



# KOL TIKVAH

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### From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Teri Appleby

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### February is Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

Since 2009, the month of February has been designated as Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month (JDAIM). JDAIM affords us the opportunity to increase our awareness of the needs, strengths, opportunities, and challenges of people with disabilities in our community — and to go from awareness to greater sensitivity and inclusiveness; a time to examine the challenges of how to include all members of the Jewish community in congregational life so that we carry out Isaiah's mandate that G-d's House is to be a house of prayer for all people (56:5).

There is a growing awareness and recognition that the Jewish community includes not just the typical person; but also includes special children and adults with special needs (reflecting the national average of 20%): the hearing-impaired, the blind, the physically disabled; children and adults with autism, developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and a variety of emotional problems. Yet, "there are Jews with physical, developmental, emotional, intellectual, and other disabilities who do not have the opportunities to participate in the richness of Jewish life because multiple barriers still exist in attitudes and access."<sup>1</sup>

Over and over again, individuals with a disability will say the same thing: "All I have ever wanted is to belong ... to know that I am not alone ... to be loved for who I am."

So, how do we make our house a house of prayer for all people? As a congregation, we can be more welcoming if we take steps to address the needs of those with disabilities — whether related to mobility, sight, hearing, or other capabilities. We can provide disability awareness workshops and support groups for parents of young and adult children with special needs.

In addition to physical barriers, we also need to overcome the barriers that our attitudes can place in front of people with disabilities: such as pity, fear, indifference, and guilt. And we need to overcome our feelings of discomfort around those who appear, speak, or act differently. We need to see past the disability to the strengths and abilities of the person.

<sup>1</sup> From the introduction to *Hineinu: Here We Are: Building Jewish Community for People of All Abilities*. Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

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During his sermon at the URJ Biennial in San Diego (2013), URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs challenged us to adopt an attitude of audacious hospitality with a firm commitment to make our congregations become the safe, welcoming, and loving spiritual homes they are meant to be so that every individual, regardless of ability, feels that they were created b'tzelem Elohim, in G-d's image."

Are we doing all that we can here at Temple B'nai Tikvah so that all members of our Jewish community feel welcomed and accepted for who they are? Are there physical and/or attitudinal barriers we can and should remove? Please share your thoughts and assessments of how we are doing with the Board and me.

Throughout the month of February, there will be sermons, discussions, a guest speaker (possibly Minister Kent Hehr), and special events to further our awareness and inclusion of those with a wide range of disabilities and special needs. Please join us as often as you can as we learn together. We've designated the Shabbat of February 19-20 as our Shabbat Shaleim — a Shabbat of Wholeness. On Erev Shabbat, we will address advocacy for those with disabilities, and our Shabbat morning service will include special accommodations to make our service as inclusive as we currently are able to manage.

My wish and prayer for this month, and into the future, is that our house of prayer truly be a house for all people.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Teri Appleby

## NOTES FROM THE TEMPLE OFFICE

### 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 suggest one of a number of funds to which you might like to direct your donation and will send out the card on your behalf. The suggested minimum donation is \$18.

### 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](mailto: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.



## THE KOL TIKVAH TEAM

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## Safeway Cards

If you didn't manage to order grocery cards during our annual campaign, or if you've already used the cards you bought, don't despair. We have a limited number of grocery cards available for purchase from the Temple office. The cards are in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$250.

## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

### Mazel Tov

- Sid Horovitz and Dianna Killick on the birth of two granddaughters, Ryleigh Lola Killick and Anna Sophia Lea Niebergal
- Alain and Ferrol Hepner on the birth of a grandson, Theodore Jacob Stoodley, son of Leah Hepner and Ben Stoodley
- Roz and Danny Oppenheim on the birth of a granddaughter, Cleo Ethel Nygard, daughter of Mira and Ryan Nygard
- Nadav Avigdor on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- Thorn Walden on the marriage of his daughter, Zoey to Justin Howlett

