

High Holy Days 2015 (5776)

Selichot — Sat. Sept. 5, 2015

Dessert Reception, Study, and Prayer . 9 p.m.

Erev Rosh HaShanah — Sun. Sept. 13

First Service 6 p.m.

Family Service 6 p.m.

Second Service 8:30 p.m.

First Day Rosh HaShanah — Mon. Sept. 14

First Service 8:30 a.m.

Early Family Service 9 a.m.

Second Service 11:30 a.m.

Late Family Service 11:30 a.m.

Little Blossoms' Service 3:30 p.m.

(for children five and younger)

Young Readers' Service 3:30 p.m.

(for children six through eight)

Second Day Rosh HaShanah — Tues. Sept. 15

Service 10 a.m.

Family Service 11 a.m.

Tashlich and Picnic 5 p.m.

(Cedarvale Park at Markdale entrance)

Kever Avot – Sunday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.

Service to honour the memories of all those who
are buried at our Brimley Road Cemetery.

Locations of individual Services are listed on the back of your High Holy Day ticket.

Kol Nidre — Tues. Sept. 22

First Service 6 p.m.

Family Service 6 p.m.

Second Service 9 p.m.

Teen Service 9 p.m.

Yom Kippur — Wed. Sept. 23

Early Family Service 9 a.m.

Morning Service 10 a.m.

20's and 30's Service 11 a.m.

(for 20 & 30 somethings)

Late Family Service 11:30 a.m.

Multiple Study Sessions 1:30 p.m.

Little Blossoms' Service 2 p.m.

(for children five and younger)

Young Readers' Service 2 p.m.

(for children six through eight)

Afternoon Services 3:30 p.m.

Neilah 6 p.m. (approx.)

Jewish Holidays, Festivals and Yizkor Services 2015/2016 (5776)

2015

Sukkot

Sukkah Decorating Party 10 a.m. Sun., Sept. 27

Erev Sukkot Service 6 p.m. Sun., Sept. 27

First Day Sukkot Service 10 a.m. Mon., Sept. 28

Shemini Atzeret

Erev Shemini Atzeret Service 6 p.m. Sun., Oct. 4

Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor Service 10 a.m. Mon., Oct. 5

Simchat Torah

Consecration 6 p.m. Mon., Oct. 5

Flagmaking 6:15 p.m. Mon., Oct. 5

Service and Celebration 7 p.m. Mon., Oct. 5

Chanukah

First Candle Lighting Sun., Dec. 6

Congregational Chanukah Celebration
. 4:45 p.m. Fri., Dec. 11

2016

Shabbat Shira

Service 10:30 a.m. Sat., Jan. 23

Purim

Carnival 11 a.m. Sun., March 20

Teen Celebration 7:30 p.m. Mon., Mar. 21

Family Megillah Reading, Schpiel and Costume Parade
. 5:45 p.m. Wed. Mar. 23

Adult Megillah Reading 7:30 p.m. Wed., Mar. 23

Pesach

Erev Pesach Service 6 p.m. Fri., April 22

First Day Pesach Service 10 a.m. Sat. April 23

Erev Seventh Day Pesach Service 6 p.m. Thurs. April 28

Seventh Day Pesach, Yizkor Service 10 a.m. Fri., April 29

Yom HaShoah Commemoration 7 p.m. Wed., May 4

Yom HaZikaron Service 6 p.m. Wed., May 11

Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration 6:30 p.m. Wed., May 11

Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Sat., June 11

Shavuot

Erev Shavuot Service 8 p.m. Sat., June 11

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study 9 p.m. Sat., June 11

Yom Tov, Baby Blessing, Yizkor Service
. 10 a.m. Sun., June 12

Tisha B'Av

Service 9 a.m. Sun., August 14

HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE



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From Program-driven to Purpose-driven

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Albert Einstein, who is depicted in our sanctuary's stained glass window, warned: "We should take care not to make the intellect our god; it has, of course, powerful muscles, but no personality. It cannot lead; it can only serve... The intellect has a sharp eye for methods and tools, but it is blind to ends and values."

Holy Blossom has always offered an impressive array of programming – both in quality and quantity. We strive to provide something for everyone at every stage of life – a range of topics and teachers, a range of interests and levels of learning. Today, when preparing our program we ask an additional set of questions: 1) Does this program further the articulated mission of our congregation? 2) Will it enrich the lives of our congregants? 3) Will it strengthen the relationships among our congregants?

