



# KOL TIKVAH

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## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI MARK GLICKMAN

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### Thanks to Betsy Jameson – President Extraordinaire

As we prepare for summer, we here at Temple are getting ready for yet another transition in the eventful life of our congregation. As you know, for the past two years, Betsy Jameson has served as our president, leading us with her wisdom, devotion, and unyielding commitment to helping our synagogue community thrive. Soon, however, Betsy's term as president will come to an end and she'll turn over the reins to Cynthia Simmons, our next president-designate.

Anyone who has been around here at all for the past several years has seen the enormous and wonderful impact that Betsy has had on our beloved Temple. Not only has she served as its president, but, before that, she was its social action chair, she headed up the committees that hired two new rabbis, and she has done many other things as well.

At every step of the way, she has brought not only her hard work, but, more importantly, her Jewish soul to all that she has done. Betsy is unwavering in her commitment to have Temple B'nai Tikvah continue to be the warm, welcoming place that it has always been, and to have it stand for the best in Jewish values in all that it does.

To say that we owe a debt of gratitude to Betsy Jameson is a gross understatement. Betsy has devoted countless hours and enormous devotion to her work, often working late into the night returning phone calls, writing emails, composing articles, and doing any of the host of things that being president of a synagogue demands. She pushes us to do what's right, she deftly helps us navigate our way through conflict, she shares her vision and inspires us to make it real. Betsy is a Jewish leader in the finest sense of the term.

Plus, she's a joy to work with. Betsy and I meet at least weekly, we speak on the phone almost daily, and we email more times than either of us would care to admit. Along the way, we've built a wonderful partnership – we laugh together, we think together, we share deep values to fulfill our sacred role as Jews and Jewish leaders. We both can be stubborn, of course, so sometimes we disagree, but always with love and respect. (And that love and respect helps when I realize that, in our disagreements, she usually has the stronger case.)

Betsy isn't going away, of course, and of course I'm really excited to work with Cynthia, but I know I'll always treasure the partnership that Betsy and I shared.

Betsy, on behalf of our congregation, thank you – thank you for your love, your commitment, and for the many gifts that you brought our congregation as its cherished leader.

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And on behalf of myself, well, I just remember the words of Rabbi Joshua. In the Talmud, he implored each of us to find ourselves a teacher and acquire ourselves a friend. In you, Betsy, I have found both.

### TODAH RABAH!

Thank you so much to the wonderful volunteers who staffed our Temple’s casino on April 25th and 26th. We always say our volunteers are priceless, but if we had to put a dollar figure on how much they contributed per hour by working a shift (based on the profits we made in the past couple of fundraising casinos), it would be close to \$275!!!

The volunteers were: Jay Barsky, Ken Brown, Elaine Bruce-Haynes, Eric Bumstead, Michael Clarke, Ken Charkow, Naomi Dolgoy, Marc Ereshefsky, Alex Francoeur, Rabbi Mark Glickman, Tibor Kaldor, Bonnie Kaplan, Rebecca Krel, Itzhak Likver, Scott Morgan, Danny Oppenheim, Roz Oppenheim, Josh Orzech, Mark Paidra, Jane Paterson, Katherine Pickering, Tyler Pickering, Myron Podlog, Susan Podlog, Gloria Ross, Judy Shapiro, Cynthia Simmons, Jerry Spevakow, Judith Spevakow, Sonia Tarsitano, Marlene Yanofsky, Norm Yanofsky, and Rhonda Zabrodski.

Thanks also to our excellent casino advisors David Brodsky, Ritchie Bogle and Nola Brodsky for all their assistance...and for their patience!

We will receive notification of Temple’s share of the quarterly casino ‘pool’ during the summer months, and that figure will be reported in the September issue of Kol Tikvah.

Jane Paterson, Casino Chair



The outdoor chapel at Camp Kasota West, Sylvan Lake

SAVE THE DATE!!  
SEPTEMBER 28-30

Join the Alberta Reform Jewish Communities at a Weekend Shabbaton on beautiful Sylvan Lake.

Keep watching for more information!

## ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

In May, Adult B’not Mitzvah students continued working with Rabbi Glickman and Katie Baker toward their Simcha on October 20 (Sukkot). Their preparation continues in June.

On May 9, Dr. Elizabeth Jameson gave a lecture as part of the Lunch and Learn series: Jewish Feminism, or, How Jews Influenced Feminism and Feminism Influenced Jews.

