



# KOL TIKVAH

THE VOICE OF HOPE



## TEMPLE B'NAI TIKVAH

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE — Reflections from a Proud Rabbi



**By Rabbi Mark S. Glickman**

As you know, the days of our isolation continue. Maybe by the time you read these words, the world will have opened up a bit, but as I write in mid-May, it's looking like things are still going to remain shut down for some time.

But as day follows day, as my Zoom expertise grows, as I miss your physical presence in my life more and more, one thing is becoming increasingly evident.

I'm proud of you.

I hope that doesn't sound patronizing – I certainly don't intend it that way. It's just that, with each passing day of this lousy pandemic, I become prouder and prouder to be your rabbi.

I'm proud of you for staying so healthy – these days it takes a lot of work.

I'm proud of you for being so kind to each other – these days, kindness is more important than ever.

I'm proud of you for taking the time to reach out to one another – you've been doing so through phone calls, online meetings, emails, and much more.

I'm proud of you for staying connected; as you know staying connected during periods of physical distancing such as this one can be a real challenge.

I'm proud of you for showing such forbearance with Temple leadership as we've figured out how to move our synagogue activities online.

I'm proud of you for your continued financial support of Temple and other

such organizations even as the clouds of economic adversity darken for us all. I'm proud of you for joining our online services. Seeing your faces each Shabbat is profoundly strengthening to us all.

I'm proud of you for the understanding you've shown at every moment that these are difficult times – ones that are scary and unsettling, but ones that we'll get through in due time.

Most of all, I'm proud of you for providing one another with hope. Lately, whenever your life has touched upon that of another, you've tended to instill that other person with a sense that things will get better. Your kindness does that. Your concern for others does that. Your ongoing commitment to all that is good does that, too.

We are, after all, B'nai Tikvah – the children of hope. Providing hope is what we do.

For that, I am proud of you, and for that – on behalf of us all – I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

# LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

## Condolences

- Rabbi Mark Glickman, on the loss of his father Ron Glickman
- Jessy Kuehne, on the loss of her Grandfather Reinhold Kuehne
- Kayko Driedger Hesslein and Josh Hesslein, on the loss of Kayko's father Walter Driedger

## Healing Prayers

David Adelman, Harvey Balakofsky, Allan Banbury, Sherry Banbury, Eleanor Bannister, Steve Baylin, Harold Beaumander, Marsha Carnat, Sarabeth Carnat, Yael bat Chava, Murray Cornberg, Bob Dudder, Debbie Dudder, Donna Dudder, Louis Frimet, Darren Ginter, Nancy Green, Carole Kert, Sophia Lang, Darlene Louka, Jason McKinney, Valerie Murphy, Hadassah Amy O'Reilly, Carla Pasternak, Ruthie Rubin, Hineini bat Ruth, Beverly Sheckter, Pat Smolensky, Amelia Spevakow, Elijah Waverman, Miriam bat Yael

## SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

### The Calgary Food Bank, Heritage Satellite Depot Needs You!

The Heritage Satellite Food Bank, located on Heritage Drive between MacLeod Trail and Elbow Drive, is still in operation and is being utilized more than ever. They have a comprehensive list of safety measures in place for both volunteers and clients. There is a need for volunteers on Friday mornings, from 8:30 am–10:30 am to unload the boxes delivered from the central food bank. On Saturday afternoons, from 1:00 pm–4:00 pm volunteers are needed to set up and put together the hampers.

If you are interested but have questions, please contact Nadine at [n.drexler@shaw.ca](mailto:n.drexler@shaw.ca). If you are ready to sign up, please contact Liza Fuenning at [thefuennings@gmail.com](mailto:thefuennings@gmail.com).

### Thank You to all of our Volunteers

#### Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids

Thank you to Cathy Tait, Mona Bell and Mindy Selby for organizing this dedicated group of volunteers in the making lunches for school children. Our volunteers: Aviva Cheuk, Carole Schwartz, Gloria Ross, Iris Grisaru, Jane Paterson, Jay Barsky, Karen Randell, Roz Oppenheim, Sandy Shuler and Susan Light put together lunches twice a week, every single week of the school year.

