

HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE



# Bulletin

Purim 2018



WHERE RENEWAL OF SPACE AND SPIRIT MEET

# PURIM 2018 at Holy Blossom

## Sunday, February 25, 2018

11:00 am – Carnival fun for kids

An Amazing Carnival for kids of all ages. Look out for new games for kids 8 and older, a bouncy castle for the little ones, and more!  
The Purim Carnival is free and open to friends and neighbours, registration is required. Food will be on sale during the event.

## Monday, February 26

Mondays@theTemple Purim Party for seniors! Our own silly season – all in one day!

## Wednesday, February 28

5:30 pm – Intergenerational Pot Luck Dinner

6:30 pm – Fiddlers on the Spout! Megillah Reading and Sing Along Shpiel

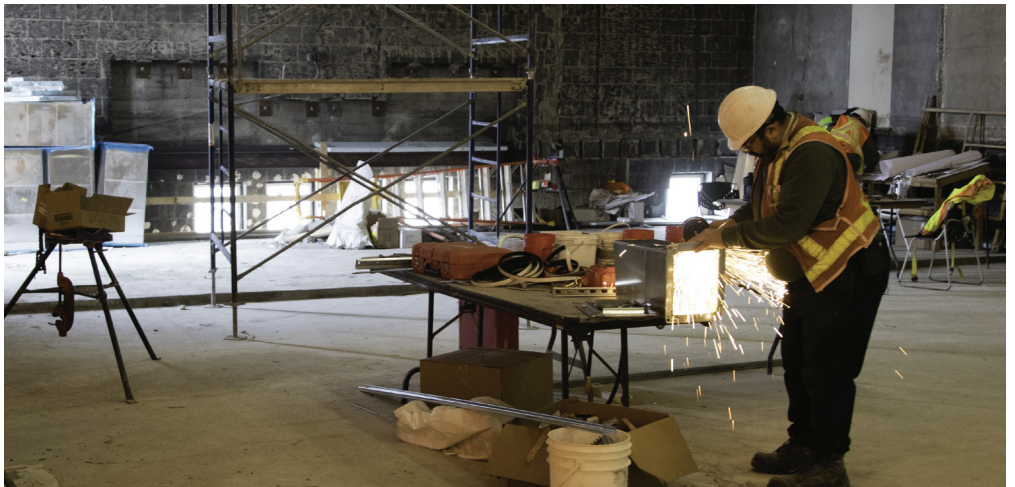
Everybody's favourite shtetl sets the scene for a rousing rendition of the story of Purim. Sing, dance, cry, kvell, and laugh with Holy Blossom staff and volunteers! Matchmaker, matchmaker, will Esther ever find a match?

7:30 pm – Improv Night! Music, refreshments, and hilarity... featuring you!

Come ready to participate and celebrate Purim with wine, refreshments, and dessert! Let us know you're coming...it's time for fun

For ages 13 and up! **NEW THIS YEAR!** one megillah reading for all within our Purim Shpiel "Fiddlers on the Spout" at 6:30 pm

**Turn your world upside down this Purim!** For more information on any of our amazing Purim events, visit our website at: [www.holyblossom.org](http://www.holyblossom.org)



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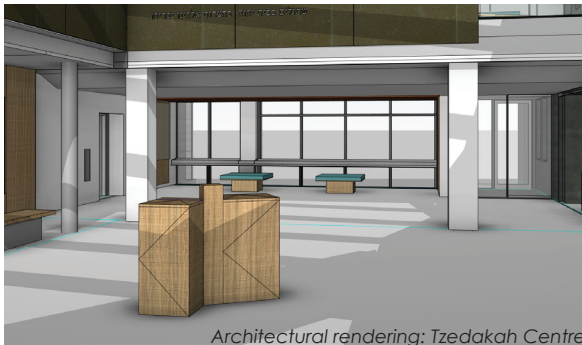
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# BUILDING WITH JEWISH VALUES

Rabbi Yael Splansky, Senior Rabbi



## RABBINIC REFLECTION



Architectural rendering: Tzedakah Centre

I write to you, dear congregants, when our Torah is scrolled to the words, “*Make for Me a sanctuary and I will dwell among them*” (Exodus 25:8). The first communal building project in Jewish history was The Mishkan, the portable sanctuary we carried with us throughout our desert wanderings. It was placed at the centre of the people; all the tribes were stationed around it in concentric circles. The Mishkan was the meeting place where the Israelites drew nearer to God’s Presence and to one another. It is in this spirit that we are now building our renewed Holy Blossom Temple.

