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D'VAR HA RAV: RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Howard
Voss-Altman

As I write this Rabbi's Message, most of you will have read my letter to the congregation announcing my imminent departure from Temple. I have heard from so many people in the community, offering their affection and support, and I am so grateful for everyone's good wishes during this time of transition. But, as this issue of *Kol Tikvah* makes abundantly clear, we are looking forward to the future, and we have a very special birthday to celebrate.

This April, Temple B'nai Tikvah is celebrating its 36th birthday — six squared, double chai, and ready to enjoy the party. Thirty-six years ago, the founding families gathered in Ron and Judy Bing's living room to celebrate Shabbat and the beginning of Reform Judaism in our city. The candles were lit, our siddurim were opened, Norm Yanofsky — as always — played an awesome guitar, and a new Jewish community was born. We have come a long way since that Friday night in 1979, but one thing remains the same: the close friendships, warmth, and haimische feeling that have made our synagogue such a welcoming home for so many years.

We are blessed to be able to celebrate in style. On erev Shabbat, March 27th, we'll begin by gathering for our wine and cheese party at 7:15, followed by Shabbat Shiraz, our contemporary musical service led by the finest Jewish musicians and singers in Calgary. If you haven't experienced Shabbat Shiraz, if you haven't heard Katherine Jacob and Katie Baker's alternating vocals on "One Day/Hashkiveinu" or Steve Eichler's bass on Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" Micha Mocha, then it's time you joined us for a prayer service like no other.

But the next day, Shabbat morning, promises to be even more incredible. On March 28th, for the first time in the Temple's history, the President of the Union for Reform Judaism, the leader of the Reform movement, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, will be visiting with us and leading the morning Torah study. Rabbi Jacobs is the former senior rabbi of Westchester Reform Temple, in Scarsdale, NY, one of our movement's most innovative congregations. He is an outstanding teacher and inspiring presence, and you will not want to miss this very special service. After the service, please join us for a Kiddush lunch in the Betty Switzer Social Hall. Everyone is invited – all of our Temple members, our usual Shabbat morning minyan, Shabbat school parents and children, our Board of Trustees, and of course, our founding families. Let's all pray, study, eat, and celebrate together.

Finally, following the Kiddush lunch, Rabbi Jacobs will help us dedicate our new home by placing our newly engraved cornerstone in its home just outside the small chapel. Come and be a part of Temple's history as we recognize the evolution of our building and commemorate our presence in Britannia. It's going to be an extraordinary Shabbat.

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This is just the beginning of a very special time for Temple B'nai Tikvah. Come join us for this grand opening and watch for articles in Kol Tikvah, our email blasts, and of course, personal correspondence and invitations, for future events. And to Temple B'nai Tikvah and all of its members, a heartfelt MAZEL TOV for 36 wonderful years!



SIXTH ANNUAL JCC AND TEMPLE B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY SEDER

SATURDAY APRIL 4 • 6:00 - 9:00PM
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PLEASE JOIN US on the second night of Passover for a beautiful and tasty Pesach Seder led by Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman.

Adult: \$53*
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Vegetarian option available; please inquire.
Meal is not under CK supervision.

Purchase tickets before Monday March 30 at the JCC Customer Service Desk or call 403-253-8600, ext.0 or online at calgaryjcc.com.

* Includes one bottle of wine per table.
Advance purchase of wine available. Cash bar on site.



LIFECYCLE EVENTS

Mazel Tov

- Jonathan and Jackie Herman on the birth of their daughter, Paige. Proud grandparents are Ben and Vivian Herman
- Vanessa Partington on the occasion of her conversion to Judaism
- Norm and Kathy Schachar on the marriage of their daughter Leah to Adam Schwartz

Condolences

- David Field, Marleen Greenberg and Mira Field on the loss of David's father, David Eugene Field
- Catherine Poyen and David Zemans on the loss of Catherine's father, John S. (Jock) Poyen
- Dave King, Cindy Luffer and family on the loss of Dave's brother, Ken King
- Judy Shapiro, Richard Bronstein and family on the loss of Judy's mother, Charna Shapiro. Mrs. Shapiro was also the aunt of Deb Finkleman