Time was slightly modified for Torah ‘n Java, now running from 9:45 am to 10:30 am on Shabbat mornings, to allow for participants to attend Yoga Shmoga (from 9:00 am to 9:45 am).

We are excited to announce the following upcoming programs:

- **Torah ‘n Java:** A lay led Torah study every Shabbat morning at 9:45 am prior to services.
- **Lunch and Learn:** June 5 at noon in the Temple Library “Square Dancing in Calgary” Susan Klassen with Brian Kelsey
- **Sephardic Cooking:** With Tania Guerrero. Please watch for further information in the weekly email blasts!

Please join us for these interesting programs!



The B’nai Mitzvah Class was proud to show off their *tikkun olam* projects at the Temple’s Mega-Mitzvah Day. A close knit group of bouncy 12-year-olds can be a terrific thing - they taught the attendees so much about the ability of one person to make a powerful and lasting change in the world. *Mazel tov* to our B’nai Mitzvah kids!

## 5 MYTHS ABOUT GROCERY CARDS

### CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

The Temple garden needs volunteers to plan, plant, water, and harvest what we all hope will be a bounty crop. Taking care of our lovely little garden is fun and rewarding work, and while scheduling our garden visits can be challenging during the summer, the more helpers we have, the easier it becomes.

Please join us! Planting and planning started the weekend of May 27.

For more information and answers to any questions you might have, contact Susan Light at [js-light@shaw.ca](mailto:js-light@shaw.ca) or 403-861-9881.

We hear lots of reasons people do not buy grocery cards: some make sense, but some are based on MYTHS. These are some of the MYTHS out there, which we would like to correct.

**Myth 1:** I can't afford to pay extra to buy my food.

**FACT:** You *don't* pay extra. Pay \$100, get a \$100 card, and get \$100 worth of food or gas.

**Myth 2:** I don't have cheques anymore so I can't buy them.

**FACT:** You don't have to pay with postdated cheques. You can also pay with *cash, e-transfer, or credit card*. (Credit cards are our least-favourite choice only because their fees cut into our profit.)

**Myth 3:** This program is only for people who can go to the Temple to pick up their cards every month.

**FACT:** We are working on a distribution system, and would like to hear from people who are not buying the cards because of difficulty getting to Temple during regular office hours. We may offer some other alternatives, such as neighbourhood pick-up sites, or an evening at the Temple office. But we cannot do these things until more people purchase the cards and tell us what they need.

**Myth 4:** I will lose the ability to accumulate AirMiles.

**FACT:** Not so. When you are checking out at Safeway, IGA, Sobeys, just hand them the grocery card that you bought from Temple plus your AirMiles card. *Voila!* You feel as if you just got free food, and you get all your AirMiles too!

**Myth 5:** The program brings only a small amount of money and so it isn't worth my effort to support.

**FACT:** This program has the potential to wipe out any annual deficit, current or future, of the scale our Board sometimes struggles with. The larger our purchase, the higher the rate we receive from the companies: the range is 5–8%. We currently bring in about \$7,000/year. **If just 1/3 of the congregation bought \$200/month, we would triple our income from this program.**

Won't you join us and become part of the 1/3 of the congregation supporting this program? Contact the office or me to send you a form; then just FAX it or drop it off at the office.

Bonnie Kaplan | [bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com) | 403-245-0568



### MEGA MITZVAH DAY BOTTLE DRIVE

JON ZYTO, SOCIAL ACTION CHAIR

The Bottle Drive raised over \$1,100.00 for Brown Bagging For Calgary's Kids. Many thanks to those youths and parents who participated, the McKinneys for donating their bus to ferry them around and especially to Alex Zisman for the tremendous effort he put out to make the drive a success.



## LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

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### TODAH RABAH FOR ONEG SPONSORSHIP

- Betsy Jameson in memory of her mother, Grace Jameson
- Rhonda Zabrodski in memory of her mother, Alice Gotleib
- Ariel Doiny and Ruth Jaliff in honor of their daughter Tamara's Bat Mitzvah
- Jenny McKenney and Clifton Cunningham in honor of their daughter Maggie's Bat Mitzvah