The structures and their contents will be exquisite, but more importantly, they will be expressions of our congregational values. Glass and steel, wood and stone, will reinforce what matters most to us. For example, we’ll walk on **Jerusalem stone** and be reminded of Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav’s proverb: “Wherever I walk, I am walking toward Jerusalem.” We’ll breathe the clean air, oxygenated by our **Green Wall** and **LEEDS certification**, to be reminded of Genesis’ command “to guard and protect” the earth. We’ll easily navigate our way with the help of ramps and railings; our furniture and washrooms are designed to be **fully accessible**. Lighting and sound are increased, so we fulfill the Levitical mitzvot: “Do not offend people with hearing-impairment nor place

a stumbling block before people with vision-impairment.”

Our **Leadership Centre** will stand for Holy Blossom’s commitment to compassionate and courageous Jewish leadership. Our **Youth Lounge**, prominently placed, stands for our commitment to the coming generations. Our **Library** stands for our commitment to lifelong learning. Our **Life Cycle Room** stands for our commitment to families at every age and stage. There are two unique features which also speak to our congregational values.

### Our Living Museum\*

In our Plan on a Page, we commit: “*To honour our past and boldly prepare for our future.*”

As Toronto’s first synagogue, Holy Blossom Temple has many stories to tell. We often speak of our history and the leading figures who brought greatness and goodness to our congregation and beyond. There will be a number of places dedicated to sharing the treasures from our archives. In addition, we have designated one display case for a “Living Museum,” where congregants can, in rotation, share their family stories. I often hear such stories when I visit a shiva home, a beautiful ketubah, which belonged to her European grandparents, a black and white photograph of Eleanor Roosevelt hosted by Temple Sisterhood in his parents’ living room, a little prayer book inscribed by Rabbi Eisendrath before his father went off to war. Families will prepare an accompanying card to tell the story of each treasured heirloom. In this way, we honour our shared history.

### Our Tzedakah Centre\*

In our Statement of Identity, we say: “Holy Blossom has fulfilled religious and civic duties by being at the forefront of

major social justice issues, both within Canada and outside of its borders.... We encourage all who join us to continue our work in mending the world (Tikkun Olam).”

Within our Atrium there will be a Tzedakah Centre, a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture in the shape of Holy Blossom Temple. (NB: *The image is the architectural rendering of it*). Each “wing” of the Tzedakah Centre will contain a series of drawers of varying sizes. Each drawer will be labeled with the name of the congregant, or team of congregants, who are collecting something specific for someone specific. For example, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah student may be collecting gently used sports equipment or children’s books for the less fortunate. Our Green Committee may collect used electronics and batteries for proper recycling. A physician may collect used eyeglasses to bring to a far-off community in need. Out of the Cold leadership may call for new socks or winter boots. On a rotating basis, congregants will have a chance to invite the generosity of fellow congregants. And in the middle of our Tzedakah Centre will be a tall tzedakah box in the shape of Jacob’s Tower.

### Our Docents\*

We’d like a team of docents to give tours when Phase I is complete. Docents could be trained by our architects, our archivists, and our rabbis to share our congregational stories and demonstrate how our Temple is built by our congregational values.

“*Make for Me a sanctuary and I will dwell among them*” (Exodus 25:8). We are bringing these ancient words to life again, right here at 1950 Bathurst Street. How fortunate we are!

\* If your family has an historic object you’d like to loan to our Living Museum, or if you’d like to collect goods for a worthy cause through our Tzedakah Centre, or if you’d like to volunteer as a docent, please contact JoAnne Bieman at [jbieman@holyblossom.org](mailto:jbieman@holyblossom.org).

# COME, LET'S DREAM TOGETHER

Judy Winberg, President, Holy Blossom Board of Directors



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the early 1930s, when the members of Holy Blossom Temple contemplated a move from downtown Toronto on Bond Street to vacant land on north Bathurst Street it must have been challenging to counter the skeptics. Our founders were big dreamers, and they were right.

In the 1950's when our rapidly growing membership needed more classrooms to accommodate the post war baby boom and provide suitable space in which to deliver Jewish education, the dreamers once again knew what to do. The school wing was built and opened in 1960.

We are a congregation of ***dreamers*** and currently in our long 160-year history it is thrilling to be a member of Holy Blossom Temple.

The long-anticipated Renewal of Space and Spirit is upon us now and once again we are dreaming of how we will be transformed. I am so honoured to serve as the President of Holy Blossom

Temple at this historic and pivotal moment in the life of our congregation and invite us all to dream together about the coming years.

A three-story high glass atrium will join the awesome sanctuary to brand new space where we will gather together for congregational Kiddush or, imagine, a new space for concerts with international musicians, an art exposition with a visiting show from the Israel Museum or children's programs for the greater Toronto community.

