN; (front row) Dr. Budhendraauth Doobay, spiritual leader of the Voice of the Vedas Cultural Sabha (Vishnu Mandir); (back row) Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, of Beth Sholom Synagogue and past chair of the Toronto Board of Rabbis; (front row) Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka, Chair of the Board of Directors of TGLN and Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa; (back row) Rev. Walter Kelly, Coordinator of the Toronto Police Service Chaplaincy Services.

“Of all the commands given to us in Jewish tradition, the obligation to protect and preserve human life is among its greatest. Our efforts to promote organ donation is one of the echoes heard from this ancient commandment; that human life is precious and we are charged to do all in our power to cure those who are ill. The donation of organs, blood and tissues is something each and every person can do to give the “gift of life” to another.”

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich

Remember to sign your organ donor card – SAVE A LIFE

Membership Survey 2011 WIN an iPad 2 or a Blackberry Playbook!

In the next few weeks you will be receiving a membership survey by e-mail or by regular mail. To view the electronic copy of the survey go to

www.surveymonkey.com/s/bethsholom.

If we don't have your e-mail address, please send an e-mail to programs@bethsholom.net with your **name** and the word **survey** in the subject line.

The purpose of the survey is to give you an opportunity to give us feedback on the synagogue. This will assist the Board of Governors, Clergy and Administration to better understand the needs of our congregants and take appropriate action.

For less than ten minutes of your time, you will not only have your voice heard but you will be entered in a draw to win a High Holy Day seat (value \$135) or the grand prize of your choice of the newly released **iPad 2** or the **Blackberry Playbook**. Fill your survey out before June 21st and you will be entered in the early bird draw to win a **Kindle** electronic book reader (value \$140). The last day to complete the survey is October 11th and the winners will be announced at the Simchat Torah luncheon, October 21, 2011.

There is a limit of one entry per adult member in each household.

Thank you for taking the time to help us make
Beth Sholom the best we can be.

From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich

The late Lubavitcher Rebbe used to tell a story about a young boy who was jealous of his friend who was able to climb tall trees. Our young boy wanted to, but was afraid to try. Yet, one day he musters the courage and begins to climb – placing one foot on a branch to push his body up to the next branch. As he goes ever higher he becomes more fearful and calls out to his friend, “I can’t go any further, what should I do?”

To which his friend replies, “The key is not to look down....only look up.”

And so it is with life – the things to be afraid of are everywhere, but our calling is not to stare at them.

With that in mind it makes such powerful sense to me that as the Jewish people are on the precipice of entering into the Promised Land, and their great leader and teacher Moses has died that Joshua calls them to;

“Be strong and of good courage; for you will make
this people inherit the land which I swore to
their fathers to give them.”

Joshua 1:3

It was in very different language but Joshua is saying to them what the climbing boy’s friend said to him – don’t stare at the things that take you away from your goal. Have courage, stay confident. Going into new places, to unknown areas brings out our fear asking us, “I have never been here before so how will I know what to do? How do I get to where I need to be?” And our answer is that our destination might be new, but the search is not. It is as old as humanity is.

The world we live in is becoming so radically different from the one that we grew up in (a note of disclosure: I grew up with rotary phones, and television sets with dials!) – for the first time in human history you don’t have to be talking to a hundred people to talk instantly to a hundred people. The “light bulb” moment for me: this past winter in Florida we went out for dinner, and I saw my son sitting with some other teens eating, talking and texting simultaneously – it was all so seamless and integrated.

It dawned on me that the way that people talk, and relate and communicate has forever changed, most significantly that we don’t need to get together to “hear” each other. The new term for this is “social media” and we haven’t even begun to know how much this will change the world we live in, except that we know that the world has been, is, and will be changed in

a great many ways. This new world is filled with “virtual communities” which are communities of some kind, but because they are virtual it also means they lack a degree of reality and authenticity; after all is said and done virtual isn’t really real. That’s why it’s called virtual.

This challenge is coming in ways that profoundly threaten our assumptions and understanding about how we live, and form societies; which strikes at the core of the Jewish community, in how we teach and nurture our children, and most importantly – how we transmit our values to them. We know how it was done for us but it’s a very safe bet to say that those ways are in for some significant re-shaping in the coming years. Our challenge is to find out how it will change, so we will be able to explain Judaism’s meaning to them in *their* “new land”.

So....to that end, if you want to find me here is where I am these days – on Facebook (search for “Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich”), and on Twitter (Rabbiflanzraich). My video blogs and messages are available on YouTube (under BethSholomSynagogue). These are our first steps into this new land. I have no doubt that it promises wonderful opportunities to us all.

We have to learn to excel on this new landscape – we have to learn and master the tools to communicate in new ways, to deliver our message to those who have grown in a world where information is given, and not searched for. Judaism and the Jewish community has faced great challenges before, and succeeded. We will do the same here – because it is my belief that nothing less than the future of how we live, think and behave as Jews is at stake. Like Joshua I have the confidence we will exceed our hopes and dreams!



Rabbi
Flanzraich
has a new Face... book!

You can now follow the Rabbi on Facebook by searching for ‘Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich’ and clicking the “like” button. Follow the Rabbi’s daily thoughts to guide you through your day.

Join Our Future Leaders for
**BETH SHOLOM'S
ANNUAL
YOUTH SHABBAT**

Saturday, June 18th – Services at 8:45 a.m.

Please join us for a *Festive Service* featuring our young guest Rabbis, Hazzanim and Torah Readers. All aspects of the davening will be led by our youth.



**Special guest appearance by the
Robbins Hebrew Academy Grade 3 and 4 Classes**

**Festive Kiddush Lunch following services
Don't miss this incredible Shabbat!**

2011 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program
Unrolling the entire Sefer Torah



The Beth Sholom Professional Choir will be officiating with Cantor Eric Moses on the following dates this spring:



May 28 - Shabbat Mevarchim
June 9 - Shavuot 2nd day
June 11 - Shabbat

High Holy Day Reminder

Watch your mail at the beginning of June for your seat confirmation and annual statement. If you are not using your seats be sure to advise us immediately and settle your account with us before the busy summer season begins to ensure that you receive your High Holy Day tickets before the end of August. Tickets cannot be mailed to members who have an outstanding balance on their account.

Cantor's Corner

Cantor Eric M. Moses

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE?

Part of the excitement in teaching is getting to know my students and families in ways that only a student/teacher relationship can develop. My philosophy is that my job is not only to teach a child how to read a Maftir and Haftorah – I am responsible for creating a meaningful family Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience. When I first started teaching while a student in university, I felt I had more in common with the children than the parents. After all, I was only a few years older than my students. Although I am now a parent of soon to be Bar/Bat Mitzvah age children, I don't feel as though I have lost my connection to the kids. I like to hear about their day at school, hockey games, dance competitions, and plans for summer camp. They also tell me about how many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs they have attended this year (the year their friends and classmates are all celebrating as well). When I respond with, "I missed seeing you there on Saturday morning," a typical response from the student is: "I wasn't invited to the service." There is a growing sense among children that the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service is not for their friends. If that is the rationale, then who is it for? I presume the out of town guests, bubbies, zaidies and immediate family and close adult friends.