In the age of the internet, one can hear from the world's experts on any topic with just a few clicks, in the comfort of one's own home, and at no cost. So how is coming to Holy Blossom Temple for learning qualitatively different? How can the experience of coming together in community with common cause resonate in ways that individual study does not? And how can those responsible for the program prepare for maximum impact?

For example, our Jewish Parenting series (P.E.P. Talks) usually draws a small crowd – 7-20 congregants together with Rabbi Helfman and an expert on the given topic. Whether the discussion is about Kids and Healthy Eating or Teens' Risky Business, the parents take away much more than instruction. They leave knowing they are not alone in their questions. They leave knowing their congregation provides relevant Judaism. They

leave knowing a few more fellow-congregants. The outcomes of that evening's program, therefore, go far beyond the good guidance they came for. There is evidence that Judaism meets us right where we live, in every age. There is attachment to Holy Blossom, which leads to further engagement, leadership and loyalty. And there is good modeling for life-long learning. The children of that parent see their hardworking mother or father go to Holy Blossom to learn with a Rabbi in search of meaningful insight into what matters most. That may be the greatest lesson of all.

When we craft a program we think about how the chairs should be arranged and what food should be served in order to foster relationships among participants. We think about the "take away" – that is, what is the next step for putting this learning into action. Sometimes Torah Lishma, learning for the sake of learning is the pure goal, but even then, there is a next step, a next challenge.

This Bulletin bundle includes impressive brochures filled with programs and opportunities for learning. Let it be clear that these are not "events." We do not want you to come, listen, and go home. These moments of gathering are the building blocks for sacred community. So come, connect, exchange ideas, challenge and be challenged, linger in the good company of fellow congregants who are also in search of a life of meaning and purpose. If not here, then where?

And look for Einstein when you are next in our sanctuary. He is shown pointing up at the cosmos and the title at the arch of that window is Tikvah, Hope.

Early August within the State of Israel



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My response to the horrific events of Early August within the State of Israel is framed by my identity as a Reform Jew. My religious values are shared by our fellow Reform Jews in Israel.

Reform Judaism is a vibrant, growing movement in Israel. It stands as a clear alternative to the values expressed by religious extremists in Israel. In the words of Rabbi Eric Yoffie, the former President of the Union of Reform Judaism

Israel is a modern state and requires a modern Judaism of the sort that Reform Judaism offers. Israel desperately needs an evolving and changing Judaism, - a Judaism what is egalitarian and inclusive; that promotes justice and cares about the world; and that educates and convinces rather than compels.

I have never needed Reform Judaism more than I do now. The responses to the horrific events this summer by Reform Jews in Israel are those with which I want to identify and which I support. This small but increasingly significant religious movement in Israel acts as a beacon for my values, and is an actor in the public sphere. As a result I do not feel completely powerless in the face of terror and extremism.

There are other beacons which shine at this dark time. President Rivlin of Israel surely spoke for all of our community when he wrote “my people have lost their humanity”. We can all look with admiration and even with hope to his moral leadership

Reform Judaism remains our unique common voice. If I am in Israel I can go to a synagogue of which I am a member and share Shabbat Services with my Israeli community. More than that, at a time when I feel increasingly alienated from the political discourse

in Israel, it is important to know I have public spokespeople there.

The words of the Israel Reform Movement website after the stabbing death of Shira Banki ^{z”l} spoke for all of our congregations. It explained that her death leaves all of us with a will to work towards creating a more tolerant and accepting society and to fight against any act of exclusion, discrimination and prejudice... Reform congregations all across the country will continue to serve as a welcoming home for all Israelis, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Together we will drive out this darkness with a multitude of light.

In addition to bringing my voice, our voice, to the public discourse, the Israeli reform movement is actively working for tikkun olam on all of our behalfs.