Healing Prayers

David Adelman
Sherry Bambury
Martin Stoffman
Thomas Csorba

Harvey Balakofsky
Shirley Dunn
Clara Chames Szulc
Ephraim Meyer ben Devorah

Allan Bambury
Raymond Harrell Jr.
Steve Kuti

Todah Rabah

- Peter and Judith Arato for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of their son, Daniel
- Dan Barer and Sheila Bailin for sponsoring a pizza party on honour of the conversion of their daughter-in-law, Vanessa Partington
- Betsy Jameson for sponsoring a Kiddush following the morning Shabbat service
- Norm and Kathy Schachar for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of Norm's mother, Ethel Schachar, and in honour of the marriage of their daughter Leah to Adam Schwartz

NOTES FROM THE TEMPLE OFFICE

Yahrzeit Plaques

An order will be placed for Yahrzeit plaques at the end of April 2015. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to our memorial wall, please fill in the order form, which can be found in this month's issue of Kol Tikvah. The cost of a plaque is \$360; \$200 of that amount is tax-receiptable. The deadline for sending in order forms is Friday, April 24th.

Tribute Cards

Remember a special occasion by sending a personalized mazel tov, to express your condolences to a friend, or for any other reason, and help out your Temple at the same time. To send a card, please contact the Temple office. We can help you decide to which of our many funds you might want to direct your donation. The suggested minimum donation is \$18.00.

Oneg Sponsorship

The Friday evening Oneg Shabbat gives our members an opportunity to gather socially after the Shabbat service. We invite our members to sponsor or co-sponsor an Oneg. Some members choose to sponsor the Oneg in memory of a loved one whose Yahrzeit is being observed. Others sponsor in celebration of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a special birthday or anniversary, an upcoming wedding or for no special reason at all! The Temple office staff takes care of all the details, and the cost of the Oneg (\$180) is tax-receiptable. If you are interested in sponsoring an Oneg, please contact the Temple office at 403-252-1654 or office@bnaitikvah.ca.

Pizza Parties and Shabbat Shiraz

We are also looking for sponsors for the pizza meal which is served prior to our monthly Family Shabbat service on the first Friday of the month, and for the Shabbat Shiraz fruit/cheese/crackers 'spread' which is held just before our musical Shabbat service on the fourth Friday of the month. The cost of the pizza party is \$250 and the Shabbat Shiraz gathering costs \$54. Both are tax-receiptable. The Temple office takes care of the details for you.

Safeway Grocery Cards

If you missed ordering Safeway grocery cards during our annual fall campaign, there is still an opportunity to obtain cards. We have a limited number of cards available in the Temple office in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$250. They can be purchased during regular office hours. Co-op cards may still be ordered on a monthly basis; contact the Temple office to place your order.

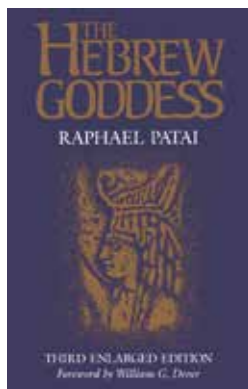
Jewish Book Club

Date: Wednesday March 11

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Place: Temple Library

Book: *The Hebrew Goddess*
by Raphael Patai



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SUBSCRIPTION \$30 PER YEAR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Eichler

So. What's been happening at Temple since my last Kol Tivah column? Any major upheavals? Any huge, daunting tasks, interim and/or long-term, on the horizon? Nope, nothing I can think of...

Ok. Let's start out here by recognizing that I've already done the information-heavy, serious bit of writing so I'm not going to do that now. I'm also not going to write about Rabbi Howard now: there will be plenty of occasions and plenty of time to do that. Instead, I'm going to write about us. Because I'll tell you what: this whole 'upcoming change' thing is not going to put a damper on our year-long celebration of our 36th birthday. That certainly is not the Rabbi's intention and me, I like a celebration. So let's go there...