### Condolences

- Lionel Conn and Judith Hagan on the loss of their friend Sue McDougall, a former Temple member
- Alana Gaulin on the loss of her uncle, Owen Takefman
- Murray and Carol Oiring on the loss of Murray's mother, Hazel Oiring
- Natasha Halikowski and Ken Drabinsky on the loss of Natasha's aunt, Ida Gerber

### Healing Prayers

David Adelman	Harvey Balakofsky	Allan Bambury	Sherry Bambury
Evy Carnat	Marsha Carnat	Julia Cornester	Edith Doctoroff
Gail Dowty	Shirley Dunn	Ellen Dunn	Fanny Lewin
Sylvia Meyers	Stella Peszneker	Larry Shannon	Sophia Slovatek
Sarah Staum	Martin Stoffman	Clara Chames Szulc	Eva Zambilowicz

### Welcome to our New Member!

Daniela Keren

### Todah Rabah to the following members for their sponsorships:

- Tibor Kaldor for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of his father, Arpad Kaldor
- Yaara Eilon-Avigdor and Doron Avigdor for sponsoring an Oneg in honour of their son Nadav's Bar Mitzvah
- Norman and Kathy Schachar for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of Norm's mother, Ethel Schachar
- Marshall and Sandy Naruzny for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of Marshall's father, Harvey Naruzny
- Judy Shapiro and Richard Bronstein for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of Judy's father, Archie Shapiro
- Alain Hepner for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of his father, Zelman Hepner
- Shauna Switzer for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of her husband, Jack Switzer
- Thorn Walden for sponsoring an Oneg in honour of Zoey's marriage, and in memory of his wife, parents and brother
- Jerry & Elaine Hashman for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of Jerry's mother, Edythe Hashman
- Judy Shapiro and Richard Bronstein for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of Judy's mother, Charna Shapiro
- Judith and Peter Arato for sponsoring an Oneg in memory of Peter's mother, Alice Arato, and in memory of their son, Dan Arato

There are several starts to the year, aren't there? For all of us, obviously, *Rosh Hashana*. For many, it's the start of the school year. For trees, at least for Jewish trees, it's the 15th day of the month of *Shevat*. But there is no denying that the secular January 1 New Year's has its own special place in our lives. To my way of thinking, any chance we get to pause and reflect, to make a resolution to be mindful of how we live or vow to try to change something, well that's a good thing. And so, you Jews, you students and teachers, you trees, I start this 2016 installment with my best wishes for all of you in this new secular year.

I'll tell you, December was hopping! First, as you'll no doubt remember, due to real grassroots demand, we've been having a weekly minyan, every Tuesday at 6:15. In addition to being a terrific service in and of itself, this is a lay-led service, a different Temple member every week. A predictable base with a dash of weekly change. Just what the Rabbi ordered...

The other big — bigger, maybe — news is our youth program. For a good number of months now, our youth group has been, well, having a blast! From outings to Iron Chef dinners at Temple, this group is quickly becoming one of the reasons to be at Temple. (OK, if you're post-*b'nai mitzvah*, that is...and still in high school.)

By the time this edition is published, *Tu b'Shevat* will be upon us. Please check out the website and our weekly e-blasts for more information. We'll also have information about our upcoming February social action *Oneg Shabbat* with its focus on disability. I am able to confirm we will be having a very special guest speaker on Friday, February 12, Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs/Associate Minister of National Defense (and our MP), the Honourable Kent Hehr. He will be speaking at our Social Action *Shabbat Shaleim* during Jewish Disability & Inclusion Awareness Month.

Hopefully, you have come out to see our various candidates for the settled rabbi position. But whether you have or not, know that a committee of people — one made up of as broad a spectrum of Temple members as we could get — has been working hard to find the right person for us. Even though the work continues, I wanted to tip my *kippah* to them. They have been working very long hours, work gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. Many songs should be written about these folk.

I wanted to acknowledge the efforts of two people and wish success to two more. Judy Bing has, in addition to being a Founder of Temple B'nai Tikvah of course, been our librarian since the very beginning. On her watch, our library has grown exponentially. She has overseen the intellectual and spiritual growth of so many Temple members by ensuring they have access to Jewish literature, material they could not get anywhere else in town. Judy, we are grateful for your work and caring. We also acknowledge the arrival of Hadassah O'Reilly to take over Judy's role. She will no doubt make the position her own. Please help; fill out those wee book jacket cards!