Rabbi Gilad Kariv spoke at the rally in Zion Square following the horrific death of baby Ali Sayid Dawabsha in the village Duma near Nablus. He said: “In a reality in which the rabbis who wrote the book “The King’s Torah – Laws for the Killing of a Gentile,” do not stand trial – how can we be surprised that there are students who apply its lesson?!? When a municipal rabbi in Israel and a member of the central rabbinic council publishes an Halachic answer whereby one must not say hello to an Arab in the street – how can we be surprised when monks walking the streets of Jerusalem “enjoy” a shower of spitballs every single day?! When young people who are celebrating their identity and marching against the on-going discrimination are termed time after time “the disaster of Judaism” – what then is so surprising when a random person decides to take care of the “disaster” in his own murderous way? And yes, let us say it clearly: when a member of Knesset suggests that we should lift up a bulldozer on the Israeli Supreme

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random person decides to take care of the “disaster” in his own murderous way? And yes, let us say it clearly: when a member of Knesset suggests that we should lift up a bulldozer on the Israeli Supreme Court – let us already decide that we will not be surprised or fall off our seats when the bloodshed reaches the courthouse steps. We are not looking for a reconciliation rally today, but a call to action. A call to action to protect Israeli democracy – a call to action to protect Israeli Judaism from criminal extremism.”

The Reform Movement in Israel, in a very political country, is not tied to a religious party and, and as is the case for Holy Blossom, it counts within its members a wide range of views. It brings to bear a clear bright moral vision which cuts across politics.

My husband and I have a daughter in Israel but we cannot vote. The Reform Movement expresses our vision for the State of our daughter and our people, and acts for us.

No one in our Holy Blossom community supports the extremist actions of August. And none of us feel other than horror. We are all present in Israel, in thought and action, when the Israel Movement writes: “The IMPJ mourns...in light of these acts of violence and terror, prays for the recovery of all those injured and is committed to continue its efforts on all fronts to instill values of human dignity, respect and tolerance as a guiding principle in Israeli society. In the Ta’anit Tractate of the Babylonian Talmud we learn that Tu b’Av was also called the day of “the breaking of the axe,” to recognize the ceasing of cutting down of trees to light fires on the Temple’s altar. Today, we commit ourselves to continue in our efforts to break the axe of violence and incitement, so that no more victims be sacrificed on the altar of hatred.”

There are times to ask for donations – and there are members of our congregation, my family included, who support the Israel Movement financially. But this is not that time. This is the time, for my husband and for me, and for our congregation, to experience the sorrow of the State.

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On my personal experience during Rosh Chodesh -

Av – July 17, 2015 Women of the Wall - The Kotel, Jerusalem.

On my first visit to the Holy Land I wanted it to complete a dream that I had for a long time. Since my Sisterhood joined the Women of the Wall (WoW) movement I was impressed by the courage and valour of the founders of the WoW group. I heard that Anat Hoffman had started the group at least 25 years ago. My husband found a newspaper clipping from 1980 when it was international news the WoW group was asserting their right to celebrate Rosh Chodesh at the Kotel as a collective Jewry. It was unheard of women not only wanted to celebrate Rosh Chodesh but wanted to chant from the Torah at the Kotel wearing Kippot, Tallits and Tefillins! Why not, after all Rosh Chodesh has been a holiday reserved for women. Why not? Since when chanting from the Torah scroll has been a monopoly of men only.

I went to Jerusalem to celebrate and join in with the Women of the Wall group. I wanted to show my support. I was assigned an Aliya and I prepared for the chanting with the help of Rachel Cohen Yeshurun a member of the board for the WoW group. I met Rachel for the first time at the Reform synagogue Kol Ha Neshama. She was “borrowing” the Torah scroll for the Rosh Chodesh service. I learned then that in Israel it is illegal to bring a Torah scroll into the women’s section at the Kotel. I was well aware of the sometimes violent situations the group had endured throughout their relentless fight to be allowed to chant Torah from the scroll but I was not prepared for what ensued the following day.

Rachel carefully packed the Torah on a backpack because the next day she is going to “smuggle” it into the Kotel. At this time I did not know what she really meant, however I began to sense some sort of danger. All I was focused was to chant during the service. I rehearsed with Rachel my chanting from the Torah scroll at the Women of the Wall office located in the Hebrew Union College. That day I was also introduced to staff members working for their group. I was impacted to see that a picture hanging on the wall of their office. I had seen this picture in Toronto at a temporary art gallery it had won 1st prize in reporting journalism. The WoW group praying and being protected surrounded by female army officers.

On Friday July 17, Rosh Chodesh Av, I was at the Kotel ready at 6:30 am as instructed. I could not find Rachel or anyone that appeared to be part of the group. The service was to begin at 7:00

“I don’t speak because I have the power to speak; I speak because I don’t have the power to remain silent” - Rabbi A.Y. Kook

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and the time had long passed. At about 7:15 a group of women came down the ramp and it was them. They seemed agitated. They began to set up bringing out a table and distributing their own WoW siddurim, One of the women addressed the crowd, by now between 200 to 300 women, indicating that Rachel had been arrested, handcuffed and taken along with the Torah scroll to the police station, but that the Rosh Chodesh service would take place regardless.