In about five weeks' time, we will have the honour of hosting the URJ's leader, Rabbi Rick Jacobs. Rabbi Jacobs will be here for Shabbat on March 28th. Rabbi Jacobs is well aware of our birthday and will be here to help us celebrate at our Shabbat service. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

Of course you can't you have a birthday without a party. So we're gonna have one. On April 25th, we're having a big ol' birthday party with ice cream and cake and games and everything. Especially for kids of all ages (y'know, kids and adults too). We're also going to be having a special Founder's Shabbat on May 2nd. More information on that will be coming soon. And of course, as we've been telling you since Kol Nidre, our gala will be Sunday, May 3rd, a swank event with incredible entertainment (noted comedian Simon Rakoff and Israel's Mika Karni Kol Dodi Trio).

Lastly, even though our 36th year celebrations will continue for a long while — heck, we haven't even talked about what we're going to do in the fall! We want to ensure we have some permanence about the marking of this important milestone. To that end, we've created an email address for you to send in photos, memories, home movies from the Temple's history. You are all invited to send in whatever you can to historian@bnaitikvah.ca or talk to Karry Taylor in the office.



Ok, one last thing, really: Despite my having said I wouldn't talk about the news of Rabbi Howard's leaving since I've already done that, I do want encourage you to think about our future, what you'd like to see in our future (and interim) rabbi. No doubt, this news has already got you thinking about that. Of course, we have some time for the luxury of reflection. We're going to do our best to seek out opinions and views and we're going to try our best to put together search committees that are reflective of our broad membership. At the same time, however, we're going to make those committees efficient and effective too; in fact, we're in the midst of getting together our application materials for the Interim Rabbi to send to the URJ. Those will hopefully be at the URJ office by the time you are reading this. We'll of course keep you posted on how the search is going. As always, my email inbox (president@bnaitikvah.ca) and home number—I'm in the membership directory — stand on guard for thee. You can also grab me or Betsy Jameson or any Board member for a chat anytime.

Ok, one last thing, really, really: It's clear that this upcoming year is going to be one of transitions; is more change needed? It's also going to be one that needs someone with experience as Chair of the Search Committee. We think these two needs can be addressed by a simple solution. So rather than me stepping down as President to assume Chair of the Search Committee, it struck us that perhaps the simplest answer would be for me to stay on as prez for another year and for Betsy Jameson to be Search Committee Chair. At our latest meeting, the Board agreed. And so this AGM, we'll be presenting that idea for formal adoption by the Membership. So you have until June 17 to talk me out of it. :)~

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Our menu consists of a variety of meats and Pita breads, Israeli salads, Hummus, Falafel with Tahina; a selection of meat Skewers, Meatballs and Kebabs with hot side dishes such as grilled vegetables and cabbage rolls. We also offer our specialty Roast beef and gravy, our Rotisserie flavored tasty chicken, Schnitzel and a variety of Bourekas and Knishes. Complete your meal with our delicious assorted Baklavas, Rugelach, and Cheese and Apple Danish pastries.

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To	From	Occasion
Building Fund		
Temple	Molly Ross	In memory of Esther Ross
Norm & Kathy Schachar & family	Shauna Switzer	Condolences
Aron, Rich & Jeff Eichler	Steve Eichler, Tracey Rumig & Oscar	Mazel Tov
Patti & Ralph Aknin	Steve Eichler, Tracey Rumig & Oscar	Mazel Tov
Peter & Judith Arato	Shauna Switzer	Condolences
Jean & Dick Barron & family	Shauna Switzer	Condolences
Norm Yanofsky	Leslie & Lee Handy	Get well wishes
Norm & Kathy Schachar	Shauna Switzer	Mazel Tov
Daniel Arato Fund		
Peter & Judith Arato	Danny & Roz Oppenheim	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Pam Graham & Derek Johnston	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Jeff & Helen Faber	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Gabriel Terrenzio	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Engineering Dept – CP	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Lauren & Sam Bell & family	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Allan & Michele Donsky & family	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Stella & Lewis Gelfand & family	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Wayne & Lee Greenberg	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato & family	Jane Paterson	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Mona & Howard Bell	Condolences
Szymkowicz & Arato families	Leslie & Desmond Bender	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Vera Barcza	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato & family	Brad & Danni Krusky & family	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Eric & Ellen Men & family	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Leo & Diane Zalmanowitz	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Jamie & Gary Gelfand	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Leslee & Jeff Morrison	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Joyce & Don Krusky	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Tracy & Jeff Collins	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Henry & Elizabeth Kahn	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Gail & Eli Markovich	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Cheryl Cohen	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Norm & Kathy Schachar	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Thomas & Simara Levi	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Neil & Robbie Wagner	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Canadian Pacific PTC Team	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Charlene & Gerry Molotsky	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato & family	Trish & Stan Mayer & family	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Shelley & Rob Cohen	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Ellen & Stanley Magidson	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Adam Singer & Marg Semel	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Ljiljana Odzakovic	Condolences
Arato Family	Steve, Debbie & Melissa Baylin	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Stephen & Gloria Ross	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Tricia Leadbeater	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	John Anderson	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Randi & Jack Szymkowicz & family	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Ellie & Paul Sherman & family	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	Marty & Cathy Cole	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato & family	Gulyas Family	Condolences