### MAZEL TOV

- Judy Shapiro on being honoured in Canadian Parliament
- Oscar Eichler on his recent graduation
- Deborah Yedlin and Martin Molyneaux on the birth of their granddaughter
- Deborah Yedlin on becoming Chancellor of the University of Calgary
- Elysa and Nathan Morin on the birth of their daughter Avery. Deb and Paul Finkleman are proud grandparents
- Ariel Doiny and Ruth Jaliff on their daughter Tamara becoming Bat Mitzvah
- Jenny McKenney and Clifton Cunningham on their daughter Maggie becoming Bat Mitzvah
- Shauna Elman and David Waverman on their son Elijah becoming Bar Mitzvah
- Eleanor Surridge and Bill Elman on their son Benjamin becoming Bar Mitzvah

### CONDOLENCES

- Sandy Mann, Jackie Mann, and their family on the loss of their brother and uncle, Marc Chappe
- David Ashkin, Jonathan Ashkin and family on the loss of their brother and uncle, Lloyd Ashkin
- Panken Family on the tragic loss of their husband and father, Rabbi Aaron Panken
- Past-President of Temple Ron Jacob, Katherine Pickering and their family on the loss of their sister and aunt, Karen

### HEALING PRAYERS

Harvey Balakofsky, Allan Bambury, Sherry Bambury, Debbie Bosomworth, Elaine Bruce-Haynes, Anne Cohen, Randall Craig, Bob Dudder, Sharon Dudder, Shirley Dunn, Eva Epstein, Marcia Goodman-Taylor, Dr. Phil Gordon, Sam Goresht, Eric Grief, Lee Handy, Alan Hastings, Jennifer Herrell, Mona Joffe, Mieko Kawano, Rob Kirkman, Ross Kobayashi, Phyllis Krygier, Reinhold Kuehne, Brigitte Kuehne, Trisha McKinney, Bev Sheckter, Roz Mendelson, Chaya v'Mosheh, Phil Rubin, Hineini bat Ruth, Norma Sautman, Francesca Scattarregia, Sofia Slovatek, Lorraine Spector, Barry Steinfeld, Sharon Switzer, Anna Tarsitano, Peter Walker

### YAHARZEITS

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#### TO BE READ ON JUNE 1

|                      |                  |                |                     |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Keith Danzel Abraham | Benjamin Gelfond | Saul Moscovich | Pinkus Sugarman     | Marilyn Armitage |
| Vera Himelfarb       | Tillie Shulman   | Mia Beer Toker | Fay Berliner Zugman | Merwin Kubrin    |
| Dorothy Skinner      | Louis Ziff       | Rachel Devins  | Clayton Locke       |                  |

#### TO BE READ ON JUNE 8

|                  |                 |            |                 |                  |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Esther Conn      | Karl Gurevitch  | Mona Libin | Florence Singer | Rose Gerstenfeld |
| Frances Horovitz | Toby Molly Rose |            |                 |                  |

#### TO BE READ ON JUNE 15

|                     |              |                    |             |                |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Glenn Cameron       | Arthur Hyman | Madeline Mendelson | Hector Ross | Thelma Frankel |
| Miriam Kerr Lapsley | Israel Paul  | Mel Waldman        |             |                |

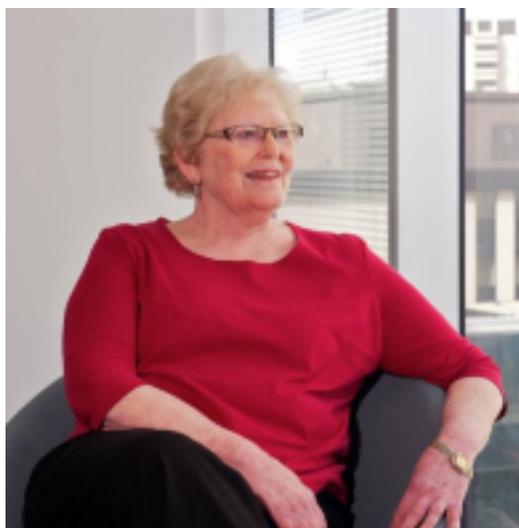
#### TO BE READ ON JUNE 22

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|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Doris Adler        | Bess Jacob       | Franz Oppenheim | M. David Spindel | Aaron Baylin           |
| Solomon Kustan     | Jack Panter      | Samuel Stein    | Eileen Lezack    | Esther Toby Eisenstadt |
| Stephen David Roll | Morris Steinfeld | Donald Grobman  | Ferdinand Lutz   | Rosa Schaffer Klein    |
| Robert Stern       | Julius Hendler   | Max Nathanson   | Colleen Smolkin  | Phyllis Switzer        |

#### TO BE READ ON JUNE 29

|                |               |                    |            |                    |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Gloria Goldson | Ann Pasternak | Benjamin Rosenbaum | Laja Zomer | Myrna Diane Levine |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BETSY JAMESON

“Are you counting the days?” This question from a friend startles and puzzles me. I *have* been counting the days until the snow stops. I *am* counting the days of the Omer—the forty-nine days between Pesach and Shavuot, seven weeks till we harvest the fruits of a journey from slavery to revelation. But my friend is not asking about these counts—she asks if I am counting the days till my term ends as Temple president.