By this time the crowd of haredim in the plaza behind the women’s had multiplied and they were yelling their prayers in Hebrew so loudly that our voices could not be heard, my husband said they were chanting psalms, but I disagreed. The hostility on the women’s side was also demonstrated by the orthodox women. A woman stood on top of a stool, right in front of us, wearing a black coat with a demonstration sign written in Hebrew on her back. She never moved but we continued our service. Later another woman came with a referee’s whistle, blowing it all around us to interrupt the service until a female security agent came to remove her.

In the open plaza behind the women’s’ section, men supporters came to pray with us with the help of radio transmitters to allow them to follow the service.

This group of men ended up sandwiched between the barrier to the women’s section and the police barricade erected to keep the orthodox men at a safe distance.

We had our Rosh Chodesh service without the Torah.

We chanted from our WoW siddur. There were four women

including me scheduled to have aliyot, amongst us one woman was celebrating her Bat Mitzvah. I had the 4th Aliyah, but by then I was a wreck. The heat, the nervousness and the harassing environment almost made me faint, but I did not.

At the end of the service when we chanted Hatikvah I wept for several reasons; We are supposed to be one people, Am Echad, but I discovered that the fundamental orthodoxy of the Rabbinate in Israel hold a monopoly over the Torah and we, liberal women, were treated as an ‘enemy’.

I admire the determination of Anat Hoffman and WoW, for the hostilities they have endured for years, month after month, only because of one reason, their right to celebrate Rosh Chodesh, a special observance reserved for women, by reading the Torah in the Kotel. We as women should have the right to read from a Torah scroll in peace here, everywhere and especially at the Kotel.

As Rabbi Kook said “I don’t speak because I have the power to speak; I speak because I don’t have the power to remain silent”. I had to say something in support of the WoW group and admit that the experience has transformed me. To effect change we have to show our support and there are many ways to do it; join the Facebook page of Friends of Women of the Wall, join us in celebration of our Rosh Chodesh Shacharit Services at HBT, buy their siddur, help financially, they need financial support to continue with their struggle, write an email to the Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, at the very least write a note or a word of encouragement to their WoW group, but by all means don’t remain silent.



Rachel Cohen Yeshurun



Teresa Quiroz at the far right

Interfaith Dialogue

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My term as your President was an extraordinarily rewarding experience. It was a period of profound transition for Temple which provided the impetus to reflect on our roots and core values.

One of those values has been to nurture relations with members of our Canadian community who hold different religious views. We Jews are numerically a small faith, so it is incumbent on us to be connected, to understand and to relate not only to the Abrahamic faiths, but also to Hindus, Buddhists and others. Put most pragmatically, those relationships can provide a point of safe contact at moments of concern. More broadly, understanding and sharing in others' faiths makes us fuller, richer more nuanced Jews. A generation ago Holy Blossom was a pivotal interlocutor in Interfaith Dialogue, then between Christians and Jews. I am convinced that our full acceptance, as Jews, owes much to those myriad conversations. I know from first hand experience how prejudices, misconceptions melted away when we talked, broke bread and even shared prayer together.

Fast forward to today, in a country of unique cultural diversity, surrounded by other places less fortunate: intolerant, fanatic and tragically violent. That chaos offers fertile ground for intolerance here, couched in fear, and founded on misunderstanding. So it is a particular gratitude to share with you news of a broadening and deepening relationship with our Muslim neighbours. Last summer, in response to the anti-Muslim defacement of the Jaffari Community Centre in Richmond Hill, we among other Jewish leaders, joined in a moment of solidarity at a Ramadan service. This past spring, leaders of the Turkish Muslim community, through their Interfaith Dialogue Institute met with about 20 Temple members for a remarkable day of learning and dialogue. Most recently we jointly hosted an Iftar, fast-breaking dinner, during Ramadan. Close to 100 people, Muslims and Holy Blossom Jews, shared in each other's religious observance, broke bread together, and talked and talked and talked. As you may have noted in our on-line news, the story has been heard around the world.