#### Calgary Drop-In Centre

Thank you to Paul Finkleman for his ongoing leadership in organizing Temple members to serve lunch once a month at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. There are always so many volunteers who help; please know how much you are appreciated.

#### The Sandwich Brigade

Thank you to Brenda Zugman, who helped coordinate, and to the wonderful group of volunteers who made sandwiches for the Calgary Drop-In Centre. Once a month we schmeared and schmoozed over the making of 600+ sandwiches. We also thank Gruman's Deli, Calgary Italian Bakery and Sobeys Cranston and Bridlewood for their donations.

#### Christmas Dinners

Thank you to Susan Rubin, Nadine Waldman and Paul Leney who coordinated so many fantastic volunteers to prepare and serve dinner at the Awo Taan Healing Lodge and Murray House on December 25th. Bon Ton Meat Market donated two quite amazing turkeys.

Although our year has been cut short, we would like all of the volunteers to know how grateful we are for their generous donation of time. It is a Mitzvah. We hope that you and your families keep healthy during this time and look forward to when next we may meet. It will be more important than ever.

—Nadine Drexler and Ayala Roudstein

## Now is the Time to Ensure Temple's Future

Imagine if you could help ensure the long-term existence of the Calgary Jewish Community and simultaneously help your children by protecting your estate from some taxes?

Doesn't that sound like a Win-Win? Of course it does, and yet it requires no magic.

In these very uncertain times, people are turning to estate planning in droves, thinking about what they want their Legacy to be. Please let us help you plan for the future. Legacy giving is a Jewish thing. We want to keep the lights on at Temple, even during troubled economic times. But more than that, we want to ensure the sustainability of Temple's incredible list of programs. We want the breadth and the depth of that programming to exist for our children and grandchildren.

The lesson of COVID-19 is very clear: *Temple must build an endowment from which it can receive income every year to sustain us through difficult times.*

Think of it this way: if you could direct 5% of your estate (or a life insurance policy) to the LIFE&LEGACY program, you would still leave 95% to your heirs, you would help protect the value of your estate with charitable tax receipts, and you would also help sustain the Jewish Community forever.

Now, that is Legacy!

Thank you to the 30 families who have made the commitment to sustaining Jewish life at Temple B'nai Tikvah! And to the rest of you: please join us!

Go [online](#) to learn more about legacy giving, and how you can help ensure the future of our community for generations to come! Or, at Temple, contact Bonnie Kaplan ([bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com)).

## SAVE THE DATE: Temple's AGM

**Mark your calendar. Temple's annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00 PM.**

All members are encouraged to attend. Watch your email for more information in Temple's eblasts.



IMAGINE IF YOU COULD PROVIDE A GIFT TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY THAT WOULD LAST FOREVER

### TEMPLE B'NAI TIKVAH IS PROUD TO BE A PARTNER IN CALGARY'S LIFE & LEGACY™ ENDOWMENT INITIATIVE

LIFE & LEGACY is designed to help you create permanent legacy gifts, demonstrating your belief in the continuity of Jewish life in Calgary for generations to come.

#### The Temple Legacy Circle

Anonymous (3)	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Michele Doctoroff & Ted Switzer	Norman & Kathy Schachar
Judy & Ron Bing	Jane Paterson	Betsy Jameson	Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins
Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte	Daniel & Roslyn Oppenheim	Jack & Donna Newton	Nadine & David Drexler
Gertrude Cohos	Tibor Kaldor & Megan MacFarland	Lisa Welikovitsh & Mark Paidra	Sid Horovitz
Shauna L. Switzer	Alex A. Osten	Joshua Hesslein	Carolyn Devins
Cheryl & Morley Shore	Larry & Tina Stanleigh	Annie Brodsky	Sara Hastings-Simon
Peta Glezerson		Naomi Johansen	Jennifer Eiserman
Susan Light			

To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy and join the Temple Legacy Circle, contact Bonnie Kaplan at 403-245-0568 or [bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com).