Lastly, *Kol Tikvah* may have a new feel to it as our new editor, Andy Kubrin, takes the reins from Karry Taylor. Many thanks to Karry for her tireless dedication and efforts on *Kol Tikvah* and our website. Both are in good hands, Andy's and the Communications committee's.



## President's Message

Steve Eichler

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Special thanks to this year's volunteer crew for the Chanukah party held on December 13.

Our team included Ron and Marja Calman, Elaine and Matt Haynes, Karry Taylor, and Ken and Seth Drabinsky.

Much fun was had by all.

## Shir Havdalah Potluck Dinner and Song Session

Join us for an evening of good food and music on Saturday, February 27th between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. We will begin with a potluck, followed by a singalong, led by the multi-talented Katherine Pickering and Steve Eichler.

Please contact the Temple office no later than Wednesday, February 24th to RSVP your attendance and to let us know whether you plan to bring a main dish, side/salad/veggie, or dessert for the potluck (no meat dishes, please).

This is an event for adults (13+) only.



## Yahrzeits

### To be read February 5/6

Agnes Bucknum	Sonia Shapiro	Stephen Dexter Stanleigh	Rose Belzberg
Sarah Miriam Hirsch	Isaac Josy	Morris Fromson	Ron Sautman
Atela Slavatek	Rowena Mattison	Robert McFadyen	Miriam Winston
Isadore Devins	Samuel Kertzer	Walter Lazarowicz	Chaim Podlog

### To be read February 12/13

Sherna Bricker	Michael Finkelman	Lena Dudder	Gertie Knelman
Esther Laing	Frances Robinson Stein	Fanny Sugarman	Mona Daiter
Francesca Masters	Betsy Drabinsky	Yacov Ersh	Joseph Fayerman
Yakov Shelutko	Nathan Stoffman	Joel Aaron Brodsky	Gerald Daiter
Chaim Drabinsky	Mark McMillan		

### To be read February 19/20

Esther Cramer	Jessie Kay	Victor Mintz	Solomon Shapiro
Salek Bleiweiss	Les Drexler	Tilly Levine	Edwin Siegel
Regina Bleiweiss	Henry Fine	Henry Jameson	Bluma Steinfeld
Sheila Fromson	Ben Smolensky	Abe Wallace	Louis Belzberg
Maurice Kustan	Lillian Greif		

### To be read February 26/27

Thelma Gelfond	Jacob Riback	Leon Singer	Mary Goldbach
Arminda Raposo Serpa	Bobbie Simpson	Joe Brager	Lillian Kaplan
David Mendel Kovitz	Ursula Spector	Jack Goodman	William Malais
Monte Singer	Barney Yanofsky		

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## Yahrzeit Plaques

An order will be placed for Yahrzeit plaques in early April 2016. 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; \$180 of that amount is tax-receiptable. The deadline for order forms and payment to be returned to the Temple office is Monday, April 4th.

See the order form on page 11.