Holy Blossom is not the only Jewish community to reach out, though who we are carries a special weight. These relationships

grow over a very long term, crossing generations. Temple takes this role very seriously, for it is part of our being. We are re-energizing our capability to welcome others in order to share who we are, what we believe and what we do. This enduring dialogue is a mutually fulfilling venture to which we invite all.



The High Holy Days

A Time for Renewal of Spirit.... and a Time for Renewal of Space!

As we embark on this new year of 5776, our Renewal of Space is now fully underway! We are nearing completion of all of the preparatory work that will enable us to remain on campus throughout the soon-to-start construction of the most visible and most transformative components of our Renewal Project – our new central Atrium and our new Family Chapel.

When you arrive at Temple for the High Holy Days, you will see: new temporary offices on the first, second and third floors of our School Wing (which will house our administration staff, education professionals and our clergy, respectively), all ready for occupancy right after the holidays; new, fully-accessible washrooms in the lower level, adjacent to the Philip Smith Hall; a new stairwell ready for commissioning that will connect the religious school foyer to the lower level; and a new set of doors leading from the Ava Road parking lot directly into the Boardroom foyer, which will serve as the main entrance to our campus during the post-High Holy Days construction. (Remember, of course, that our Main Sanctuary will remain open for Shabbat services throughout construction, with a temporary covered walkway leading directly to the School Wing.)

And the marquee component of all of this preparatory work - our new elevator - is in the final stages of installation. Once operational (either just before or just after the holidays), our new elevator will ensure continued full physical accessibility

to all of our facilities and programming for our congregants and guests once the bulk of the Phase One construction starts after the High Holy Days. Please make sure to take one last sentimental trip in our old elevator before it is decommissioned!

As you know from our bi-weekly Life @ Holy Blossom e-blasts (and from all of the photos and videos that are posted almost daily on the Renewal page of the Temple's web-site), there has been a tremendous amount of construction activity on-site over these last several months. As you also know, our work will temporarily wind down over the High Holy Days, to allow us to use all of our spaces for worship just as we have in years past. But, don't worry, our level of activity will quickly ramp back up right after the break!

These are very busy times for Renewal at Holy Blossom Temple, as we complete our preparatory work and get ready for the exciting work that will resume in the fall - and as we eagerly anticipate the grand opening of the first phase our beautiful and transformative new Temple campus less than 18 months from now.

Heartfelt thanks go out to all of those who have graciously volunteered their time and generously donated their funds to ensure the success of our Renewal Project. Considerable work remains to be done but we will soon be able to enjoy our Renewed Spirit in a Renewed Space!



The HBT Cyclopaths - Being and Belonging on Wheels: Four Years and Growing Stronger Together

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In the beginning, initially, we met at weekly Shabbat Family Services with our children in tow. As we prayed, shared kiddush lunch, and schmoozed together, so began the infamous conversations about travel and bicycles. Little did we realize that these weekly interactions would be the genesis of a very special Chavurah - soon to be known as the Holy Blossom Cyclopaths; and that over time, this Chavurah would put multiple kilometers on our bicycles while deepening and strengthening friendships over the course of 4 consecutive summers.



First off, it is vital to note, that ours is a disparate group. Some are non-cyclists, others are neophytes, while there are those die-hards who will brave lousy weather conditions for the sake of a ride. However, the most important common denominator that binds us is that we respect one another profoundly and take sincere delight in each other's company. With that in mind, our rag-tag group started planning our first summer cycling trip to accommodate all of its members.

Over several dinners and countless city cycling excursions that always included coffee and animated conversation, plans for a summer cycle started percolating. Tasks were divvied up to turn the idea of a summer cycling trip into a reality. Everyone was responsible for something - we had committees to coordinate hotel accommodation, cycling routes, meals, the necessary non-riding road support; we even had members responsible for the creation of our logo and cycling jerseys! In fact, it was only this year that we decided that our 9-person cycling Chavurah needed a name, and, with that, the Holy Blossom Cyclopaths was born.

The trips, which have taken us several hundred kilometers across parts of Canada and the United States, were thus brought to fruition. Over the past 4 summers, we have cycled Prince Edward County, Gananoque, Kingston, Lake Erie, Niagara Falls, Le Petit Tran de Nord, and most recently, the Eastern Townships of Quebec and Vermont. Throughout, we have often been able to observe Shabbat 'on the road', to our mutual satisfaction and joy!