The new family chapel will host weekly Shabbat services and also be available for lectures, Town Hall gatherings or wedding receptions that local event planners will be able to offer as the most exciting new venue in the city.

Imagine as more young families join the Temple and share with their friends that Holy Blossom welcomes them and provides programming for the diverse

Toronto Jewish community in the areas of worship, learning and social justice.

Holy Blossom Temple, the first Reform Temple in Toronto and among the largest congregations in North America, has an international reputation because of our acclaimed clergy, our innovative educational and social justice programming and the strength, support and commitment of our membership. Our reputation will be even further enhanced when the renewed space is revealed.

There is much to be done. Let's plan and dream together and take an active role in the life of the renewed Holy Blossom Temple. Please consider offering your time and expertise as a volunteer on a regular basis or talk to me about your idea for a special project that you can bring to the Temple.

On behalf of the Holy Blossom Board of Directors, *Chag Purim Sameach* to you and your families!

# WELCOME TO HOLY BLOSSOM'S LIGHT-FILLED LIVING ROOM

article by: David Rosenberg, Communications Chair, Renewal Project Steering Committee

The living room is really the heart of a home. It's comfort. It's where we sit down and take a moment with a cup of coffee. Or connect with family and friends to chat, discuss issues of the day, and often, celebrate. Typically, it's the central hub around which other spaces in our homes are built. Our new Central Atrium at Holy Blossom has been conceived to be all of that and more.

If you've been an avid follower of our Renewal communications (for the last decade or so!) you know that we've talked in the broadest terms of our Atrium connecting all aspects of Temple life ... from prayer in our main sanctuary, to learning in our school wing, to simchas in our congregational hall. And you've seen the gorgeous architectural renderings that give you a good sense of the visual appeal of the space.

But as we rapidly approach completion of Phase 1 construction, and our planned opening sometime this summer, we thought this would be a perfect time to take a more detailed walk through all that our new, light-filled Atrium will offer us at Temple. So come on in with us through the main Ava Road doors. There's much to see and do ...

First, you'll want to make a beeline to our **Holy Grounds Café**. Imagine, getting an excellent cuppa joe at Temple! Or a fair-trade cappuccino or latte. Or choose from a selection of herbal teas. Details are still brewing, but Holy Grounds will be an intimate and warm place where

you can grab a drink and then find a comfortable space to sit down in our Library or Atrium ... to do a bit of work, talk with friends or just sit and grab a bit of valuable quiet time.

We want you to spend as much time as you'd like in your Temple living room. And yes, we know that finding a comfortable perch was a difficult proposition in the old Holy Blossom. To that end, our **new sofas and chairs in the Atrium** will be both durable and comfortable for all ages – Little Blossoms to seniors. They'll also provide a perfect vantage point to contemplate our ...

... **new living wall**, climbing high up the west-side of the Atrium. The whole of our new campus will be environmentally-friendly with a LEED Silver certification, but the living wall, in particular, brings a visible, sustainable and healthy

vibe to our Atrium and is also a wonderful teaching tool for the little ones.

From there, take a few short steps over to our **new Judaica Shop**, and say hello to one of our friendly Sisterhood volunteers behind the counter. Beyond the shop itself, we plan to have all of the gorgeous items displayed in full-colour on our website, and we're actively looking into an on-line shopping experience, as well. As always, all proceeds from our Judaica Shop go to Sisterhood to support Temple activities.

Now, stroll a little southward from the shop and you'll find the private and comfortable **Life Cycle Room** where you can have an intimate discussion with our Rabbis or other clergy prior to your family events.

Next, continue along towards the Main Sanctuary. What you'll see is a



*The view of the north end of the Atrium overlooking the lower courtyard and looking out over Dewbourne*



*A beautiful view of the Atrium looking south towards the main Ava Road entrance*

**stunning entrance hallway**, featuring 12 wood panels, each with a carving of one of the Tribes of Israel.

From the first floor, climb the winding staircase (or take the elevator) to the Atrium's 2<sup>nd</sup> level. Cast your eyes skyward again, through the glass ceiling as you make your way toward our new **Family Chapel**. Designed to be multi-purpose with seating that can be configured for different needs, our Family Chapel is a soulful, welcoming space where we can gather for prayer, simchas, concerts or other community events.

There's also **quiet gallery space** on the second floor where you can grab a comfortable seat and admire rotating art displays, as well as a **large curved display case** that will house our rare Scrolls of the Prophets.