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# YAHREZEITS

## TO BE READ ON JUNE 4-5

Birdie Gordon Marshall  
Dorothy Skinner  
Fay Berliner Zugman

Russell Krusky  
John Podlog  
Inger Ivelind Fredriksson Berggren

Clayton Locke  
Abe Semel

Clara Litchinsky  
Leon Cohen

## TO BE READ ON JUNE 12-13

Vera Himelfarb  
Saul Moscovich  
Keith Danzel Abraham

Mona Libin  
Rachel Devins  
Thelma Frankel

Rose Gerstenfeld  
Miriam Kerr Lapsley  
Florence Singer

Sam Goresht  
Mel Waldman

## TO BE READ ON JUNE 19-20

Frances Horovitz  
Patricia Killbride  
Aaron Baylin

Toby Molly Rose  
Glenn Stirling  
Samuel Stein

Glenn Cameron  
Rosa Schaffer Klein  
Jack Panter

Esther Conn  
Franz Oppenheim  
Sam Samuels

## TO BE READ ON JUNE 26-27

Doris Adler  
Hector Ross  
David Freiman

Madeline Mendelson  
Benjamin Rosenbaum

Ferdinand Lutz  
Yakov John Adelman

Flora Polgar  
Phyllis Switzer

## JFSC's Cowboys & Cocktails Virtual Facebook Live Fundraiser

With just a little under three weeks to go, we are getting excited about our virtual fundraiser to honour the memory of Sam Ousher Switzer z"l.

We will be gathering together virtually for the JFSC annual fundraiser on June 11th at 6:00pm Live on Facebook.

While we have to physically distance ourselves, we do not have to socially isolate from one another. As Sam would have put it "the party can wait but the needs of the community cannot".

### What you can expect

We want to make sure you and your family are well fed while joining in for the Cowboys & Cocktails festivities. We have partnered with Gruman's Catering & Delicatessen to offer guests an exclusive meal for the event!

You will have the option to choose a DIY at home BBQ kit or hot and ready BBQ chicken meal. Both options will be available for pick up or delivery.

Also, don't forget included with your ticket is the following:

- A live performance by George Canyon, Canada's very own multi-award winning country music star.
- Live hosted event by Larry Stanleigh
- Highlights, memories and posts throughout the evening about Sam Ousher Switzer z"l
- Exclusive prizes
- Pictures, videos, and messages from community members in their best western wear
- Wild West Challenge – Y'all giddy up and show 'em what ya got, partner!

Please see the [JFSC facebook event page](#) for more details or get your [tickets](#) now! We want to hear from you! Email [cowboyscocktails@jfsc.org](mailto:cowboyscocktails@jfsc.org) or call 403-692-6389. Thank you

—JFSC

# DONATIONS

TO	FROM	OCCASION
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
Annette Rosengoltz	Alain & Ferrol Hepner	Condolences
Temple	Naomi Johansen	In memory of Rose & Moshe Zack
Norman & Anna Wolf	Halley & Bruce Girvitz	In loving memory of your beloved mother and mother-in-law
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Jeff & Helen Faber	Condolences
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Roz & Danny Oppenheim	Condolences
Temple	Bonnie Kaplan	In memory of Ron Glickman
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Kim & Harvey Bernbaum	Condolences
<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND</b>		
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Polina & Lazar Ersh	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Roz & David Mendelson	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
<b>RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND</b>		
Barbara Lapidés	Michael Lapidés	In memory of our father and grandfather, George Lapidés
Temple	Annie Brodsky	In memory of her father and mother, Meyer and Etta Switzer
Temple	Jerry Spevakow	in memory of Abraham Spevakow
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Judy Shapiro & Richard Bronstein	Condolences
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Deborah Sword	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Nadine & David Drexler	Condolences
Temple	Peter Driftmier	
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Brian & Gayla Rogers	
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Carole Stoffman	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Family	Marg Semel & Adam Singer	Condolences
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Al Osten	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Susan & Myron Podlog	Condolences
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Alyson Grobman	Condolences
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Brenda Zugman & Albert Herscovitch	Condolences
Rabbi Mark Glickman	Sari Shernofsky	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Maxine Fischbein	Condolences