In the last several years, I have noticed a declining trend in the amount of Bar/Bat Mitzvah age children being invited to the services. The party that follows at "xxxxxx" night club with another appearance by the Magen Boys is the "Bar/Bat Mitzvah." A typical family will prepare two separate invitations — one for the service at shul followed by Shabbat lunch, and another for the Saturday or Sunday evening party that gets sent out to the kids' friends. Please don't misunderstand...I am the first to encourage a celebration following the hard work that my students put forth to learn their difficult portions. However, I cannot imagine the day when I invite all of my children's friends to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah party and not to the service to celebrate this incredible milestone. What message would I be sending to my children?

When I joined Beth Sholom ten years ago, I began a family Bar/Bat Mitzvah dinner program. The families join the Rabbi and me for dinner once a month to learn about a relevant topic. Among our numerous presenters have been members of the following organizations: JNF, CJPAC, JACS, VeAhavta, Jews for Judaism, Honest Reporting, Mazon, UJA, Out of the Cold, a shochet, a Torah scribe, Holocaust survivor...I am constantly tweaking the program to keep it relevant to the parents and students. The attendance at the program is phenomenal. On a very positive note, I notice an increasing number of students taking the initiative to perform mitzvah projects as part of their overall celebrations. This does not only involve writing a cheque

and donating a portion of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts. Most students are genuinely concerned about making a difference in the community by doing something hands on. We call this the "mitzvah project." Every student who celebrates at Beth Sholom is encouraged to do one. Parents are very supportive and the students research something that resonates with them.

I also notice that many families want to enhance their celebration by taking the family to Israel during the Bar/Bat Mitzvah year. Often a child will learn a second passage from the Torah in order to read it at the Kotel, Tayelet or Masada.

We have taken incredible steps forward in terms of educating our children in the mitzvah of helping others and the importance of Israel. Now we need to go further to reinforce that Judaism cannot survive without synagogues and rituals. Judaism is not only a culture but a religion with detailed practices which have bound us together for generations. If we fail to teach our children the value in attending a friend's Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the synagogue, listen to them read from the Torah, Haftorah and deliver a D'var Torah, I fear that we stand the chance of further alienating a generation away from synagogue life.

I have heard all of the following excuses over the past few years: "We can't have too many people to the morning because the lunch is too expensive." "My parents don't want too many kids coming because they will be disruptive and running around the halls." "It's boring and my friends don't want to come." Ironically, I have long argued that there is an answer for each of the above statements...If the lunch is too expensive, our synagogue's caterer will work with you to offer cost effective alternatives such as an enhanced congregational kiddush or kid friendly menus. My kids run around the shul and have been disruptive since they were born, but I would rather have them running around the shul than around the mall on a Saturday morning. Of course shul is boring if you don't know how to participate. If you don't ever attend, you will never learn how and it will become increasingly boring and irrelevant as an adult.

We are the most successful and affluent Jewish population in human history. When our grandparents came from post war Europe, they struggled to find work in sweat shops, making pennies a day just to feed their families. Many risked their jobs by going to shul on Shabbat knowing the foreman would say: "If you don't come to work on Saturday, don't bother showing up on Monday." By receiving this publication, you have already made an important family commitment – to belong to a synagogue full of vibrancy, great programming and meaningful services. It is up to you to determine what you want your children to get out of the experience. The next big milestone after the Bar/Bat Mitzvah is the wedding celebration. There is a lot of time that will elapse between those major events. If you miss this opportunity, we may lose your children forever. Are you willing to take that chance?

Cantor Eric Moses



Bar Mitzvah student Ryan Orzech at L'Ecole Nouvelle in Haiti. As Ryan's Bar Mitzvah project, he delivered needed supplies into the hands of these excited children.

From the President

Jerry Sand

Shavout is the celebration where the Jews received the Torah. This truly was a milestone in Jewish History.

I have now reached a milestone in my Presidency of the Beth Sholom Synagogue. My two year term is now completed and I want thank you for allowing me to have served you. I want to thank my family for their support and understanding. It's an experience that I will never forget.

When I began this journey my hope was that our members would become more engaged in synagogue life, support more programs, get involved with committees, attend Shabbat services with their children and feel that Beth Sholom was a very special place to be within our community. The creation of the Minyan Committee is a great example of how members of our synagogue joined together to be there for those members who have lost or are memorializing a loved one. They have done a wonderful job and we should all be proud of their accomplishments. Yasher Koach to Abe Glowinsky, our Minyan Committee Chairman, and his dedicated Minyan Committee for their effort to ensure that we have daily minyanims.

The synagogue continues to thrive financially under the leadership of our Treasurer, Jerry Goldenberg. After more than 12 years as Treasurer, Jerry Goldenberg has decided not to stand for another term. Yasher Koach Jerry for the years of excellent service and we wish our incoming Treasurer, Stan Grossman much success as he takes over the reins. Our membership remains steady at approximately 1,000 families. The influx of young families has contributed to Beth Sholom continuing to support an active, vibrant, and dynamic congregation. I'd like to thank Steven Goldenberg for his excellent work as our Membership Chairman.

The Beth Sholom Foundation is now in its seventh year. It was created with the goal to provide a source of funding to ensure that the synagogue remains financially healthy and viable for generations to come. I am happy to report that with the support of the many contributors as well as the Builder's Circle members, the Foundation has now reached its initial \$1,000,000 goal. If you haven't already made your commitment, I'd like to encourage you to join the existing members of the Builder's Circle, visionaries who have pledged to ensure that the synagogue will be here for the future of our children and grandchildren.

Over the past year, we refurbished our building with a new roof and a new fire escape, all necessary work to ensure that our building is in best working order.

I want thank all those families who donated so generously to all facets of our synagogue and supported our fundraising and program initiatives, both large and small. Your philanthropy is greatly appreciated.

The support of my Senior Officers, Allan Cheskes, Sharon Platt, Leonard Abramsky, Stan Grossman and Jerry Goldenberg this past term, has been invaluable. I want to give special thanks to Allan Cheskes our incoming President, Jerry Goldenberg and Alan Zelunka, my brother-in-law and who is a Past President, for being so supportive, co-operative and true menschim.

I would like to thank Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, Cantor Eric Moses and our Chazzin Sheni Larry Shilling. I had a wonderful experience serving beside them on Shabbat and the Yom Tovim. I truly admired their leadership and dedication to our synagogue. Our Ritual and Cemetery Chairman Barry Lerner and High Holy Day Chairman Norm Talsky have both been instrumental in ensuring the integrity of our regular and High Holy Day services and I thank them for their efforts.