In celebration of our most recent July 2015 trip, and as we start to plan next year's summer cycling expedition, we acknowledge that the sacred space and sacred meeting place called Holy Blossom Temple has been the glue that has brought us together. In planning these trips and by travelling together, our relationships have grown deeper and stronger. All of us count, and each one of us is accounted for.

Ultimately perhaps, we have collectively learned what it means to be Jewish within and beyond a shul context. To that we collectively count our blessings, say Todah Rabah, and perhaps we can exclaim "next year (cycling) in Jerusalem!"



Photo: From left to right: Terry Quiroz, Alberto Quiroz, Dennis Chow, Denise Gordon, Israel Ben Ishai, Rhonda Wilansky, Judy Wilansky, Arie Waldman, Val Waldman - taken in Sutton, Quebec, July 2015.

Adam Anshan rode in the Ride to Conquer Cancer in honour of Rabbi Splansky

This year I dedicated my ride in support of Rabbi Yael Splansky and her family. Throughout my life Judaism and religion have been topics I've struggled with, but I have always seen Rabbi Splansky as a role model and an incredible leader in the Jewish community. She epitomizes what it means to be a progressive, reform rabbi. She has the rare ability to connect and give guidance to the adults in our community while simultaneously connecting with the youth, which I have had the pleasure of witnessing first hand through her impactful programming at URJ Camp George.

Adam raised just under \$4,000 for cancer research at Princess Margaret Hospital.



An Anonymous Donor at CHAT's recent relay.



Dear Congregants,

My family and I are very grateful for the outpouring of support we've received over the last number of months. Knowing we have the strength of the congregation behind us has made all the difference. Thanks to the Bikur Cholim Committee, to those who sent nutritious meals and thoughtful cards. Words cannot express my full appreciation for colleagues and lay leaders who have shown support and understanding when I was not at full strength. I am pleased to report that the toughest part of this road is now behind me. I will soon begin radiation treatment, which will carry through the High Holy Day season, but I don't expect any complications or conflicts. I am, of course, also thankful for an excellent medical team and grateful for the God-given ability to heal. I look forward to being together with the congregation as we usher in a new year of renewed strength and blessings.

L'Shanah Tovah,
Rabbi Yael Splansky

Community in Action: HBT at Toronto Pride 2015

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It started with a call from Cheryl Sylvester, passing on a suggestion from a congregant, that we mark Toronto's LGBT Pride Week with a rainbow flag in our sanctuary or youth chapel. It ended with Holy Blossom's participation in the Pride Parade. None of this would have been possible without the effort and encouragement of Temple staff and volunteers, especially Rabbi Michael Satz, Yael Scataru, and Cheryl Sylvester. We made arrangements to march alongside Kulanu, Toronto's main LGBT social and advocacy group; we ordered Holy Blossom Pride t-shirts to mark the occasion; and we sent an eBlast promoting the event.

Parade day began with participants gathering for a convivial brunch.

The day was replete with gifts and surprises, not the least of which were new connections and friendships. Later, as we marched down Yonge Street we were overwhelmed by the cheering crowds. Persistent rain couldn't dampen our energy or enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to share with the broader community Holy Blossom's commitment to a just and inclusive society.

Taking part in this amazing day were Sharon Smith, Nancy Ruth, Debra Bennett, Erin O'Connor, Darren Sukonick, Sherry Good (Cynthia's sister) and Sandra Trehub (my mother).

Thanks to all!