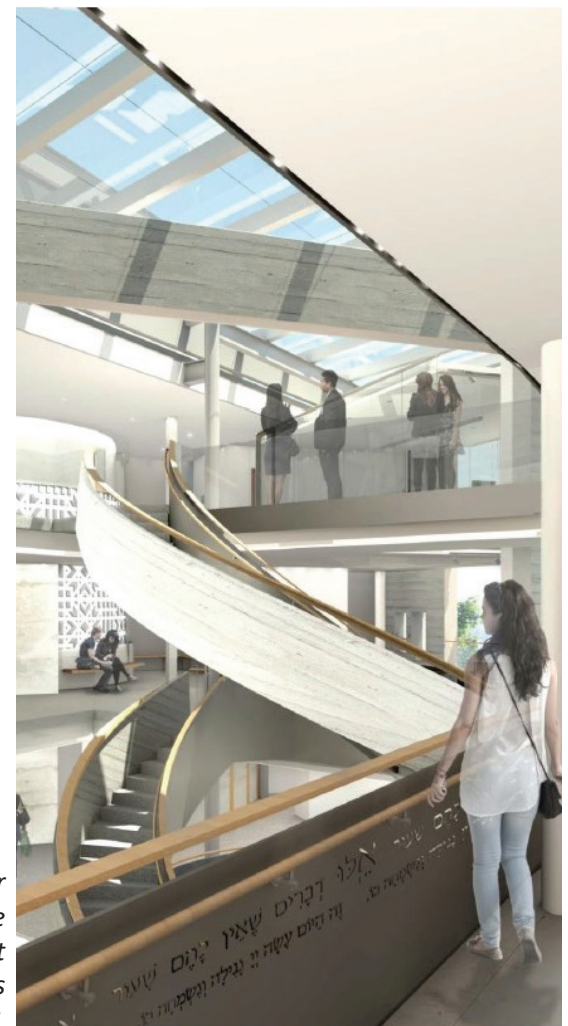
And of course, it almost goes without saying that all our new and re-imagined Renewal spaces will be fully accessible, built to the latest AODA guidelines.

So, hopefully with the help of this

little walk-thru, we've whet your appetite and you can begin to sense how our Central Atrium – our Temple living room – will change how we experience not only all that we offer at Holy Blossom, but also how we connect with one another. And there are still so many exciting details to come. As with any space in a new home, there is also a lot that we do not yet know about living there. We'll learn from using it day to day, and continually work to improve the experience based on those learnings.

One thing is certain about our Atrium though, even as we see it taking shape at this early stage: Life can blossom here.

*Standing on the second floor overlooking the Atrium and the gorgeous new circular stairway that links all 4 levels of the campus*



# CORNERSTONE DEDICATION REMARKS

## BY TOM FRIEDLAND, CHAIR, RENEWAL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

First night of Chanukah, December 12, 2017

Hello, I'm Tom Friedland, Chair of our Renewal Project Steering Committee. On behalf of the Renewal Project Steering and Building Committees, welcome and Happy Chanukah!

As you may have noticed from your time at Temple (or from our bi-weekly updates in Life at Holy Blossom or from our two live-streaming cameras that I know you all watch every day), there's still a little bit of construction work left to finish off Phase 1! Nevertheless, we are very excited (and, indeed, proud and honoured) to be here on this first night of Chanukah to mark an important milestone: the dedication of the cornerstone for our new space.

This moment in time has been reached through the hard work and dedication of so many people, including:

- Our generous donors – this year alone we have raised over \$5 million in new gifts as our momentum brings us ever closer to achieving our Phase 1 fundraising goals. Indeed, as you've heard, "Aleinu: It is upon Us" – with everyone contributing aspirationally, each according to her or his means, dare we dream of completing our fundraising before construction is finished this summer?
- Our ever-patient clergy and Temple staff, who, among their many talents, have kept the Temple fully operational throughout construction
- Our tremendously supportive ward Councillor, Joe Mihevc
- Our incredibly tolerant and supportive neighbours – sorry about the little bit of extra noise, dust and traffic!
- Our outside professional partners at Diamond Schmitt Architects (represented this evening by Duncan Higgins), Alliance7 (our Owner's Representative, Aaron Bruno) and Pomerleau Construction
- Every single member of HBT, past present and future – as Rabbi Splansky says: "A congregation that is capable of undertaking such an enormous endeavour - the largest ever Canadian synagogue building project - is surely a congregation worth belonging to."
- Our many super-dedicated lay volunteers in the areas of construction, fundraising, communications, engagement, transition, financial controls and many other areas – we've only been at this for a couple of decades now – I'm sure everyone is eagerly looking forward to starting Phase 2 construction soon enough!
- And representing these many, many lay and professional leaders are the following members of our Steering and Building Committees:
  - Cary Solomon, Chair of our Building Committee since his early 20s - even before I became involved!
  - Joan Garson, the Temple's immediate Past President and Chair of our Fundraising Committee
  - Judy Winberg, our newly-elected Temple President and leader of our Transition Committee
  - Mark Anshan, also a Temple Past President and a member-at-large of our Steering Committee
  - Jonathan King, a dedicated member of our Building Committee, working closely with Cary, Aaron and Duncan every week
  - Russ Joseph, our Temple's Executive Director and our key (and tireless) professional support
  - David Rosenberg, Chair of our Communications Committee, who, unfortunately is not able to be here tonight
  - and, of course, Rabbi Splansky, who aside from her important role in our "Renewal of Space" is the undisputed leader and driver of our companion "Renewal of Spirit" - we need both Renewal of Space and Renewal of Spirit for life at Temple to fully "blossom"