I want to give special thanks to Barbara Berke for her counsel, support and for being a pillar of strength by providing me with a lot of encouragement during some challenging times throughout my Presidency. Thank you to Mary De Santo, Ellen Finkelman, Rivy Blass and Angela Nanos our administrative staff for their hard work and dedication behind the scenes, servicing our members every day with smiles and enthusiasm and Ron White our tireless bookkeeper for ensuring that the synagogue is on the right financial track. Thank you to John Nanos our Building Manager and his staff Alex Reddick and Fred Davis for doing a wonderful job during some trying times with our building maintenance this past year, as well as, thank you to all of our part-time concierge and coat check staff, who are always there when we need them with a warm welcome and a smile. We appreciate your efforts.

I want to thank Andrea Rowan our Program Director, her energetic and enthusiastic Youth Staff and the Adult Education, Sisterhood and Young Couples' Committees for their hard work in arranging a wonderful variety of programs. Andrea, I love your passion - it's a remarkable trait.

I'd also like to acknowledge the efforts by Rivy Blass, who has done a wonderful job developing our Chai Society and for her efforts with the Dinner Draw, Humanitarian Award Dinner and with our Cantor's 10th Anniversary Concert. I want to thank Cantor Moses for his hard work and his committee for making this event so special. It will truly be remembered for years to come. Yasher Koach to all who supported this unforgettable event. We could not have done this without you.

I would like to recognize the contributions made to our Adult Education Programs by The Freeman Foundation, Jim Gross and Sheila Kirshenblatt. I'd also like to thank Arthur and Margaret Shiff and Harvey and Annice Frisch for their sponsorship of the Beth Sholom Music Series. Thank you all for your generosity.

This spring, our Scholar-In-Residence weekend with Rabbi Benjamin Blech, will take place on May 27-29. Please show your support by joining us for this special Shabbat weekend.

I want to remind everyone about the 1st Annual Ruth Farb^z Memorial Charity Golf Classic which is set for June 28th. This event is being organized by Murray Farb and his brother-in-law, Allan Koffman, in loving memory of Murray's late wife Ruth Farb^z. All funds raised will be shared between Beth Sholom and the Israel Cancer Research Fund in support of the Minyan Mitzvah Fund.

Thanks to Karen Goodis our Hebrew School Principal, Arnold Rossen our Hebrew School Chairman and our teachers for

their dedication and efforts to make sure that our Hebrew School remains the best in the city.

I would also like to thank Elizabeth Nawracaj, our in house caterer, who we can count on for the most delicious breakfasts and kiddushes and Caterers York for looking after our members' catering needs. We appreciate your efforts.

I wish much success to the incoming Senior Officers. Our President Allan Cheskes, 1st Vice-President & Chair of the Board of Governors, Sharon Platt, 2nd Vice-President Steven Goldenberg, 3rd Vice-President, Steven Kelman, Treasurer, Stan Grossman and of course your Past President....me. I wish them and our incoming Board of Governors success during their upcoming term.

On behalf of my dear family, the Senior Officers, and the Board of Governors, I wish everyone good health and happiness.

Chag Sameach

Board of Governors 2011 - 2013

Slate of Officers

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President - Allan Cheskes
1st Vice-President - Sharon Platt
2nd Vice-President - Steven Goldenberg
3rd Vice-President - Steven Kelman
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Minyan Moments...

Several months ago, the Minyan Committee launched our Prayer-O-Plan program. We had no idea how quickly it would catch on. We already have several completed cards and many more members are approaching completion of their cards. All cards completed by the end of August can be redeemed for a High Holy Day ticket and will also be entered into a draw for airfare for two to Israel, provided we have at least 50 completed cards, which I am confident we will achieve.

Although our synagogue is blessed to have a small group of dedicated men and women who attend our morning and evening services regularly, we occasionally still find the need to call someone to help out to make a Minyan, so that those who have Yahrzeit or those who are saying Kaddish for a loved one, will be able to do so.

Please consider attending one of our services and help support our fellow congregants. Come in one or two nights a month. Not only will you be doing a great mitzvah, but the feeling of 'doing good' will give you a strong sense of supporting the Beth Sholom community.

**Don't forget to bring your Prayer-O-Plan card.
See you at Minyan!**

Abe Glowinsky
Minyan Committee Chair

Minyanaires

You are invited to our closing programme
Dinner, Minyan and a Study Session
with Rabbi Flanzraich

Monday, June 6, 2011
Dinner at 6:00 pm - Minyan at 7:15 pm
Study session at 7:45 pm
Cost: \$10.00

Women's Simchat Torah Minyan

Have you always wanted to lein Torah? Would you like to have an aliyah? Would you like to participate in a Women's only Minyan?

This is our third year running the ever successful Women's Minyan where women of all ages – mothers, and their daughters, grandmothers and their daughters - come together to share a spiritual moment with other women to celebrate Simchat Torah as a community.

There are many ways to participate in this special service on Friday, October 21. Whether it's reading from the Torah, having an aliyah, carrying the Torah or having a Kiddush with other women in the community, we hope you share this special holiday with us.

Please contact Karen Goodis at 416-783-6103 x 225 or by e-mail karen@bethsholom.net to sign up to participate. We will help you learn to read the Torah portion or have an aliyah. We'll have a great time and celebrate Simchat Torah in style.

Mitzvah Cards

Donations to the Mitzvah Fund can be made to commemorate or celebrate a milestone.

A donation to the Mitzvah Fund will ensure the perpetuation of the daily minyan and bring the feeling of community to all attendees at Beth Sholom.

2011/ 5772 High Holy Day Ushering

Calling all Men and Women

We are currently looking for Ushers for the High Holy Days. You can commit to one or two hours during one or all of the days of Yom Tov. Whatever help you can give us would be greatly appreciated!
Please contact Angie at 416-783-6103 ext. 300 for more information.

Tisha B'Av Guide 2011

Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar because of the incredible series of tragedies which occurred on that date throughout Jewish History, including the destruction of both the 1st and 2nd Temples. We mark this occasion with a 25 hour fast and by reading the book of Eichah (Lamentations).

However, Tisha B'Av is not your run-of-the-mill fast day, as it is the only 25 hour fast day in our calendar other than Yom Kippur, and Yom Kippur isn't even a day of mourning. Yom Kippur is a Yom Tov, a day of rejoicing and celebration. We shower, put on fresh clothes and wish each other a "Gut Yom Tov" or "Chag Sameach". Our last meal before Yom Kippur is with our families, we smile and laugh throughout the meal. But on Tisha B'Av there are no such exchanges, no clean clothes, and no showers.

Our last meal before the start of Tisha B'Av is eaten alone; just some bread and salt with a symbolic dash of ash on the bread. We have eggs present as a mourner does when he returns from the cemetery. Some Sephardic communities have the men putting the ashes on their foreheads.

More Tisha B'Av Observances

1) Beginning with the period of the '9 Days' (August 1) our mourning intensifies over the destruction of our homeland, therefore certain additional observances have mandated through time by Jewish Law. Public celebrations are avoided, musicals and the like. We also refrain from eating meat and wine during this time, with Shabbat being the exception to this.

2) Tisha B'Av this year will begin on Monday August 8 with Mincha and Ma'ariv at 8:15 pm. Following services a short time is taken to remain sitting on the ground to recite Eichah (The Book of Lamentations by the Prophet Jeremiah) and Kinot (stories from Jewish history and the Holocaust).