## DONATIONS

To	From	Occasion
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Temple	Frances Pearlman	In memory of Sidney Pearlman
Shauna Switzer	Norm & Marlene Yanofsky	Happy Birthday
Marsha Carnat	Norm & Marlene Yanofsky	Happy Birthday
Temple	David Brodsky	In memory of Eddie Brodsky
Jarold Switzer & family	David & Nola Brodsky	Condolences
Steve Eichler	Betsy Jameson	Happy Birthday
Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins	Tracey Rumig	Thank you
Melanie Loomer & Simon Wroot	Tracey Rumig	Thank you
Shauna Switzer	Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins	Happy Birthday
Marsha Carnat	Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins	Happy Birthday
Murray & Carol Oiring	Martin & Carole Stoffman	Condolences
Reva Faber	Danny & Roz Oppenheim	Condolences
Norman & Kathy Schachar	Susan & Myron Podlog	Thank you
Temple	Molly Ross	In memory of Esther Ross
Minnie Segal	Alain & Ferrol Hepner	In memory of Marcel Segal
Danny & Roz Oppenheim	Brian & Karen Abrams	Mazel Tov
Coleman Staniloff	Arnold & Muriel Grobman	Condolences
Marc & Debbie Staniloff	Arnold & Muriel Grobman	Condolences
<b>Daniel Arato Fund</b>		
Michele Moss	Judith & Peter Arato	Best wishes
Hanita Dagan	Judith & Peter Arato	Speedy recovery
Jim Cohen	Judith & Peter Arato	Mazel Tov
<b>General Operations</b>		
Temple	Deborah Sword	In memory of Dinah Spindel
Temple	Al Osten	
<b>Jewish Enrichment Fund</b>		
Shauna Switzer	Jane Paterson	Happy Birthday
Marsha Levy	Jane Paterson	Condolences
Elaine Hashman	Jane Paterson	In appreciation
Murray & Carol Oiring	Jane Paterson	Condolences
<b>Kiddush Fund</b>		
Temple	Wendy Berner	
Temple	Steve Kahn	
Temple	Becky Hapton	In memory of Leon Hapton
Morley Kerr	Debby & Barry Smolkin	Speedy Recovery

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To	From	Occasion
<b>Smolkin Memorial Wall Fund</b>		
Temple	Annie Brodsky	In memory of Eddie Brodsky
Temple	Len Himelfarb	In memory of Allan Hilford
Temple	Morris Bleviss	In memory of Margaret Bleviss
Temple	George & Sondra Goodman	In memory of Rose Goodman
Temple	George & Sondra Goodman	In memory of Harry Knelman
Temple	Bill Waters	In memory of parents
Maureen Katchen	Debby & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
Lila & Jacques Mydlarski	Debby & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
Reva Faber	Debby & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
Coleman Staniloff & family	Debby & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
Dale Pepper & family	Len Himelfarb & Cathy Somes	Condolences
Dale Pepper & family	Debby & Barry Smolkin	Condolences

### **Social Action Fund**

Temple	Morley & Cheryl Shore	In memory of Rose Shore
Shauna Switzer	Betsy Jameson	Happy Birthday
Marsha Carnat	Betsy Jameson	Happy Birthday
Temple	Judy Malkin & Elliott Jacobson	In honour of Rabbi Appleby & Jon
Temple	Judy Malkin & Elliott Jacobson	In honour of Marlene & Norm Yanofsky
Shauna Switzer	Ron & Linda Jeffery	Happy Birthday
Shauna Switzer	David & Nadine Drexler	In memory of Carole Drexler
Sandy Cosman	Nadine Drexler	Happy Chanukah
Leanne Shannon	Nadine Drexler	Happy Chanukah
George McKay	Nadine Drexler	Happy Chanukah
Temple	Annie Brodsky	In memory of her three sisters
Temple	Bev & Larry Shekter	In memory of Eddie Brodsky
Nadav Avigdor	Susan Light	Mazel Tov
Dr. Coleman Staniloff & family	Geta Churgin & Jeri Churgin	Condolences
Temple	Leor Rotchild	In support of Syrian refugees

### **Family History Workshops**

Join Ken Drabinsky as he presents his workshop *Developing Your Family Tree* on February 28 from 7-9 pm in the Temple library.

For more information, contact Ken Drabinsky at (403) 815-8432.

To book, call Jane Paterson in the Temple office or email [office@bnaitikvah.ca](mailto:office@bnaitikvah.ca).

## SHABBAT SCHOOL NEWS

On January 8, 13 (out of 19) families joined teachers Emma Faber and Hanit Tsur-Jacob, as well as Director of Education Jenny Laing, for a fun potluck Shabbat dinner. While their children played together and strengthened their friendships, parents had the opportunity to meet and socialize. From communal blessing to delicious desserts, the evening was a smashing success. Many thanks to all the families who brought food, helped with cleanup, met and chatted with each other, and continued to make our Temple School community the best!