So, just before we do the grand reveal, there are a few ways that you will need to use your imagination when you see the cornerstone. First, this is a dedication ceremony, not the actual laying of our cornerstone, which in due course (and certainly before our formal ribbon cutting ceremony) will be installed in front of the new Ava Road entrance to our campus – and not here in the Main Sanctuary!

And, second, the engraving will be filled in with bronze pin lettering to make it more visible. As a consequence, you may not be able to see the words clearly from where you are sitting – please come up to the bimah after the concert for a closer view.

As a preview, the words on the cornerstone - in both Hebrew and English - reflect the evolution of our campus over time, from generation to generation:

- from 1938 – the building of our Beit Tefillah – this beautiful sanctuary – our House of Prayer
- to 1960 – the construction of our Beit Midrash – the School Wing – our House of Learning
- to 2018 – the opening of our Beit Knesset – our House of Gathering, featuring our light-filled Atrium – the Temple's new living room – connecting all aspects of our congregational life, including both Prayer and Learning

And so, without any further ado....



From left to right: Joan Garson, Cary Solomon, Mark S. Anshan, Russ Joseph, Judy Winberg, Jonathan King, Tom Friedland, and Rabbi Yael Splansky

Photo by: Paul Hellen





## For Michael Bregman, giving to Renewal, *just makes sense*

For Michael Bregman, longtime congregant and well-known leader in business and philanthropy, Holy Blossom's historic Renewal Campaign could not have come soon enough.

"I'm proud to be a member of Holy Blossom Temple," says Michael, who is currently the president and CEO of Tailwind Capital, an investment firm focused on publicly-traded companies, "We very much wanted to give our children a liberal Jewish education. Holy Blossom was the right place for us and remains the right place for me today."

As the decades passed, Michael and his growing family celebrated many happy milestones within Holy Blossom, including the *Bnei Mitzvot* of his four children. The family also attended regularly at the High Holy Days and other Jewish celebrations.

However, while Holy Blossom's services and programs were enlightening and inspiring, Michael could not help but notice an increasing deterioration of the Temple's physical facilities.

In Michael's opinion, the state of the building was not keeping pace with the beauty and majesty of that which occurred within Temple's walls.

"Holy Blossom is an icon," says Michael. "But the old building had become dilapidated and was anything but iconic. Early on, I spoke up for the need for a major renovation. So when Renewal was announced, I felt very much motivated to make a major gift. I had the means to do so and felt lucky to be in a position to help."

For Michael, membership at Holy Blossom is about much more than belonging to a prestigious Congregation with an international reputation of excellence. For him, participation at Holy Blossom is an individual and spiritual matter, something that provides him with enrichment and pleasure.

"Synagogue is not something I am obligated to attend," says Michael. "Participation is completely my choice, and when I attend, I do so with a sense of pride at being part of the traditions. I go to High Holiday services, usually with some

of my children, and it's something I look forward to each year. I may not appear at Temple very often, but when I am there, it's because I want to be there."

In addition to participating as a donor, Michael also serves on the Renewal Project Campaign Cabinet, a group of Temple leaders who are devoted to completing the Phase 1 fundraising Campaign.

"I get many requests to serve the community," says Michael. "I turn most of them down because of practical limitations. But Holy Blossom is important to me and the future of the Congregation is important to me. I want to see this community thrive for generations to come. I felt this effort was something I wanted to join."

To date, Renewal has raised over \$27 million of our Phase 1 \$31.5 million goal.

To discuss your own commitment to Renewal, please contact our Director of Development, Jonathan Ain at 416.789.3291 ext. 249 or [jain@holyblossom.org](mailto:jain@holyblossom.org).