3) On Tisha B'Av morning Tallit and Tefillin are NOT worn, instead we put them on in the afternoon during Mincha and Ma'ariv. This is because we view wearing of Tallit and Tefillin as adornments, much the same as if we were wearing expensive clothes or perfumes. These are inappropriate symbols for a mourner.

4) We do NOT wear any type of leather shoe (you can wear a leather belt) for the duration of the fast.

5) We do not sit on chairs of regular height (much the same as someone who is sitting Shiva) until the midday point of the fast (approximately 1:00 pm), and we customarily remove one of our pillows that we sleep on to discomfort us in the slightest of ways.

6) Driving and using electricity is permitted, as Tisha B'Av is not a Biblical fast like Yom Kippur.

Tisha B'Av Services

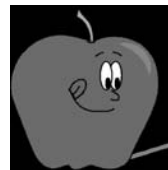
Monday, August 8 - Erev Tisha B'Av

Mincha 8:15 pm
Fast Begins 8:32 pm

Tuesday, August 9 - Tisha B'Av

Morning Services 7:30 am
(We do not wear Tallis or Tefillin)
Mincha & Ma'ariv 8:15 pm
Fast Ends 9:12 pm

May we all be blessed with the promise of peace, happiness and redemption in this season



VOLUNTEER AT BETH SHOLOM DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

To sign-up or for more information contact Andrea at (416)783-6103 ext. 231 or e-mail andrea@bethsholom.net with your:

Name, e-mail address, phone number, school, grade and preferred groups.

Nursery (ages 1-4), School Wing (ages 5-10), Junior Minyan or Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah (for Grade 12 students only)

Fulfill High School Community Service Hours and gain valuable experience

JumpStart Hebrew

A camp for children entering grades 1-4
in September 2011

August 29-September 2, 2011
at Beth Sholom from 9:30 am-1:30pm

\$25 non-refundable registration fee for
Beth Sholom Hebrew School and
Synagogue members;
and \$40 non-refundable for the community

Camp fee: \$50

Activities include Hebrew games, vocabulary,
reading, drama, arts and crafts, outdoor play,
Shabbat prep, including challah making,
and two lunches.

Contact Karen Goodis at
karen@bethsholom.net or 416-783-6103 x 225
for additional information and registration.



Shabbat
Nursery
10:00 am

Check out our Shabbat Nursery for children ages 2-5 located in the lower level Playtime Nursery. Children will love spending Shabbat with Nechama Rubenstein and enjoy a "play based" curriculum featuring Shabbat and Jewish Holidays along with stories, games and snack. You pray while your children play!

Junior Minyan

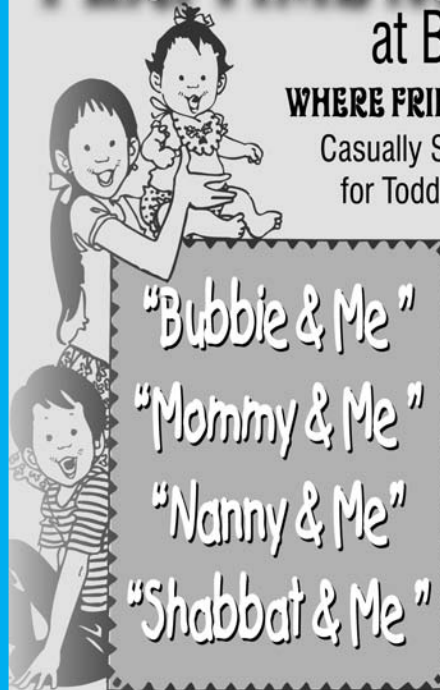
Join us in the Simcha Room on Shabbat morning and become part of our popular Junior Minyan.



Meet new friends. Learn to pray. Have lots of fun.
Ages 6-12, Services at 10:30 AM

PLAYTIME NURSERY at Beth Sholom

WHERE FRIENDSHIPS BEGIN!
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September to June

Registration
Members: \$650
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Play groups available for 1-3 years
REGISTRATION OPEN
FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Call us at 416-785-1419

Beth Sholom Hebrew School

Karen L. Goodis, R.J.E., Principal

Winter is finally over and I am busy with end of year activities and planning for next year. We had many special programs this year starting with our joint Day of Jewish Learning Program at Beth Tzedec which included learning about Israel, Jewish identity and Tzedakah. Students learned about V'ahavta and packed over 100 Kinderkits for distribution to students whose families cannot afford to buy them basic school supplies. We celebrated Hanukkah with a fabulous party/program. On May 1 we hosted grade 4 students from Adath Israel, Beth Tzedec, Beth Torah and Downtown Jewish Community School. Each student painted a Tzedakah box and studied a variety of Jewish quotes about Tzedakah and Gemilut Chasadim. On May 15 all of the students and their parents will be having a fabulous morning learning about Israeli art with Lauren Perlman and her Mummies and Masterpieces program. These special programs help make our program an outstanding learning environment for our students.

The staff and I hope that everyone has a wonderful end of year and a great summer. We are looking forward to another year of learning and fun in September.

JumpStart Hebrew

Are you looking for something for your child to do the week of August 29? Send them to JumpStart Hebrew, a new program we are offering for children entering grades 1-4. Camp will meet from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday – Friday, from August 29th to September 2nd. It will be staffed by some of our teachers and high school students looking for volunteer hours are welcome to apply. There will be oral Hebrew games, letter recognition and decoding activities, outdoor play, drama games, cooking and arts and crafts. Registration forms were mailed to all Beth Sholom Hebrew School families early in May. Day school students are welcome. E-mail Karen Goodis Karen@bethsholom.net for a registration form. There is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee for Beth Sholom families and a \$40 non-refundable registration fee for the community. Thanks to a grant from UJA Federation, the fee for camp will only be \$50 in addition to the registration fee. Start the year off right by JumpStarting your Hebrew.

Registration

Registration forms for the 2011-12 were mailed in late April to all school families and all synagogue members with children who will be entering Junior or Senior Kindergarten or grade 1 in September. We had record enrolment in our JK-SK class with a total of 17 students. If you are planning to register your child in the Hebrew school, please return your registration forms by June 5. If you are interested in the Hebrew School or know of friends, neighbours or relatives who are interested, please contact Karen Goodis by e-mail karen@bethsholom.net or at 416-783-6103 ext 225 for information about the school. Early registration allows me time to make sure we have appropriate staffing and adequate materials for all students.