Not exactly, though I anticipate our next AGM with a mixture of impending relief and impending loss. Still, if I’m not exactly counting the days, this does seem a season for counting.

We’ve begun reading the Book of Numbers, which starts with a census, with counting.

I could never count all the bottles that wonderful volunteers collected on May 6, but their labour counted—they earned over \$1,100 for Temple’s Brown Bagging for Calgary’s Kids project that feeds hungry school children. That’s a lot of sandwiches.

But the value of our annual bottle drive can’t be counted in bottles or dollars alone. I can never measure Alex Zisman’s determination as he organizes

volunteers and routes. I can’t measure the spirit of dedicated volunteers, visiting and laughing as they trudge from house to house, as they schmooze with members delivering bottles to a rapidly-filling trailer.

Nor did I even *try* to count the hotdogs and hamburgers that parent volunteers grilled at the Shabbat School closing barbecue, or the happy kids running around the park. I do count myself blessed by their energy, by the gifted teachers, by the generous parents and energetic children.

These events and so many others count high, as I reflect on the transitions at Temple we’ve just navigated, as I reflect on what counts in the community that drew me to Temple, that we continually create and renew. Most of all I count people—the people who show up and engage and make it all happen—make us all happen.

Bamidbar, the first parsha in Numbers, can be a mind-numbing list of unpronounceable names, but the process of counting each person, saying each name, is powerful. I can’t name every Temple member—even if I were better with names than I am—but I am acutely aware of how very much each one counts. Not just in terms of our numbers (though every Temple president keeps count), but because we would not be the same community without each person, all of you who show up with your bottles, who organize the barbecues, who trust us with your children, and so much more.

So to answer my friend, no I’m not counting the days, but I am remembering what really counts: the shared hours of service, of worship, of caring community, of celebrating and mourning and laughing and—yes—lugging bags of smelly bottles and flipping hamburgers—the countless shared moments that knit community, and each and every person who make those moments, and who, ultimately, count most of all.

## DONATIONS

| TO                           | FROM                    | OCCASION                                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>BUILDING FUND</b>         |                         |   |
| Gail & Peter Fraiberg        | Danny Oppenheim         | Condolences                               |
| Sandy Mann                   | Leslie & Lee Handy      | Condolences                               |
| Temple                       | Naomi Johansen          | In memory of Rose Zack and Dorthea Powell |
| Deb & Paul Finkleman         | Polina & Lazar Ersh     | Mazel Tov                                 |
| Peter Fraiberg               | Danny Oppenheim         | Condolences                               |
| Temple                       | Molly & Stephen Ross    | In memory of Celia Kornberg               |
| Deborah Yedlin               | Norm & Marlene Yanofsky | Mazel Tov                                 |
| Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig | Norm & Marlene Yanofsky | Mazel Tov                                 |
| Oscar Eichler                | Norm & Marlene Yanofsky | Mazel Tov                                 |
| Temple                       | Norm & Marlene Yanofsky | Torah Chanting                            |
| Roz Mendelson                | Betsy Jameson           | Speedy recovery                           |

DANIEL ARATO FUND

|                      |                      |           |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Deborah Yedlin       | Judith & Peter Arato | Mazel Tov |
| Deb & Paul Finkleman | Judith & Peter Arato | Mazel Tov |