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TO	FROM	OCCASION
Daniel Arato Fund		
Tom Arato & family	Ruthie & Cary Silber & family	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	Allen Ponak & Daphne Taras	Condolences
Peter, Judith & Thomas Arato	The Sax Family	Condolences
Peter & Judith Arato	The Handy Family	Condolences
General Operations Fund		
Temple	David & Nola Brodsky	In memory of Ed Brodsky
Temple	David & Nola Brodsky	In memory of Joel Brodsky
Temple	David & Nola Brodsky	In memory of Bob McFadyen
Sari Shernofsky	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences
Sari Shernofsky	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
Temple	Steve Kahn	
Temple	Job's Daughters Bethel #1	In appreciation
Jewish Enrichment Fund		
Sari Shernofsky	Jane Paterson	Condolences
Schachar Family	Steve, Debbie & Melissa Baylin	Mazel Tov
Norm Yanofsky	Steve, Debbie & Melissa Baylin	Get well wishes
Vanessa Partington	Jane Paterson	Mazel Tov
Kiddush Fund		
Temple	Leslie & Lee Handy	In memory of Ron Sautman
Temple	Leslie & Lee Handy	In memory of Jack Sautman
Temple	Leslie & Lee Handy	In memory of Ora Handy
Norm & Kathy Schachar & family	Susan & Myron Podlog	Condolences
Jean & Dick Barron	Molly Ross	Condolences
Debbie Krygier	Stephen & Gloria Ross	Mazel Tov
Prayer Book Fund		
Jean & Dick Barron	Sondra & Joe Spier	Condolences
Sandy Stern	Sondra & Joe Spier	Condolences
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund		
Anne Goresht	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
Rabbi Howard	Karina Szulc & Laurence Elman	Thank you
Rabbi Howard	Aharon & Olga Ben Yosef	Thank you
Norm & Kathy Schachar & family	Deborah Lewis & Gerrit Groeneweg	Condolences
Temple	Jay Golumbia	In memory of Ruth Golumbia
Temple	David Dachis	In memory of Frank Dachis
Temple	Sahrah Pock	In memory of Leonard Pock
Temple	Phyllis Krygier	In memory of Salek & Regina Bleiweiss
Temple	Sophia Slovatek	In memory of Atela Slavatek
Rabbi Howard	Michael Barer & Vanessa Partington	In appreciation
Sari Shernofsky	Leslie & Lee Handy	Condolences
Shabbat School Fund		
Sari Shernofsky & family	Monica & Gustavo Lis	Condolences
Karina Szulc & Laurence Elman	Monica & Gustavo Lis	Mazel Tov
Smolkin Memorial Wall Fund		
Temple	Annie Brodsky	In memory of Joel Brodsky
Jean & Dick Barron	Barry & Debby Smolkin	Condolences
Leo Collins	Barry & Debby Smolkin	Condolences
Barry Smolkin	Garry Bricker	Happy Birthday

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TO	FROM	OCCASION
Social Action Fund Karry Taylor Temple	Betsy Jameson Annie Brodsky	Thank you In memory of her three sisters
Sari Shernofsky Rhonda Kennedee Karry Taylor Temple	Steve, Debbie & Melissa Baylin Steve, Debbie & Melissa Baylin Paula Steinberg, Gerry Guy & family Nadine Drexler	Condolences Condolences Mazel Tov
36th Anniversary Fund Temple	Joel & Sandy Fagan	Mazel Tov