Graduation

Mazel Tov to our grade 7 students who are graduating on June 1, 2011:

*Jonathan Baum son of Jeffrey and Talya Baum
Joey Caplan son of Rich Caplan and Ruth Marshall
Jesse Cooper son of Richard and Patricia Cooper
Seth Davis son of Michael and Debby Davis
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Calendar

May 29 - last pizza lunch
June 1 - Grade 7 graduation
June 5 - Closing Exercises
August 29-Sept 2 - JumpStart Hebrew

Sisterhood

Co-Chairs, Deborah Krofchick & Carmit Finer-Toren

For the Young and The Young at Heart

On March 30th the Sisterhood hosted a **Passover Cooking Demonstration** at the synagogue for cooks of all skill levels. Carolyn Davis, of 2 Moms Baked Goods, demonstrated five delicious dishes with hands on participation from the audience. We were provided with great dairy recipes to add variety to our daily meals, not just for the seder. Participants received the recipes and were given a great apron to help keep us clean as we cooked our way through the food for our seders. The evening was fun and informative and we all learned new tricks to cooking. Thank you to the chairs of the program, Debby Davis and Lorraine Berk.

On May 4th, our final Sarah Sefer Society was held with Heather Kassel who reviewed *The Winterhouse* by Robin McGrath. This was the second year of our Sarah Sefer Society and all the reviews have confirmed it was an enormous success. Thank you to Michelle Berman and the Sisterhood Education Committee for organizing these wonderful meetings.

Our **Maj Jongg** games continued through out the year with a dedicated group coming out each month to play and have fun! Our final game for the year will be held on Monday, May 30th at 7:30 pm. Come out and joins us. Win or lose, it is all in good fun!

Our final meeting for this year was on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm where we chose our new chairs (to be announced in the next bulletin) and planned our programs and events for next year. We would still like to encourage our female members to join us in not only attending our wonderful events but sitting on our planning committee. Please contact Andrea at 416-783-6103 ext 231 or by email at andrea@bethsholom.net for more information.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Chag Sameach

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Programs & Youth

Andrea Rowan

The year has certainly ended on a high for our Youth Department... a sugar high that is. We had our largest turn out of youth with 40 kids ages 6-9 for our cake decorating closing program. The kids are now professional cake decorators and are available for hire for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and weddings! A special thank you to Susan Logan for showing us some wonderful techniques to make delicious and beautiful cakes.

As we say goodbye to some of our grade 12 Teen Advisory Council (TAC) members, the TAC is getting ready for a new year with new possibilities. We have many ideas in the works to engage both High School students as well as the younger audience. We hope to have our Youth Lounge open once a month with activities run by our High School students for youth of all ages. There will be a TAC information session on Monday, May 30 at 7:30 pm for students entering grade nine as well as other high school students interested in getting involved. **TAC members can receive up to 40 hours of volunteer service.** Applications will be mailed out shortly and those interested can contact me for more information.

Our programming department has never been stronger. We have strong leaders in each of our committees - Adult Education, Sisterhood and Young Couples - who are working together to find

new and innovative ways to engage everyone in the shul. These past few months have had an extraordinary amount of successful programs such as the Sisterhood Passover Cooking Demonstration, the Interfaith Panel Discussion with Father Rosica, Imam Hamid Slimi and Rabbi Flanzraich, and the Purim Carnival which boasts one of our largest attendances ever. With the summer approaching, all of our committees are working hard to plan and implement the programs that you'll enjoy. If you are interested in getting involved in any of our committees, please feel free to contact me at andrea@bethsholom.net or 416-783-6103 ext. 231.

Grades 2-4 Cake Decorating



Grade 6-8 Raptor Game

Past Events



Adult Purim Party



Princesses at the Purim Carnival



*Rabbi and Cantor
"Welcome Back Kotter" at this year's
Purim Festivities!*



*Interfaith Panel with Father Thomas Rosica,
Imam Hamid Slimi and
Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich*



Superheroes at the Purim Carnival



Sisterhood Passover Cooking Demonstration

Brotherhood Fundraising Dinner & Draw

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

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Cantor Moses and Friends 10th Anniversary Concert April 5, 2011



10th Anniversary Concert Featuring:

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Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich

Chai Society - Our Year In Review

Estelle Grader

The Winter-Spring programs of Beth Sholom's Chai Society continue to entertain and educate.

On Wednesday, March 9th Mindy Halper, R.N. of the Sam and Ida Ross memory clinic at Baycrest, spoke on the many ways seniors can help their failing memory which is quite a traumatic and stressful problem. Mindy showed us that memory can be improved by using different strategies. Our audience was very intrigued by the program and showed their appreciation with a rousing ovation.

On Tuesday May 3rd, we were treated to the best deal in town. Our group of seniors went by bus to Niagara-on-the-Lake to see the ever popular "My Fair Lady" for the bargain price of \$80 which included a tasty box lunch. We all enjoyed the colourful production and had a busload of fun on the way.



On Tuesday May 10th our Senior group celebrated Israel's 63rd birthday with an all Israeli program by Temi Kernerman's dance troop. The afternoon included a delicious Israeli lunch. We joined Temi's group for some Israeli dancing! A great time was had by all.

On Tuesday June 7th, Erev Shavout, Chai Society will be celebrating with the time honoured custom of studying Torah with Rabbi Flanzraich. The Rabbi will be leading a most interesting study session followed by a great discussion which, I am sure, will engage everyone.

We thank Elizabeth who always makes sure we have the most delicious lunches.

Look for future programs in your bulletin or if you have an e-mail, let us have your e-mail address and we will keep you updated on our programs.

You and your friends are all invited to join us for one or all of our programs.

Chai Society's Erev Shavot Program

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011

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The NEW Young Couples Committee

Michael Zimmerman

With summer approaching we look forward to nature's rejuvenation. Similarly, the new Young Couples Committee is very excited to announce a passing of the torch, our official re-launch, and especially our dropping the "(ish)" from Young(ish) Couples. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the outgoing committee members for their years of time and service and for building such a strong base for us to grow - we have big shoes to fill indeed. An extra special thanks goes out to Dr. Jessica Cooperman for helping us with the transition.

The bright-eyed committee members include Deborah Sommer-Wallenberg, Joanna Dubbeldam, Stephan Sommer, and Michael Zimmerman. Our door is always open for any members to add to the mix, just help out and of course attend our fabulous events. Please contact Andrea if you would like to get involved. We have an amazing year of programs planned starting with our special Summer Kick-off BBQ in the Park on June 26th. Everyone is welcome to join us at Cedarvale park for a special BBQ and activities in the park. Stay tuned for updates as we have a many exciting surprises in store for next year!

Young Couples

Summer Kickoff BBQ

Sunday, June 26

12:00 pm

Young couples are invited to welcome the summer in style with a BBQ in Cedarvale Park. Enjoy a beautiful day in the park with great friends, delicious food, cold beer and lots of fun.

Reservations required by June 20.

Members \$10; Non-Members \$15

For more information please call 416-783-6103 or programs@bethsholom.net

WANTED - BASEBALL PLAYERS

The Inter-Synagogue Baseball League has kicked off its 25th Season on Sunday May 8th with eleven teams representing Synagogues from across the Greater Toronto Area. The regular season runs from May through August with one game a week on Sunday mornings (excluding holidays and long-weekends). We play 3-pitch softball and we are always looking for new players who want to come out and support your Beth Sholom team.