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

|                       |                              |                                     |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sandy Mann            | Betsy Jameson                | Condolences                         |
| David Ashkin          | Betsy Jameson                | Condolences                         |
| Temple                | Deborah Sword                | In memory of Meyer and Etta Switzer |
| Temple                | Helen Walker                 | In memory of David Riskin           |
| Roz Mendelson         | Michele Doctoroff            | Get well soon                       |
| Beverley Sheckter     | Muriel & Arnold Grobman      | Get well soon                       |
| Temple                | Phyllis Krygier              | In memory of Jessica Krygier        |
| Deb & Paul Finkleman  | Sheila & Ralph Gurevitch     | Mazel Tov                           |
| Temple                | Stephen Kahn                 | General donation                    |
| Judy Shapiro          | Tracey Rumig & Steve Eichler | Mazel Tov                           |
| Norm Yanofsky         | Tracey Rumig & Steve Eichler | Mazel Tov                           |
| Roz & Danny Oppenheim | Tracey Rumig & Steve Eichler | Mazel Tov                           |
| Deborah Yedlin        | Tracey Rumig & Steve Eichler | Mazel Tov                           |
| Roz Mendelson         | Milt & Maxine Fischbein      | Speedy recovery                     |
| Deborah Yedlin        | Milt & Maxine Fischbein      | Mazel Tov                           |

JEWISH ENRICHMENT FUND

|                   |                     |           |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Judy Shapiro      | Betsy Jameson       | Mazel Tov |
| Frank Rackow      | Betsy Jameson       | Thank You |
| Deborah Finkleman | Betsy Jameson       | Thank You |
| Ken Brown         | Betsy Jameson       | Thank You |
| Temple            | Pat & Pekka Sinervo | Thank you |

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

|        |                |                               |
|--------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Temple | Annie Brodsky  | In memory of Etta Switzer     |
| Temple | Jerry Spevakow | In memory of Abraham Spevakow |
| Temple | Leslie Handy   | In memory of Harry Tulchinsky |

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

|                      |                             |                               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Paul & Deb Finkleman | Betsy Jameson               | Mazel Tov                     |
| Paul & Deb Finkleman | Bonnie Kaplan               | Mazel Tov                     |
| Maggie Cunningham    | Morah Leslie                | Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah |
| Natalie Levitt       | Nadine & David Drexler      | Condolences                   |
| Temple               | Jacob Barsky & Fran Goresht | Brown Bag Program             |
| Deborah Yedlin       | Betsy Jameson               | Mazel Tov                     |
| Tamara Doiny         | Betsy Jameson               | Mazel Tov                     |
| Maggie Cunningham    | Betsy Jameson               | Mazel Tov                     |
| Benjamin Elman       | Betsy Jameson               | Mazel Tov                     |
| Elijah Waverman      | Betsy Jameson               | Mazel Tov                     |

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## FOUNDER'S CORNER

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THE GREENING OF TEMPLE | PREPARED BY RON BING

In a recent URJ podcast “10 Minutes of Torah” Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism, spoke about how temples have begun “Greening” themselves. He attended a dinner where compostable cutlery was used and where the tines on his fork broke off! LOL.

During the past year Temple began to reduce the use of plastics and to collect compostable food waste. Perhaps we could start using environmentally friendly cleaning products, if we haven't already. All of these steps will make for a greener temple.

Since our building is over 60 years old, the walls and ceilings contain inadequate insulation. Several years ago when a new roof was installed, insulation was added to the ceiling of the main sanctuary. Original construction had no insulation! This was done to reduce heating costs and save energy. As funds become available, more insulation could be added where needed.

In addition, solar panels on the roof would reduce electricity costs. Solar water heaters could be used to preheat our domestic water like they do in Israel, however freezing could be a problem in Calgary.

Have a great green summer!

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## MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS

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BY TRACEY RUMIG, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Yes, membership has its costs but let's not lose sight of the rewards, both intrinsic and extrinsic! While it is only May, in no time all the Days of Awe will be upon us which also means that membership renewals are not far behind. So I thought I would take a moment of your time to highlight some of the benefits of becoming or staying a member of TBT.

Why become a member?

- **Community:** Synagogue is often the place where we discover people who share in the same interests and values as we do. In truth, some of our best friends come from our synagogue community. At TBT, we want you to feel like you are part of a Jewish community.
- **Connection:** There is value in connecting with other people within your demographic. Whether that is being a parent of children in Shabbat School, a musician on the bimah during Shabbat Shiraz, or sharing a b'not mitzvah with other women; there is a place for you to feel connected with a particular group at TBT.
- **Education:** While educating our children is very important, just as important is continuing our own education. Where else can you get such a varied blend of thought provoking discussions, fascinating speakers, and text exploration? TBT offers ongoing weekly classes as well as special programs.
- **Spiritual Expression:** While there is no exact formula for creating an atmosphere conducive to spiritual expression, the sanctuary of a synagogue is most certainly a good place to consider. Within our sanctuary, you can find beautiful music, inspirational sermons, and valuable readings.