The sweet smell of baking challah filled the Hashman Education Wing on January 9 as students from preschool to Grade 4 braided and baked their own *challah* as part of their learning about Jewish life. Many of the *challah* actually made it home! Thanks to our teachers and parent volunteers for a tasty morning. *Bete avon!*





Please join us for a Musical Evening celebrating the Jewish Family Service Calgary's 2016 honouree, Rosslyn Steinberg for her invaluable 50 years of dedication to our Calgary community.

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm at The Plaza Theatre – 1133 Kensington Rd NW  
"Kosher Treats at your Seat"

Tickets are \$125. Sponsorship or donation opportunities available.  
Proceeds benefit the JFSC's  
Basic Needs and Shalom Bayit (Domestic Violence) programs.

For more information, please visit [www.jfsc.org](http://www.jfsc.org) or call 403-287-3510

**We look forward to celebrating with you!**

## Temple Office Administrator Needed

Reporting to the Executive Director and a key member of Temple B'nai Tikvah's administrative team, you are responsible for providing administrative support to a variety of Temple programs. You will collaborate with various team members including the Rabbi and our leadership team. As the successful candidate, you will have excellent organizational and computer skills and enjoy engaging with Temple members, staff and external stakeholders. This is a 4 or 5 day per week position.

Please see full job description  
at [bnaitikvah.ca](http://bnaitikvah.ca)

Apply in confidence to  
[executivedirector@bnaitikvah.ca](mailto:executivedirector@bnaitikvah.ca).



# Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

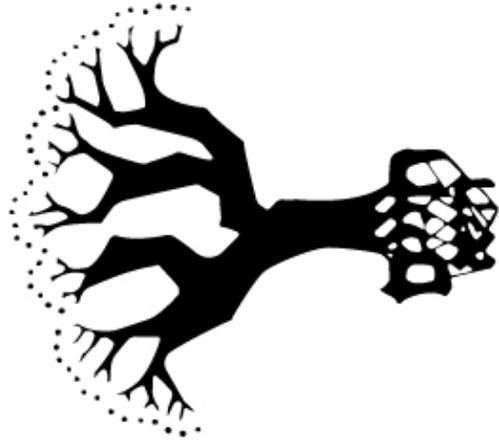
February 2016



Shabbat Shaleim at Temple B'nai Tikvah  
February 19-20, 2016



# FEBRUARY 2016



## Candle Lighting

- 2/05 – 5:16 PM
- 2/12 – 5:28 PM
- 2/19 – 5:41 PM
- 2/26 – 5:53 PM

## Torah Portions

- 2/06 – Mishpatim
- 2/13 – Teruman
- 2/20 – Teitzaveh
- 2/27 – Ki Tisa

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Executive meeting 7:15 pm	3	4	5 Family Pizza Party & Shabbat Service 6 pm Shabbat Service 8 pm Renewal Service 8 pm (Chapel)	6 Shabbat School 9:30 am-12 pm Shabbatots 10 am-12 pm Shabbat Service 10:15 am
7 Inn from the Cold (overnight)	8	9 Introduction to Judaism 7 pm Inn from the Cold (overnight)	10	11 Temple Book Club 7 pm	12 Shabbat Service 8 pm	13 No Shabbat School Tayla Gherl Bat Mitzvah Shabbat Service 10:15 am
14	15 TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	16	17 Lunch and Learn (library) 12 pm Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 pm	18	19 Shabbat Service 8 pm	20 Chant Service 9:30 am Shabbat School 9:30 am-12 pm Shabbatots 10 am-12 pm Shabbat Service 10:15 am
21 Inn from the Cold (overnight)	22	23 Introduction to Judaism 7:00 pm	24	25	26 Shabbat Shiraz—Wine & cheese 7:15 pm. Shabbat Service 8 pm	27 Shabbat School Purim Shabbat Service 10:15 am Shir Havdalah Singalong 6:00-8:30 pm
28 Calgary Drop-In Centre Lunch Adult Ed - Sassy Women in the Bible 3:00-4:30 pm	29					

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