Yahrzeits

To be read March 6/7

Irving Balakofsky	Louis Belzberg
Maurice Kustan	Hannu Myllykoski
Jack Sautman	Morris Shernofsky
Ruth R. Carnat	Leon Singer
David Lenfest	Herbert Lewis Todtman
Joe Brager	Lillian Kaplan
Ida Lakritz	David Mendel Kovitz
Ruth Stanleigh	Chayim David Plucer
Derek Baker	

To be read March 13/14

Jack Goodman	Florence Moscovich
Dorothy Hodgins	Rabbi Elijah Palnick
Monte Singer	Barney Yanofsky
Paul Sharpe	Sam Darwish
Colin Laing	Clara Wolk
Clair Moscovich	Wilfred (Vav) Walker

To be read March 20/21

George Haas	Trevor Arnold Paul
Allan Bernbaum	Max Goldstein
Robert Smolkin	Moshe Zack
Samuel Feldman	Rose Girtle
Oscar Kirshner	Gersen Wallace
Esther Lakritz	Vern Millard
Edward Arato	Rose Rachel Benjamin
Sarah Ponak	Betty Gelman
Alfred Harder	Edna McNeilly
Yenta Rosenthal	Stella Ziff

To be read March 27/28

Jim Dudder	Mary Beatrix O'Reilly
Bernard Isaacs	Susan Klein
Fay Mintz	Maarta Raita
Ricky Loomer	Gerald Halikowski
Benjamin Kravtsov	Thomas O'Connor
Joseph Rosenfeld	Elena Black

TEMPLE B'NAI TIKVAH 10th ANNUAL WOMEN'S SEDER

Sunday, March 29th
Betty Switzer Social Hall
5:00 – 8:00 pm

For all women
Bat Mitzvah age and older
Please call the Temple
Office at 403-252-1654 by
March 25th
to register and sign up for
the potluck.

We need matzos, charoset,
juice, wine, chicken soup,
main dishes, veggies,
salads, and dessert.

FOUNDER'S CORNER

As Temple B'nai Tikvah celebrates its 36th anniversary in 2015, Kol Tikvah will take a look back at the people and events that have helped shaped our community. This month, Temple founder Ron Bing explores the history of our congregation's Torahs.

HOW DID WE GET OUR TORAHS?

In March 1980 I received a phone call from a member of the Jewish community who said his friend wanted to make a donation towards the purchase of a Torah. Judy was secretary of temple at the time, so she telephoned Israel's in Toronto to see if they could assist, but they weren't very helpful. Then we phoned Kline's in New York City. I remember the gentleman on the phone said "So you want to buy a Torah?" I said "Yes." He told me the Torah would cost US\$7,000 and that he would send it by air to Calgary. The understanding was that we had ten days to come up with the money or we'd have to return it.

When the Torah arrived at the Calgary airport, I went to pick it up from the customs office. It was packed in a wooden box. I brought it home and immediately phoned my new friend. He asked that I bring the Torah to his friend's home the next day. I arrived with the Torah in hand expecting I would receive a cheque for US\$7,000. Instead he told me the following story.

"An old man on his deathbed told his three sons that he had buried gold in his orchard but did not tell them the location. The first year after he died his sons dug up 1/3 of the orchard but could not find the gold. After the second year they dug up another 1/3 of the orchard but found no gold. In the following third year they dug up the final 1/3 of the orchard and again found no gold. However, their digging caused the fruit trees to flourish producing an excellent crop. So the gold came to them as a result of their hard work."

I asked what this had to do with me. I was told that the two gentlemen would donate US\$3,500 and that I had to come up with the remaining US\$3,500 in ten days! So I had to do some digging to find the gold to pay for the other half of the Torah. An emergency meeting was held and all our members called in order to raise the remaining US\$3,500. I remember Dr Norm Schachar saying to me, "Don't you ever do that again." We were able to raise the money and keep the Torah.