What do you get out of membership?

- **Life Cycle:** From birth to death, b'nai mitzvah to marriage, the synagogue provides the venue, the community and the enthusiasm to mark these moments in your life properly. When your children stand beneath the chuppah on their wedding day, do you want to know the rabbi? Do you want it to be Rabbi Glickman?
- **Social Action:** The synagogue serves as the conduit for all of us to do mitzvot. The synagogue helps to organize people interested in acts of kindness, whether that is feeding the hungry, comforting the homeless, educating the underprivileged or helping our fellow congregants in times of need. All this can be done in partnership with Temple.
- **Social events:** In addition to our educational programs, we also offer an array of social programs: concerts, movie nights and receptions, art fairs, book signings and dinners. All of these occur over the course of a typical year at TBT.
- **Perpetual Memory:** There are very few places that memorialize your loved ones in perpetuity. So long as the synagogue stands, your loved ones are remembered. You give them the gift of eternal life.

I am your incoming Membership Committee Chair and very excited about the year ahead. I have a lot of ideas for membership initiatives and would love to hear yours. I invite you to join me on this fun and enthusiastic committee and make everyone's membership experience a great one.

## SHABBAT SCHOOL UPDATE

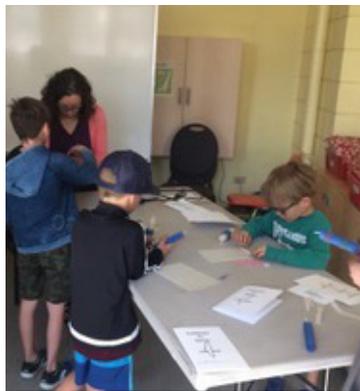


On April 21, the Shabbat School children proudly led Shabbat services in the sanctuary. Every class had responsibility for at least two prayers, and they showed their Hebrew learning (and their love for the songs Morah Katie had taught them!) with joy and some little nerves.

On Saturday, May 12, we had our final session of Shabbat School for the year. The children went to “Israel” via Air TBT, and visited different sites around the synagogue that were set up to teach them about cities and regions in the Holy Land. Shabbat School faculty designed every learning opportunity, and played... errrr... TAUGHT the children in mixed age groups.

The Trip to Israel was followed by a picnic barbeque lunch put on by our amazing parent committee, headed for the last time by Yaara Eilon-Avigdor. Yaara has been the Parent Coordinator for more years than we can count, and Doron, her husband, has been chief cook, builder, creator and fixer-of-things right beside her. The barbecue was their last event, and the parents of the school were delighted to honour them both with flowers and a gift.

The Shabbat School community sadly bid farewell to Bronwyn Leifer, our fabulous Shabbatots teacher. Bronwyn has nurtured and guided nearly all our children in their first steps in Jewish learning, and has been a gentle support and mentor to most of our teachers (and our Educator!). Her common sense approach to teaching three- and four-year-olds, and her creative answers to all our questions, will be deeply missed. We wish her well in coming years, and sent her on her way with flowers, thanks, and a few tears.



The Trip to Israel:  
Above, clockwise: Toiling the soil in the kibbutz; Making Shabbat candles; Excavating under Jerusalem; Making bath salts from dead sea salts; Putting a note in the Kotel.

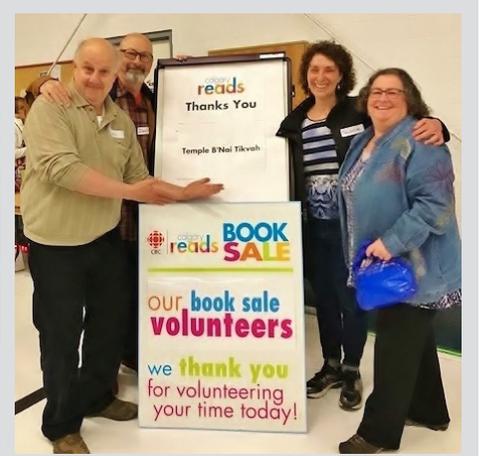
# MEGA MITZVAH MEAL

PAUL FINKLEMAN

Thirty Temple volunteers helped to prepare and serve up a special lunch on Sunday May 20 at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. A good number of these volunteers participate in our regular monthly TBT initiative where we serve lunch to the hungry and homeless, but what made this meal extra-special was that it was sponsored by TBT's Social Action Committee. "The D-I" depends largely on donated foods to feed close to a thousand people three times daily, so most often, lunch there is simply a bowl of soup with a slice or two of bread. The B'nai Tikvah crew helped prepare and serve up a heaping helping of hot beef with french fries, gravy and cole slaw followed by a dessert of pie with fresh whipped cream. The staff and clientele really appreciated our spirited effort. It's not often they get treated to such a great meal, and they were genuine in showing their gratitude over and over.