Welcome to Our Congregational Family

Births

- Ashley & Avi Berger, on the birth of a daughter, **Clara Audrey Berger**. Proud grandparents are Eileen & David Berger; and Janis & David Gallo. Proud Great grandfather is Doug Iverson.
- Marcia & Kenneth Cohen, on the birth of a granddaughter, **Chloe Leora Cohen**. Proud parents are Heather Marshall & Jordan Cohen and sister to Matthew. Other proud grandparents are Susan & Larry Marshall. Proud great grandparents are Aaron Cohen; and Zelda Marshall.
- Josephine & Michael Cole on the birth of a granddaughter, **Miriam Isackov**. Proud parents are Jennifer and Stas Isackov. Other proud grandparents are Bertha Isackov and Mordecai Isackov. Proud great-grandmother, Merwori Isackov
- Lisa & Jeffrey Dack on the birth of a son, **Dylan Philip Dack** and brother to Sadie and Rachel. Proud grandparents are Rosanne & Steven Ain; and Nancy & Joe Dack
- Jessica Moranis & Ira Goldstein on the birth of a son, **Miles Ruben Goldstein**. Proud grandparents are Sandy & Steven Moranis; and Janet & Howard Goldstein. Great grandparents are Rose & Charlie Tabachnick and Rhoda Kulman.
- Bonnie Croll & Robert Henry on the birth of twin grandchildren, **Elle Reese Gertner** and **Teddy Fitz Gertner**. Proud parents are Brett Henry & Marc Gertner. Other proud grandparents are Eric Gertner (and the late Elinor Gertner). Proud great grandmother is Beulah Wagman.
- Jennifer Hunter & John Cruikshank, on the birth of a grandson, **Jack Witherspoon Bonnet**. Proud parents are Simone Robin Bonnet & Ben Aldridge Bonnet. Other proud grandparent is Dr. Sidney Bonnet.
- Jackie & Howard Roger, on the birth of a granddaughter, **Lauren Roger Siddaway**. Proud parents are Sarah Roger & Robert Siddaway. Other proud grandparents are Ann & Richard Siddaway. Proud great grandmothers are Beverley Fine; and June Siddaway.
- Stacey & Joshua Silver on the birth of a son, **Joseph Spencer Ryan Silver**. Proud grandparents are, Gail & Barry Silver; and Elaine & Mark Atlin. Proud great grandparents are Sandra & Gordon Atlin and Myrtle Wise.
- Harvey & Karen Schipper, on the birth of a grandson, **Samuel Francis Power**. Proud parents are Elyse Minden Schipper & Ryan Power. Other proud grandparents are Heather Lillico & Michael Power. Proud great grandmother is Maxine Minden.
- Cindy & Jay Stulberg on the birth of a grandson **Elia Haig Stulberg**. Proud parents are Ronit Soroksky & David Stulberg. Other proud grandmother is Larissa Soroksky.
- Susan Lieberman & Mannie Zeller on the birth of a grandson, **Lev Sasson Strauss Zeller**. Proud parents are Barbara Zeller & Simon Strauss and sister to Aviva Shira. Other proud grandparents are Betty & Stephen Strauss. Proud great grandparents are Frances Lieberman and Max Zeller

B'nei Mitzvah



■ **Jacob Tizel**, son of Marian & Adam Tizel – August 29, 2015



■ **Kobi Bernstein**, son of Nandini Dasgupta & Michael Bernstein October 3, 2015



■ **Liliana Malat**, daughter of Linda & Jan Malat – October 10, 2015



■ **Lauren Breslin**, daughter of Erika Rubin & Adam Breslin – October 10, 2015



■ **Joseph Fingold**, son of Elissa & David Fingold – October 17, 2015



■ **Sydney Olsberg**, daughter of Jacqueline Mamott & Simeon Olsberg – October 24, 2015



■ **Naomi Baker**, daughter of Ellie Morch & Jason Baker – November 14, 2015



■ **Noah Kriss**, son of Naomi & Alan Kriss – November 21, 2015



■ **Leo and Cole Sandler**, sons of Fern Glowinsky & Ian Sandler – December 5, 2015



■ **Katie Baltman**, daughter of Pam Greenstein & Stuart Baltman – December 12, 2015



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Engagements & Weddings

- **Amy Blume**, daughter of Karen Garmaise and Israel Blume, to **Shain Wasserman**, son of Annela & Ken Wasserman of Edmonton, who were married on August 23rd, 2015.
- **Jessica Cooper**, daughter of Morris Cooper & Esther Zeller Cooper will be married to **Michael Mendel**, son of Barry & Bonnie Mendel, October 31, 2015
- **Jordan Glicksman**, son of Marsha & Harry Glicksman to **Jacqueline Berman**, daughter of Kerry & Edward Berman are to be married this October in Boston
- **Hart Lambert**, son of David Lambert & Hildi Abrams to **Katy Alter**, daughter of Barbara & Howard Alter who will be married on the 23rd of August, 2015
- **Rebecca Leese**, daughter of Teri & David Leese, will be married to **Michael Herberman**, son of Ettie & Jay Herberman. The wedding is scheduled for October 2015.
- **Michelle Sager**, daughter of Dr. Mark & Susan Sager, will be married to **Jonathan Geller**, son of Errol & Talma Geller, will be married on September 27 2015.

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