## EXCITEMENT FOR THE YOUTH LOUNGE IS BUILDING!

HABSTY board members, Carly Baldachin, Georgia Blatt, Amy Lester, and Avishai Sol look ahead to reclaiming a teen space in our new building. They shared with us their excitement and hopes for the new space, and those who will use it, as well as a wish list of what they hope to see in the new Youth Lounge:

Part of what makes Holy Blossom's Renewal Project so meaningful is that we are physically turning a page in the history of the community we love.

Keeping the old friends and events the same while giving our precious Holy Blossom Temple the facilities it deserves. The same can be said in miniature, for the new HABSTY youth Lounge. Keeping HABSTY its same old self while giving it some new polish is not only just a fun time for our teens, but will also inspire a greater sense of community, and closeness in our younger HABSTYites.

I like to say that our youth group's membership is at a crossroads between two generations of high schoolers. The previous group remembers fondly the lounge nights and program planning that went on in our old HABSTY youth lounge. As our new HABSTY members join, they will remember this as not only their first accomplishment with HABSTY, but also their first home with Holy Blossom as well.

The new HABSTY lounge will be a space within our building that teens can call their own. It will be a place to come relax, eat some great food, meet new people and learn a little.

We are excited about the prospect of the lounge being used throughout the week, at various times, for various groups of teens, and young people! Our hope is that having a dedicated youth space in the building, will give teens a sense of belonging, and that they will want to come hang out and spend time with friends.

During these two years of renewal, we have missed having a space to call our own. Although many of our current board members are graduating this year, we are excited that future generations of youth at Holy Blossom will have this great space to call their own and look forward to help creating it once renewal is complete.



*Saying goodbye to the youth lounge, HABSTY members Avery Beutel, Georgia Blatt, and Liam Vrooman write their messages on the walls.*

### Our wishlist for the new lounge includes:

- A large space allowing us to have space to move around and have programs and activities
- Putting a rug in the middle of the room would also add style
- Comfortable couches, bean bag chairs, pillows to make it look welcoming and inviting for people to come in
- A fridge
- Generous sized white board/chalk board to use for programs and meetings
- Lots of shelving space and cupboards to store program materials



## THE INCLUSIVE SPIRIT OF RENEWAL

article by: Tema Smith, Director of Community Engagement

As a congregation, Holy Blossom has been committed to making it possible for everyone to attend our programs and services.

However, one of the unique challenges of an old building is bringing it up to modern accessibility standards. Our Renewal of Space is allowing us to create a congregational home that is accessible to all members of our community.

With features like power doors, a wheelchair-accessible welcome desk, an elevator that serves all parts of the building, and better sound

systems with hearing assist devices, our updated space will bring our inclusive spirit to life!

Planning for an accessible space has been a priority throughout the process, including extensive preparatory work before we began construction to ensure that our space during the Renewal Project would remain available to all, no matter their physical limitations.

We are thrilled that we are on the cusp of revealing this beautiful and fully accessible space to our community. Combined with

staff training to bring us up-to-date with the Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and website enhancements soon to come, Holy Blossom will continue to anticipate the needs of more of our congregants and members of the community at large.

***Life can blossom here.***

For more information about Holy Blossom's Inclusive Spirit, please visit our website at:

[holyblossom.org/inclusive-spirit](http://holyblossom.org/inclusive-spirit)

## JEWISH LITERACY IS BLOSSOMING

article by: Caroline Ingvaldsen, Library Working Group

When staff and volunteers packed up Holy Blossom's Sisterhood Library in preparation for the Temple's Renewal Project, it seemed that the new Library, adjacent to the Atrium, our congregational gathering space, was a distant dream.

But...Aleinu, it is upon us...very soon...and the Library Working Group is busy getting ready.