You can see a few photos of our diligent crew, but it's too bad we can't take photos of the hundreds hungry souls who thoroughly relished and enjoyed the delicious meal, because that's where some of the biggest and best smiles were to be had.

Special thanks to our volunteer crew: David Drexler, Nadine Drexler, Jane Paterson, Paul Finkleman, Bonnie Kaplan, Richard Conté, Deb Finkleman, Shari Finkleman, Jerry Spevakow, Michael Birnbaum, David Hodgins, Julia Herscovitch, Janice Hall, Doug Hall, Brenda Zugman, Hartley Waldman, Stacy Soutiere, Joel Viccars, Nadine Waldman, Hartley Waldman, Marc Ereshefsky, Jacob Ereshefsky, Ayala Roudstein, Susan Rubin, Andrea Locke, Pearl Herscovitch, Albert Herscovitch, Richard Gordon and Betsy Ritter.



## TEAM TBT JOINS CALGARY READS 23 BOXES OF BOOKS + 8 VOLUNTEERS = MAKING A DIFFERENCE

NADINE DREXLER

Many thanks to all of our members, adults and children, who so generously donated books to the CBC Calgary Reads Big Book Sale. Deb and Paul Finkleman and Nadine and David Drexler had great fun setting up and sorting. Carole Schwartz, Jay Barsky and Ayala Roudstein and Marc Ereshefsky enjoyed being part of the actual sales day. Thank you to everyone who came to shop.

The money raised goes to support a number of early literacy programs across the city and the province. Some of our own children's donations may even end up at local food banks.

Well done, team B'nai Tikvah!



# JUNE 2018

## Fri 1 Jun 2018

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pizza Party & Tot Shabbat Service

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

7:45 pm - 9:00 pm Renewal Service

## Sat 2 Jun 2018

### Parashat Beha'alotcha

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)

9:45 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Tamara Doiny

## Tue 5 Jun 2018

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch & Learn - with Susan Klassen and Brian Kelsey (Library)

## Wed 6 Jun 2018

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Executive Meeting (Library)

## Thu 7 Jun 2018

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Library)

## Fri 8 Jun 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

## Sat 9 Jun 2018

### Parashat Sh'lach

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)

9:45 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

## Thu 14 Jun 2018

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Library)

## Fri 15 Jun 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

## Sat 16 Jun 2018

### Parashat Korach

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)

9:45 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Maggie Cunningham

## Sun 17 Jun 2018

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Rugelach

## Wed 20 Jun 2018

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Annual General Meeting (Sanctuary)

## Thu 21 Jun 2018

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Library)

## Fri 22 Jun 2018

7:15 pm - 8:00 pm Shabbat Shiraz (wine & cheese)

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

## Sat 23 Jun 2018

### Parashat Chukat

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)

9:45 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

## Sun 24 Jun 2018

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Calgary Drop-in Centre Lunch  
For more info, please contact Paul Finkleman: pfinkleman@shaw.ca

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Katie's Babies Shower (Social Hall)

## Thu 28 Jun 2018

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Library)

## Fri 29 Jun 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

## Sat 30 Jun 2018

### Parashat Balak

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)

9:45 am - 10:30 am Torah 'n Java (Youth Group Lounge)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah of Benjamin Elman and Elijah Waverman

*Caron Glickman and Betsy Jameson invite all Temple members to*

## **KATIE'S BABIES' SHOWER**

**Sunday, June 24**

**4:30-6:30 pm**

**Betty Switzer Social Hall**

Katie Baker is expecting twins. Please join us in welcoming them to our community.

**Potluck: Dairy Nibbles and Appetizers. Please RSVP by June 21 to [momified@shaw.ca](mailto:momified@shaw.ca)**

See upcoming e-blasts for information about gift registry.  
Contributions toward a diaper service also gratefully received.