In honour of our leagues 25th Anniversary Season and the fact that Barry Freeman (enshrined in the ISBL Hall of Fame) and other members of Beth Sholom were instrumental in getting the League started, we would love to hear some stories of past playing days from our alumni.

Please contact me, Josh Epstein, at 647-273-9900 or jepstein@cohenhamiltonsteger.com, if you have any questions, are interested in joining the team, or have some Beth Sholom Baseball stories to share.

Update from the CCCS

As the Canadian Council of Conservative Synagogues enters its third year, there are many reasons to be proud of the accomplishments to date and the prospects for the future.

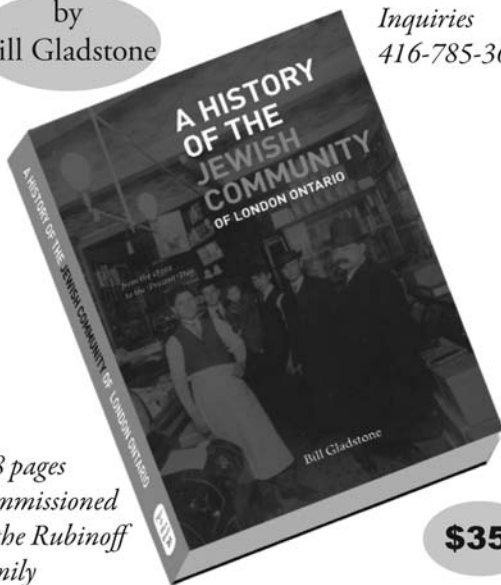
- The CCCS has recently approved a document revising the mandate with a view to allowing the organization to expand and become more broadly representative of the Conservative movement in Canada.
- The CCCS sponsorship of the Toronto Hebrew High School was a resounding success. There were over 35 students from many Conservative Synagogues and the faculty was comprised of clergy from our member synagogues and guest lecturers.
- The CCCS is now a registered charitable organization. This will allow it to take advantage of inter-charitable funds as well as offer receipts for donors.
- The CCCS sponsored a trip to New York in March. Eighteen students from Conservative Synagogues in Toronto participated.
- We have established a fully operational office in the Adath Israel School wing, thanks in great measure to the generosity of the Adath Israel Executive and Board. Our new telephone number is 416-635-7007.
- More to come: including support for Youth programming, updating of our website, general support for member congregations; and more.

Please feel free to contact the CCCS office with questions or comments.

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Beth Sholom Annual Calendar



Once again, the Family and Youth Committee will be preparing our highly successful Beth Sholom calendar for distribution in September 2011. The calendar is useful in planning for holidays as well as providing a ready source of information for participating in our many synagogue services and programs.

Funds raised from this calendar enable the Families and Youth Committee to subsidize programs such as Got Shabbat, Friday Night Live and many Youth activities throughout the year.

We welcome back all members and businesses who placed greetings and advertisements these past few years, and look forward to new contributions to the calendar for the coming year.

If you would like to place an advertisement or personal greeting (full tax receipt), please contact the Synagogue Office at 416-783-6103 or andrea@bethsholom.net

Thank you for your support.

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When Ruth Farb²¹ was taken from our family at the young age of 56, we were completely devastated. This vibrant woman's life was cut short through uncontrollable circumstances. She left behind family and friends who desperately need her and miss her. Cancer has taken the lives of many friends and family over the years. It is tragic and random. It is our duty as human beings to stand up to cancer. With everything Ruth gave to those around her, it is important for us to honour her and spare future families from experiencing the same loss.

As proud members of Beth Sholom synagogue for over 50 years, we couldn't think of a better way to pay tribute. The golf tournament is a step towards life and survival. With the generous help and support of members of the shul, we will band together to support The Israel Cancer Research Foundation and Beth Sholom Synagogue. This foundation has made great strides in the fight to save the lives of those suffering from all types of cancer. With your donation and time, you could help save someone's life one day; maybe even your own.

Sincerely,
The Farb Family

Adult Education

Steve Kelman and Kenny Wise: Co-Chairs

With the summer months approaching, the Adult Education Committee is busy preparing for next year's superb line-up of programs. The year is not over quite yet and we still have some extraordinary and interesting programs before the year ends.

Our Spring Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Benjamin Blech will be with us shortly, sharing his wisdom on topics ranging from the Pope to Michelangelo. We are constantly striving to present many different views from our scholars which is evident from Rabbi Blech's Lunch and Learn topic, "If G-d is Good, Why is the World so Bad?". Rabbi Blech has often debated this topic with Rabbi Harold Kushner who was one of our scholars last year. If you have not already reserved for this fabulous weekend from May 27-29, please call the Synagogue Office as you do not want to miss these engaging and thought-provoking lectures.

If you have ever listened to the Torah Reading in awe and wished that you could read the Torah, you're in luck! On Tuesday May 31st, Cantor Moses is conducting a special Learn to Read Torah Program so that you don't have to be a "Back Bencher" and can join the "starting line-up".

As anyone who was present can attest, the Interfaith Dialogue hosted at our Shul on February 23rd, among Rabbi Flanzraich, Father Thomas Rosica and Imam Hamid Slimi was both interesting and enriching, especially for those who are not accustomed to this type of forum. The speakers explored the verse from Exodus 15:2 "This is my G-d". The dialogue was, as would be expected, interesting and explored in a very open yet respectful way, different conceptions of G-d, and the range and diversity of guests whom we had the pleasure to host was really impressive. A number of congregants of Father Rosica and Imam Slimi attended the event and mingled with members of Beth Sholom following the speech and took the opportunity to wander around the Shul, and the Sanctuary in particular. Their openness and friendliness was a highlight of the evening.

We and the other members of the Adult Education Committee (Stan Grossman, Allan Cheskes, Allan Bronstein, Ken Chapman, Bayla Cheskes, Gary Posner, Jim Gross and Sheila Kirshenblatt) wish you and your families a healthy, relaxing and enjoyable summer period.

Kosher Food Bank

Deborah Krofchick and Estelle Grader: Co-Chairs

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by and we are closing the Kosher Food Bank for the summer. We have emptied our cupboards and provided extra food bags to help our clientele through the summer months. We will be re-opening our doors at the beginning of September. During these challenging economic times, the number of our clientele who are in need of extra food continues to grow. We have over 36 families registered who are thankful for the extra bags of food and fresh baked goods they receive to supplement feeding their families. Thanks to the Salvation Army's bi-weekly donation of kosher food this year, our guests also received fresh fruit and vegetables and an assortment of additional products on top of their regular weekly bag of food. We are making an amazing contribution to the less fortunate in our society.

Thank you to Hermes Bakery for their continuous generous donation of fresh bread and pastries each week. Thank to Pusateri's for their continuous generous donation of leftover Passover food. Thank you to those who have supported our Food Bank through their generous donation of food centerpieces from their Simchas.

We also want to thank our dedicated volunteers Margaret Lindzon, Esther Glanc, Eddie and May Barclay, Donna Kogan, Eileen and Julius Bell, Estelle Grader and Alice Lovell who came out every Wednesday morning through rain, snow or shine to open our doors to those in need. You always greet our clientele with a warm smile and great conversation. They really appreciate it.