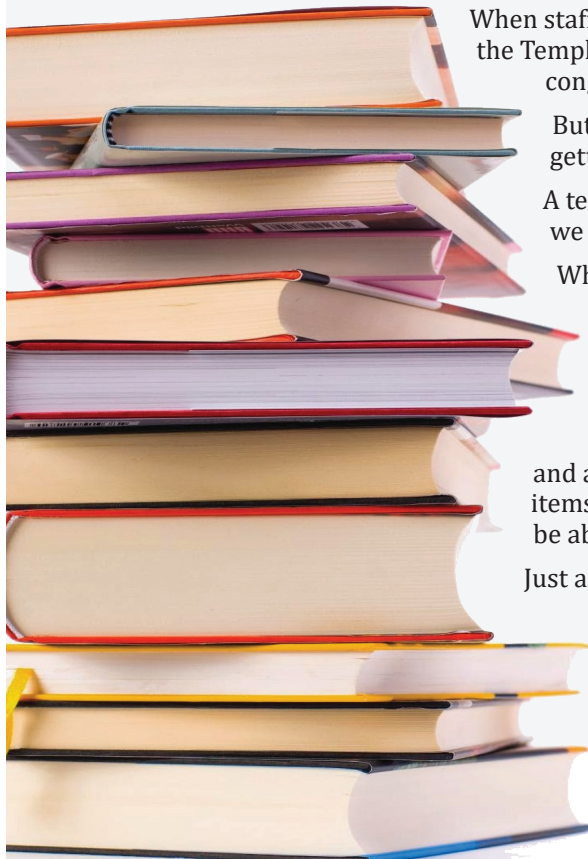
A team of staff and volunteers, led by senior staff and inspired by our Senior Rabbi, we have discussed and planned our new space and the services we hope to provide.

While the Temple's Renewal Team are ensuring that the library infrastructure including furniture and equipment will be in place, Working Group volunteers have begun the very satisfying, albeit dusty, work of sorting and assessing the Library's collections and preparing them for display in the new space.

Currently, much of the Library's collections are dispersed on the second floor of the original school wing and the rest stored elsewhere on site. The most current and attractive of these will be available in the new Library while the rest of the useful items remain accessible in the school wing. Members of the Temple community will be able to browse these items on site or sign them out on loan.

Just as Holy Blossom is a sacred community where *life can blossom*, we envision the Temple Library to be a place where Jewish literacy blossoms in a warm inviting space: multigenerational in focus with diverse collections and programming for all ages.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new Library in the coming months!





This quiet, contemplative gallery space is located on the second floor of the Atrium. Here, you can grab a comfortable seat and admire rotating art displays, as well as a large curved display case that will house our rare Scrolls of the Prophets (pictured above). The stunning design provided by our architects, Diamond Schmitt, and approved by the Renewal Building Committee, is being manufactured by the highly-regarded millwork firm of MCM 2001, the selected trade for all of the millwork in this phase of Renewal of Space.

*Note: this rendering of the second floor Apse display case (back) is based upon current design direction and subject to minor changes.*





# HOW DO WE TELL OUR STORY?

article by: Michael Cole & Sheila Smolkin, Temple Archives

Recently, while working with the Archives, we left a drawer of one of our filing cabinets open. This drawer contained many marriage record books including a rather large book that lies on top of the others dating back to the late 1800s. Two Temple staff members passed by this open drawer and stopped to see what this very old book was. They were so intrigued by what they found that they wanted to spend more time reading the names of those who might be recorded in it. What was it that drew them to this item? What other items might have intrigued them—and others in our congregation?

Holy Blossom's Archives is fortunate to have many objects, books and records that date back to our earliest days. Our archivists of the past, Dr. David Eisen, Judy Bohnen, and David Hart, worked diligently to preserve our history and to find ways to tell our story. *Now it is our turn.*

Our new atrium will contain spaces designed to display many articles important to the history of Holy Blossom throughout its 160 years of existence.

The Archives Committee has been charged with the responsibility of selecting items in our collection for these displays, and, with the help of others, figure out how best to create



Mark Goodman (left) and Rabbi Jordan Helfman using Rabbi Eisendrath's Yad to examine the Book of Marriages (1858-1878).



▲ Then and now: The crew from 1937 taking a break from working on the construction of our 1938 building (left). Above, our current crew is hard at work on the Atrium Space.

something that will be of interest to our members and those who visit our new space.

What was our congregation like in 1856? How did our congregation change from Orthodox to Reform? How did we get our name (*one that is unique among synagogues*)?

Why did we move to Bathurst Street in the 1930s in the midst of the Great Depression? Who were the movers and shakers in the congregation that led us so well?

The number of questions goes on and on. We have possible answers to some, simple speculation to others.

If you have questions about our history, we invite you to send them to: [archives@holyblossom.org](mailto:archives@holyblossom.org).

We will attempt to answer them and perhaps even feature the topic in one of our displays.

*Stay tuned!*



Michael Cole and Sheila Smolkin admiring the Yad presented to the "Holy Blossoms" of Toronto from the Asher Family of Montreal (parents of A.G. Asher, a founding member of our congregation).