A Torah dedication service was held in May 1980 in the Fagan's basement. The attached photo shows a much younger Ron Bing holding the newly acquired Torah before purchasing crowns or a breast plate. This was an extremely emotional time for me that was comparable to the birth of our first child, Esther. Judy and I built an ark to hold the Torah that was kept in our living room at 1308 Carlyle Rd SW in Chinook Park during the first year of services. I constructed it out of plywood and she covered the inside with blue velvet fabric. The bottom half was decorated with two Stars of David made out of blue and white tiles. After Dr. Joel and Sandy Fagan renovated their basement, the ark was cut in two so it would go down their stairwell to its new home. The top portion of the original ark is now mounted on the west wall of our social hall. I do not know what happened to the bottom half of the ark that was used to store our prayer books. The "Ner Tamid" or eternal light attached to the ark was illuminated by a red light bulb, based on the tradition where I grew up at Temple Emanuel in Montreal. Rabbi Howard replaced it with regular light bulb.



Ron Bing holding the Temple's first Torah, May 1980

Our second Torah was a gift from Temple Emanuel Beth Shalom in Montreal. This is a "Westminster" Torah that was salvaged from the Holocaust after World War II. The Torah was dedicated in January 1984 at a service held on the second floor of the Calgary Jewish Community Centre. The attached photo shows Norm Yanofsky holding the Torah with Dr Lewis Poch to his right who brought it from the Montreal congregation. Student Rabbi David Meyer is standing to the right of Ron Bing. In 2012 this Torah was permanently loaned to Temple Or Hadash in Fort Collins, Colorado.



Torah dedication ceremony, January 1984

Our third Torah was a gift from the late Dr. Leo and Bea Lewis (long-time members) from their synagogue that closed in Medicine Hat, Alberta.



Judy and Ron Bing holding the Torah with the breastplate they donated in honour of the temple's 8th anniversary. The Bings left Calgary in 1985 to live in Regina. They returned to Calgary in 1994.

Our fourth Torah was a gift from Temple Beth Tikvah, Regina, Saskatchewan. I believe it belonged to a congregation in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. The late Joel Brodsky and his wife, Jackie, built a beautiful ark to house that Torah. Judy and I started this Regina congregation in 1989 after my mother died as I wanted to say "Kaddish" for her as a Reform Jew. The congregation grew to 35 families, but unfortunately declined in membership after we returned to Calgary in 1994 and eventually closed its doors.

It would be a wonderful mitzvah to have a new Torah written for Temple B'nai Tikvah. Perhaps I am planting a seed that may germinate into a new story for our congregation as we celebrate our 36th year or double chai. Ken yehi ratzon. May this be God's will.

Help Temple celebrate our anniversary by taking a look back at the history of our community. We are collecting copies of photos, memories, home videos, written blurbs – anything you are willing to share – to be compiled for publication in upcoming issues of *Kol Tikvah* and on the Temple website. Scanned items can be emailed to historian@bnaitikvah.ca or please contact Karry in the Temple office at 403-252-1654.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark **April 25th** on your calendar and plan to join us for a family-friendly birthday party to help celebrate the Temple's 36th anniversary.

More details will be available in next month's *Kol Tikvah*.



VOLUNTEER CORNER



On a cold, snowy night in November, a group of wonderful volunteers got together at the Finkleman's home to create beautiful Shabbat baskets for all our new Temple B'nai Tikvah members. The creative team this year, was made up of Nadine Drexler, Paul Finkleman, Judith Spevakow, Shauna Switzer, and Patti Winston. Helping with deliveries across the city from the far east to the far west, both north and south, were Katie Baker, Bonnie Kaplan, Jeff Michnowski, Susan Podlog, Norm and Kathy Schachar, Maggie Serpa and Alex Francoeur, Tina Stanley, Judith Spevakow, Patti Winston, and Deb and Paul Finkleman. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers. A big round of thanks also goes out to our

anonymous family who donates the lovely prayer books that we are able to add to the baskets each year! We've heard from so many of our new members how pleased they were to receive their Challah, wine, candles, and travelling prayer book just in time for Shabbat. If you are interested in helping out with this project next year, please contact Deb Finkleman at dfinkleman@shaw.ca. — *Deb Finkleman*