Helping those less fortunate makes you appreciate what you have. If you are having a Simcha, consider doing centerpieces filled with non-perishable kosher food for the Food Bank. It would be a mitzvah. Or drop off nonperishable kosher food items at the synagogue office. To help offset our increasing costs of food, we will gladly accept financial donations, which can be made, through our Shul office.

If you are interested in volunteering every Wednesday morning for one hour, please contact Deborah Krofchick or Estelle Grader through the Synagogue office.

Chag Sameach

Out of the Cold

Brenda Berger

It is hard to believe that another Out of the Cold Season has ended. Our joint venture with Beth Tzedec Synagogue was very successful once again. We fed over 180 people a delicious and hearty meal prepared by Caterers York every Tuesday evening from the beginning of January until the end of March. We provided our guests with much needed warm winter clothing, boots and sundry items. Each week 60 individuals slept at the synagogue and were fed a delicious breakfast by our gracious volunteers that were at the synagogue by 5:00 am in the morning. Each guest left with a subway token and a bagged lunch prepared by our dedicated afternoon volunteers. This year, we had a public health nurse on site. She monitored the health of our guests and supplied them with over the counter medicines and vitamins. Musical entertainment accompanied dinner each week, which our guests thoroughly enjoyed. The Art Program, under the guidance of Melanie Cheskes, gave many of our guests access to art supplies and the opportunity to be creative. An Art Show was held on April 10th to showcase their talents with the net proceeds going towards funding the Out of the Cold Program.

Out of the Cold Program is an enormous undertaking, one that could not be accomplished without our very dedicated volunteers. There were upwards of 150 people who performed a host of functions weekly. We had individuals shopping for supplies, preparing bagged lunches, setting up the Assembly Hall, serving dinner, distributing clothing, providing supervision overnight, and preparing a delicious breakfast. Most important, our guests came to a clean and safe environment filled with volunteers that cared about their needs. I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers who gave their time and energy to help out in this most personally enriching mitzvah. I would also like to acknowledge the very enthusiastic support of the members of the Mosaic Lodge of the Masons and the wonderful staff at Beth Sholom who were never too busy to help out. A special thank you to the following companies that generously donated much needed goods: Shoppers Drug Mart (Eglinton and Latimer), Town Shoes, Ron White Shoes, Imperial Coffee and Services Inc., The Salvation Army, Hermes Bakery, Grodzinski Bakery, Richmonds Bakery, Glen Eden Fruit Market, Gamble Produce Limited,

FG. Lister & Co. Ltd., Hartmans Fine Kosher Foods, Gwartzmans Art Supplies, Kensington Place Retirement Residence, and Tri-Quality Packaging. We also appreciated all of the clothing and blanket donations that were received this year. For those that have items to donate please drop them off at the synagogue office. We need adult winter clothing, boots, shoes and blankets.

While it is unfortunate that our numbers increased this year, we all should be proud that we were able to work together to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community. Our guests truly appreciate our efforts and it is very gratifying to see the beautiful cards and notes we receive at the end of the year. The Beth Sholom Out of the Cold Program is self funding. This means that we can only spend what we raise. Please consider making a donation earmarked for Out of the Cold through the synagogue office to commemorate any occasion. It is an opportunity to make a truly meaningful contribution. We are also always looking for new volunteers and additional donations of food and supplies. If you would like to help out next year, please visit the Beth Sholom web-site or contact me through the Beth Sholom office.

Chag Sameach

*Thank you to everyone who attended
this year's annual Out of the Cold Art Show,
Somewhere Over the Rainbow.*

*This unique event used art and creativity to help
raise funds and awareness of homelessness and
poverty in Toronto.*

*Thank you to all the Out of the Cold volunteers for
their work and kindness this winter season.*

*A special thank you to Elgin Picture and Frame
for generously donating their time and materials
once again for the Art Show.*

Remembering our Yesterdays

Mickey and Frimette Snow speak exuberantly about their long attachment to Beth Sholom, which they joined in 1951, two years after they were married in Toronto.

Mickey, whose given name is Milton, was born in Toronto in 1927 in a house on Euclid Avenue owned by Johnny Shapiro the haberdasher. “My father went into the hand laundry business when I was two years old and we moved to Pape and Danforth. I was married from there,” he said.

Newly married at 22, Mickey began his working life as a pharmacist until he was persuaded by his father-in-law to enter the construction trade. “I said, ‘Okay, I’ll give it a shot for two years.’ So I started with four houses, then eight houses, and I took to it naturally. Before I knew it I was building 25 and 50 houses at a time. I built a thousand houses, maybe.”

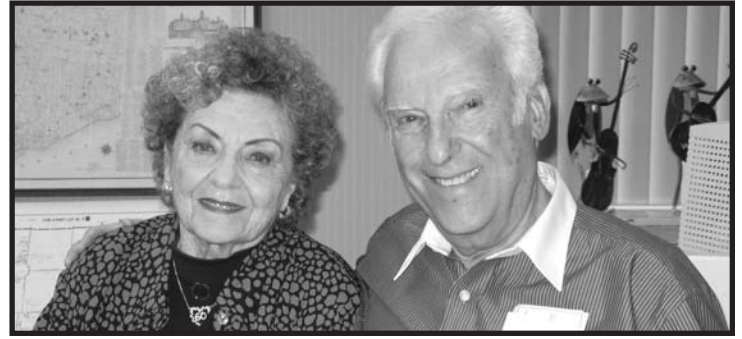
Soon the Snows moved into their home on Strathearn Road and then sometime later to their home on Briar Hill Avenue, in which they would live for many years, raising a daughter and three sons there before moving to their present condominium on Bathurst Street. When their daughter was born “we decided we should join a shul,” Mickey said. “We looked around and we decided on Beth Sholom, which was a young vibrant shul with Rabbi Monson^{z1} at its head.”

The Snows came to admire Monson’s warmth, his habit of personalizing the aliyot during services, his caring pastoral relationship with the ill and elderly, his unspoken good deeds, his spiritual outreach to the community. It was Monson who officiated at all of the Snow family’s Bar Mitzvahs and Weddings.

“He was a lovely man, and absolutely amazing,” Frimette said. “He knew everybody. You didn’t have to be a member of his congregation, but he knew you and he knew your family.”

In fact, Frimette had known Monson even before joining Beth Sholom, since he at one time was a student of her illustrious grandfather, Rabbi Avraham Shmuel Tzvi Hersh Silverstein^{z1}, known as the Beizechiner Rav or the Vierzbeniker Rav.

Rabbi Silverstein died in Toronto in 1951 and was laid to rest at Dawes Road cemetery, in the only tomb allowed in the entire cemetery, Frimette recalled. “He was buried in a coffin made out of the shelves on which his Holy books had rested. The streets were cleared on the day of his funeral. During the funeral procession there was no traffic allowed on Spadina from College to Dundas, and a thousand people marched behind the coffin to the Kielcer Shul at Dundas and Huron.”