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SMOLKIN MEMORIAL FUND

Barry Smolkin                                      Sondra & Joe Speir                                      Belated birthday wishes

Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman                      Barry & Debby Smolkin                                      Condolences

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Nadine Waldman                                      Nadine & David Drexler                                      Condolences

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Cynthia Simmons, Temple President**

I got a phone call from Ron Bing the other day – not an unusual occurrence. He was happy about the Torah service we had taken part in the day before and wanted to share his pride in our shul with me. Led by Ilana Krygier, numerous people gathered together on Zoom. It was a difficult parsha (Emor) in light of our modern and progressive understanding of social behaviour. Leviticus, it seems, can be like that and the individuals taking part in the study wrestled with the desire to understand and incorporate its teachings into their lives.

The views expressed in this Torah study came from all vantage points. The portion itself talked about capital punishment and the (in)famous passage “fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth”. Some came to the study discussion through the lens of history – of a people struggling with the development of laws following centuries of slavery. Others expressed the ongoing need for strong rules and a longing for greater order in today’s world. And still others focused on the understanding that these words were meant to build a foundation for financial restitution to the one damaged

– not to create a blind toothless world. Some spoke softly with a bit of trepidation and others spoke with force and confidence. Some, like myself, listened and considered. It was a great Torah study largely because of the diversity of people, views, and methods of contribution that aided in our understanding. Ron was right to be proud.

We have all seen those pictures of a scene that when you look closely you realize are made up of smaller images of various faces, colours, intensities, and angles. That the numerous small pictures have come together to create a greater composition. It was like that at the Torah study I referred to and it is like that for Temple in general. Many of us are hesitant to contribute, wondering what we can say or do that will make a difference to creating this composite known as B’nai Tikvah. I can tell you that all of your contributions are needed.

Traditionally our Temple activities slow down for the Summer – people are away on extended vacations or weekend trips to the mountains – and attendance at services goes down. Activity then ramps up quickly as we prepare for and take part in the Days of Awe. This year is different. Throughout the summer we will be gathering, and we need you as much if not more than ever. Sign onto Zoom and add your face to the screen, share your silly background, forget to mute or forget to unmute, drink a bit of wine. Greet, pray, sing together.

And consider how you can volunteer throughout the Summer and into the Fall. We had a meeting in mid-May to talk about approaches to the Days of Awe given all the uncertainties with regard to COVID. We simply do not know if we will be able to physically gather (low probability) or continue to worship through Zoom (high probability). We do know however that, as always, the services will be filled with the sound of the shofar, music, and your voices. So, when you get the request this summer to read – English or Hebrew - chant, tell your story, or light a candle, say yes. We need your faces and we need your voices to build our picture tapestry of B’nai Tikvah as we move from strength to strength during this time of challenge.

# Tikkun Olam

This winter, I was invited to join the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism's new committee that would develop a national strategy for Tikkun Olam work. I could not have been more honoured, and more daunted. While a small role, no doubt, our vision and the possibility for justice is exponentially larger, just as any such gain in the arc of history is won by everyday people.

The Reform movement has long championed progressive values as fundamental to living Jewishly in our modern world. The Torah teaches us to care for the welfare of the poor, to feed the hungry, to love the neighbour, to not oppress the stranger, to protect the widow and orphan, to assure ethical treatment of workers, and countless other ethical imperatives. The theological concept of Tikkun Olam – that we are counted on to help God repair and redeem the world – is a significant tenet of Reform Judaism.

So many congregations, ours included, have robust social action and tzedakah projects. Temple B'nai Tikvah's own Ayala Roudstein and Nadine Drexler are always looking for more minds and hearts to connect with about serving meals, or about advocating for the marginalized together with other faith, labour and community groups at the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good. Many of you have joined them.