IN THE COMMUNITY

Recruiting for Volunteers and Staff at Heritage Park for the Summer Season

The Little Synagogue at Heritage Park is recruiting volunteers and staff for the upcoming summer. This is a meaningful and engaging volunteer opportunity as the visitors — local, national and international — are delighted to visit this building and learn more about its history, restoration and artifacts. Heritage Park gives in-depth training in history of the period, interpretive skill development and specific site training at the Synagogue. Training takes place in May. The Park opens on the May long weekend and operates seven days a week during the summer season. Kindly contact Leslie Levant at 403-259-3740.

Get Ready for Shabbat with PJ Tot Shabbat

Alternate Friday morning 9:45 am – 10:30 am, Calgary JCC

Next classes: March 13th, March 27th

Our free half-hour class will focus on the festive feeling of Shabbat and holidays through songs, stories, blessings and dance. At the end of the class, we will join the regular JCC Shabbat Program. This class is suitable for tots three years and under, together with parents, grandparents and caregivers. The PJ Library Tot Shabbat Program is funded by Lion of Judah in honour of Jenny Belzberg, Myra Paperny and Faith Riback. There is no charge but please let Kathie Wainer know if you are planning to come at 403-537-8592 or kwainer@jewishcalgary.org

Shalom Baby Play Group for the Under Twos

Thursdays, March 5th and March 19th

Join our new Shalom Baby Play Group! We will be meeting twice a month on a Thursday morning. We'd love everyone to join us – moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers. Spread the word! For more information, contact Kathie Wainer

Shalom Baby

Has there been an addition to your family?

Shalom Baby welcomes new babies and their parents to the Calgary Jewish community by providing free Shalom Baby gift bags filled with information, resources and gifts from Jewish organizations in the city. We invite new parents and grandparents to share the joyful news of a new baby in our community with us and we will arrange for the delivery of a Shalom Baby gift bag. Please contact Kathie Wainer.

March 2015



Bar Mitzvah

March 7: Ariel Goodwin
 March 21: Brannan McNeil

Candle Lighting

03/06 – 6:08 PM
 03/13 – 7:19 PM
 03/20 – 7:31 PM
 03/27 – 7:43 PM

Torch Portions

03/07 – Ki Tisa
 03/14 – Vayakhel-Pekudei
 03/21 – Vayikra
 03/28 – Tzav

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Inn from the Cold (overnight)	2	3 Introduction to Judaism 8 pm Adult Education: Heschel Course 8 pm	4 PURIM MEGILLAH READING 7 pm	5	6 Pizza Party and Family Shabbat Service 6 pm Renewal Service 8 pm in Chapel Shabbat Service 8 pm	7 Hebrew for adults 9 am Shabbat School 9:30 am Chapel/Minyan 10 am Shabbat Service 10:15 am
8	9	10 Introduction to Judaism 7 pm Adult Education: Heschel Course 8 pm Inn from the Cold (overnight)	11 Executive Meeting 7:15 pm Temple Book Club 7 pm	12	13 Shabbat Service 8 pm	14 Hebrew for Adults 9 am Shabbat School 9:30 am Shabbatots 10 am Shabbat Service 10:15 am
15 Inn from the Cold (overnight)	16	17 Introduction to Judaism 7 pm Adult Education: Heschel Course 8 pm	18 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 Social Action Shabbat Service 8 pm	21 NO SHABBAT SCHOOL Chant Service in Chapel 9:30 am Shabbat Service 10:15 am
22 Calgary Drop-In Centre Lunch	23	24 Introduction to Judaism 8 pm Adult Education: Heschel Course 8 pm	25	26	27 Shabbat Shiraz: Wine & Cheese 7:15 pm, Shabbat Service 8 pm	28 NO SHABBAT SCHOOL Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the URJ, visits for Shabbat Service 10:15 am
29	30	31 Introduction to Judaism 7 pm Adult Education: Heschel Course 8 pm				

*For more information on the Calgary Drop-In Centre, please contact Paul Finkelman at pfinkelman@shaw.ca or (403) 252-8967