Mickey & Frimette Snow

In Beth Sholom’s early years, the synagogue stood immediately adjacent to a gas station that was on the corner of Eglinton and Winnett, Mickey said. The shul owned the land but had leased it to the oil company. Eventually the lease ran out, the gas station was torn down, and the shul built its westward extension.

Look around that westward extension today and you will see the Snow family’s name on numerous plaques itemizing their generous donations over the years. They funded the staircase that goes down to the Banquet Hall, for example, and on their 50th Anniversary they dedicated a window — the western most window on the south wall — in honour of their late parents and their renowned grandfather, Rabbi Silverstein^{z1}.

Mickey served on the shul’s House Committee for five years, and Frimette was active in the Sisterhood; she was the announcer for their annual after-dinner skits, and helped to find good speakers. They were also involved with the synagogue’s once-popular Cub and Scout Programs.

Mickey is the last charter member of the Forest Hill Lions Club that was founded in 1952 as the only predominantly Jewish Lions Club. Each year the club donates about \$1,000 to \$1,500 to Beth Sholom’s Out of the Cold Program, among other worthy projects.

The Snows have aided various causes in Israel as well, for example at Ben Gurion University, the Hebrew University, and the Jerusalem College of Technology. Mickey was the latter’s fund-raising chairperson for two years and raised five million for the school.

There is no shortage of exuberant anecdotes when talking with the Snows. They are lively conversationalists and delightful storytellers who tend to finish each other’s sentences. As the saying goes, there may be snow on the rooftop but there’s still a lovely fire dancing in the fireplace.

By: Bill Gladstone

Beth Sholom Foundation

BETH SHOLOM FOUNDATION BUILDERS CIRCLE

WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Jory and Jeanne Kesten

With the commitments of our now thirty-seven Builder's Circle members and from the generosity of other members who donated to capital fundraising projects such as stained glass windows, we are pleased to inform you, that with their support we have now funded our Foundation in excess of \$1,000,000 in just four short years. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and thank all who have pledged their support. We also acknowledge a significant donation made to the Foundation out of the proceeds of the Cantor's concert. With the interest rates being what they are, our next goal is to put aside at least another \$1,000,000. Help us ensure that the legacy we have built together endures for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Builder's Circle was the first fundraising effort of the Foundation. One hundred members were sought and asked to pledge \$1,000 per year for ten years with the goal of having a seed fund of \$1,000,000. We sincerely thank Jory and Jeanne Kesten who have now added their names to the thirty-six existing members who have already committed to this worthy endeavour. We still need you to **be one of the "missing" sixty-three to add your name to the list and help us meet our original goal.**

For more information on the Beth Sholom Foundation or to be a part of the Builder's Circle and share in the success of Beth Sholom, please contact Barbara Berke at (416) 783-6103, ext. 230 or barbara@bethsholom.net

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HOSPITAL PRIVACY LEGISLATION

Please note that due to privacy legislation, hospitals are no longer providing lists of patients to clergy. As a result of these new regulations, it is now up to families to inform the synagogue when family members are admitted to the hospital. Call Angie at the synagogue office at 416-783-6103 or email her at angie@bethsholom.net.

We wish a warm goodbye to **Claire Chavez** and **Terry Bradley** who retired from our coat check staff and concierge duties.

We welcome our new coat check staff **Sarah Nanos** and **Marta Drewinska**.

We also welcome our new concierge staff **Fred Segriff** and **Veronica Collins**.

We wish Terry and Claire all the best in their retirement.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Yom Yerushalayim	2	3 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:36 pm	4 Shabbat Nursery 10:00 am Junior Minyan 10:30 am Mincha 8:45 pm Shabbat Ends 9:39 pm Naso
5	6 Minyan Nite at the Movies 7:15 pm	7 Erev Shavuot Chai Society Shavuot Study 12:00 pm Mincha 8:00 pm Memorial/Plaque Dedication 8:15 pm Maariv 8:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:38 pm All night Torahon at Beth Tzedec 9:00 pm	8 Shavuot 1st Day Services 8:45 am Nursery 10:00 am Junior Minyan 10:30 am Mincha 8:45 pm Candles after 9:41 pm	9 Shavuot 2nd Day Professional Choir Services 8:45 am Nursery 10:00 am Junior Minyan 10:30 am Mincha 8:45 pm Yom Tov Ends 9:43 pm	10 Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:40 pm	11 Professional Choir Shabbat Nursery 10:00 am Junior Minyan 10:30 am Mincha 8:45 pm Shabbat Ends 9:44 pm Behalotcha
12	13	14 Brotherhood Dinner Draw 6:30 pm	15	16	17 Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:44 pm	18 Youth Shabbat Shabbat Nursery 10:00 am Mincha 9:00 pm Shabbat Ends 9:47 pm Shelach
19	20	21	22	23	24 Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:45 pm	25 Mincha 9:00 PM Shabbat Ends 9:48 pm Korach Shabbat Mevarchim
26 Youth Couples Summer Kickoff BBQ 12:00 pm	27	28 Ruth Farb ²¹ Memorial Charity Golf Classic 11:00 am	29	30		

JULY 2011/5771

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Office Closed Services 8:30 am Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:45 pm	2 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 1st Day Mincha 9:00 pm Shabbat Ends 9:48 pm Chukkat
3 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 2nd Day	4	5	6	7	8 Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:43 pm	9 Mincha 9:00 pm Shabbat Ends 9:46 pm Balak
10	11	12	13	14	15 Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:39 pm	16 Mincha 8:45 pm Shabbat Ends 9:41 pm Pinchas
17	18	19 Fast of 17 th of Tammuz Mincha 8:45 pm Fast Ends 9:36 pm	20	21	22 Mincha 7:00 pm Candle Lighting 8:33 pm	23 Mincha 8:45 pm Shabbat Ends 9:35 pm Matot
24	25	26	27	28	29 Mincha 6:45 pm Candle Lighting 8:26 pm	30 Mincha 8:30 pm Shabbat Ends 9:28 pm Masei Shabbat Mevarchim
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AUGUST 2011/5771

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Rosh Chodesh Av Office Closed Services 8:30 am	2	3	4	5 Mincha 6:45 pm Candle Lighting 8:18 pm	6 Mincha 8:30 pm Shabbat Ends 9:19 pm Devarim Shabbat Chazon
7	8 Erev Tisha B'av Mincha 8:15 pm	9 Mincha 8:15 pm Fast Ends 9:12 pm	10	11	12 Mincha 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:08 pm	13 Mincha 8:15 pm Shabbat Ends 9:09 pm Va'etchanan Shabbat Nachamu
14	15	16	17	18	19 Mincha 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:57 pm	20 Mincha 8:00 pm Shabbat Ends 8:59 pm Ekev
21	22	23	24	25	26 Mincha 6:15 pm Candle Lighting 7:46 pm	27 Mincha 8:00 pm Shabbat Ends 8:47 pm Re'eh Shabbat Mevarchim
28	29	30 Rosh Chodesh Elul 1st Day	31 Rosh Chodesh Elul 2nd Day			

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