In the USA, the Reform movement has been organized and active in nearly every major social, environmental, and economic justice issue facing Americans. From the civil rights and anti-war movement of the 60's to the modern fight for gun control and LGBTQ rights, the Reform organization – the Religious Action Centre – became the voice of conscience for American Jews.

Just months after beginning to meet, the COVID-19 pandemic reached Canada. Like many young people in Canada, I knew countless people at risk of losing their housing. In late March, government action – though swift and comprehensive in contrast to much historic social program development – still had many vulnerable populations left behind. We wrote our first advocacy letter from the CCRJ leadership and the Tikkun Olam committee on March 27. We called on the federal government to ensure barrier-free income supplements, housing protections, domestic violence supports, reducing prison and immigration centre overcrowding, and expanding supports to Indigenous communities and for charitable and faith groups. The world is moving quickly, and our commitments to its repair cannot afford to wait.

What could a Tikkun Olam strategy look like in Canada? How do we work together across congregations to take our yearnings for a socially just world outside of the shul and into the public? What are the issues and values that matter most to Reform Jews across Canada? As the inheritors of the history of anti-Jewish oppression, how can we stand against the social injustices experienced by others?

If you have thoughts you'd like to share, please contact me. Your volunteer energy, now more than ever, can go a long way in helping realize Tikkun Olam here in Calgary, and I encourage you to contact Nadine and Ayala. When we work together, we make big things happen.

— Peter Driftmier, Membership Co-Chair

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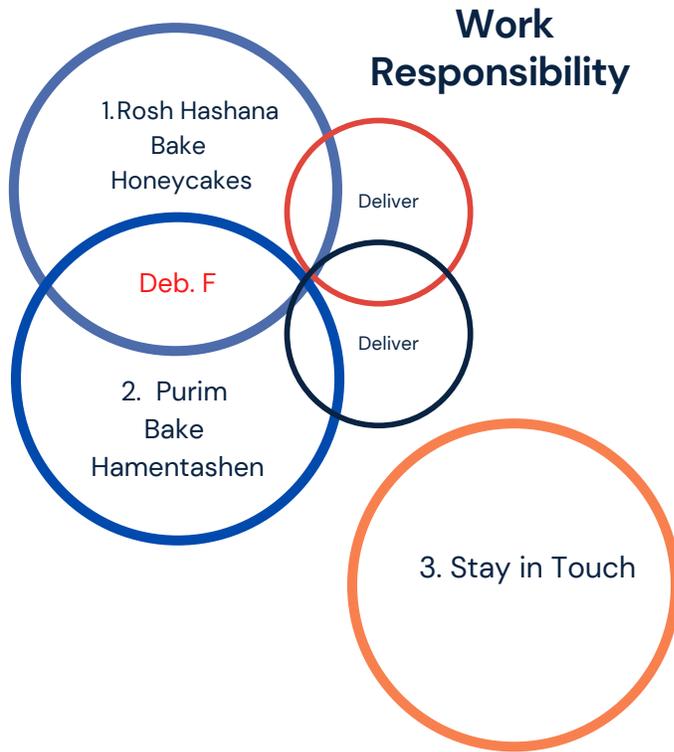
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# Caring Community Volunteer Opportunities



1) Rosh Hashana  
a. Bakers  
b. Delivery

2) Purim  
c. Bakers } = 16  
d. Delivery

3) Stay in Touch Phone Calls  
≥ March 2020  
Board Members & Other Members } = 19

Drive Deliver  
x4

Regular Cooking Group  
x12

Regular Outreach

Visit or Call:

Isolated Seniors/Independents	Home from Hospital	In Hospital
Caron Carla. A Leslie. H +2	X 5	RMG SS +4



## DONORS

- ✕ ART CARDS: SHABBAT SCHOOL STUDENTS
- ✕✕ FOOD INGREDIENTS: COOK, CO-OP STORE
- ✕✕✕ MEMBER DONATIONS