## IN MEMORIAM...

**Sylvia Alter**, mother of Cathy Greenbaum and Barry Alter

**Gordon Atlin**, husband of Sandra Atlin; father of Joan Atlin, Gary Atlin and Mark Atlin

**Sheila Bacher**, mother of Jodi Katz, Paul Katz and Andrea Katz

**Esther Baker**, mother of Dr. Michael Baker

**Jean Beranbaum**, mother of Dr. Judi Kobrick, Renee Leventhal and Tina Beranbaum

**Sheila Berson**, mother of Bradley (Andy) Berson, Larry Berson and Joanne Cassel; sister of Paula Kirsh and Linda Solomon

**Harvey Borden**, father of Dr. Barry Borden and Gloria Wunder

**Dr. Harvey Brooker**, husband of Grace Brooker; father of Michael Brooker and Dena Brooker

**Esther Lynne Burnett**, wife of Theodore Burnett; mother of Emily Bloomberg, Zachary Burnett and Joshua Burnett; sister of Neal Roth

**Ted B. Chester**, husband of Sophie Chester; father of Rochelle Chester, Norman Chester and Melanie Zeldman

**Reba Clodman**, mother of Sara Clodman and JoMira Clodman

**Michael Drache**, brother of Miriam Dryer and Daniel Drache

**Donald (Corky) Farb**, husband of Toby Farb; father of Robin Farb-Eckler, Dr. Richard Farb and Robert Farb

**Ian Fedder**, brother of Susan Fine and Roselyn Garber Toledano

**Gloria Fine Linds**, mother of David Linds and Mitchell Linds

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Debbi & Bobby Moses on the engagement of their son, **Jesse** to **Jessica Villemare**, daughter of Mark & Jennifer Villemare. Wedding to be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Marlene & Jeff Axler on the marriage of their son, **Daniel** to **Rebecca Goodman**, daughter of Louise & Sheldon Goodman, which took place in January 2018.

Rena & Robert Bader on the marriage of their daughter, **Avi Leigh** to **Jacob Simeon Doran**, son of Sue & Alan Doron of London, which took place in September 2017 in London England.

Susan Davis & David Dewitt on the marriage of their son **Barry** to **Sarah Levitt**, daughter of Maureen Shandling & Sheldon Levitt who were married on February 10, 2018.

Wendy & Ron Peck on the marriage of their son **Jonathan Peck** to **Lesley Gelman**, daughter of Debbie & Allan Gelman, who will be married in March 2018.

Julie & Larry Schwartz on the marriage of their son **Jonathan Schwartz** to **Jordanna Waisglass** daughter of Sharon & Joel Waisglass, who were married in January 2018.

## Births

Pam & Michael Albert, on the birth of a granddaughter, **Lily Albert**, daughter of Katy & David Albert. Other proud grandparents are Rosemary & Gary Tile. Proud great grandparents are Esther & Marvin Tile; and Madie & Art Weungarden.

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of Cara and Allie. Proud grandparents are Joanne & Garry Foster; and Roz & Randy Drutz. Proud great grandparents Helen Drutz, Shirley Foster, and Lily Goldberg.

Jenna Laskin & Michael Glina, on the birth of a daughter, **Zoe Ryan Glina** and sister to Cooper. Proud grandparents are Holly & John Laskin; and Zana & Charles Glina. Proud great grandmother is Bernice Goren.

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Sarah Livingston & Rob Ricci, on the birth of a son, **Rafael Jonathan Ricci**, and brother to Gabriel. Proud grandparents are Mary Deborah Manderscheid and Mario Ricci.

Eva & Mark Madras, on the birth of granddaughter, **Joelle Maya Madras**. Proud parents are Tracey Hendler & Jonathan Madras, and sister to Lyla. Other proud grandparents are Judy & Doug Hendler. Proud great grandparents are Agnes Chuisolo; and Brauna Hendler.

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Ellen Cole on the birth of a grandson, **Jake Maxwell Fisher**. Proud parents are Molly Chudnovsky & Jon Fisher. Proud great grandparents are Shelly & Howie Fisher; and Leslie Chudnovsky and Susan Cole.

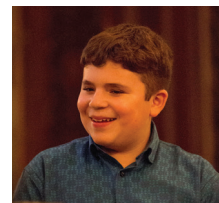
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Daughter of Elda & Jonathan Sherman  
Sat., October 7, 2017



**Benjamin Davidson**  
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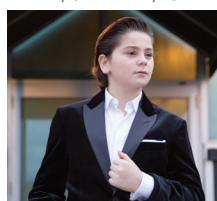
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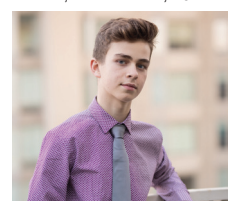
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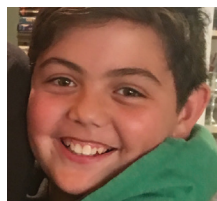
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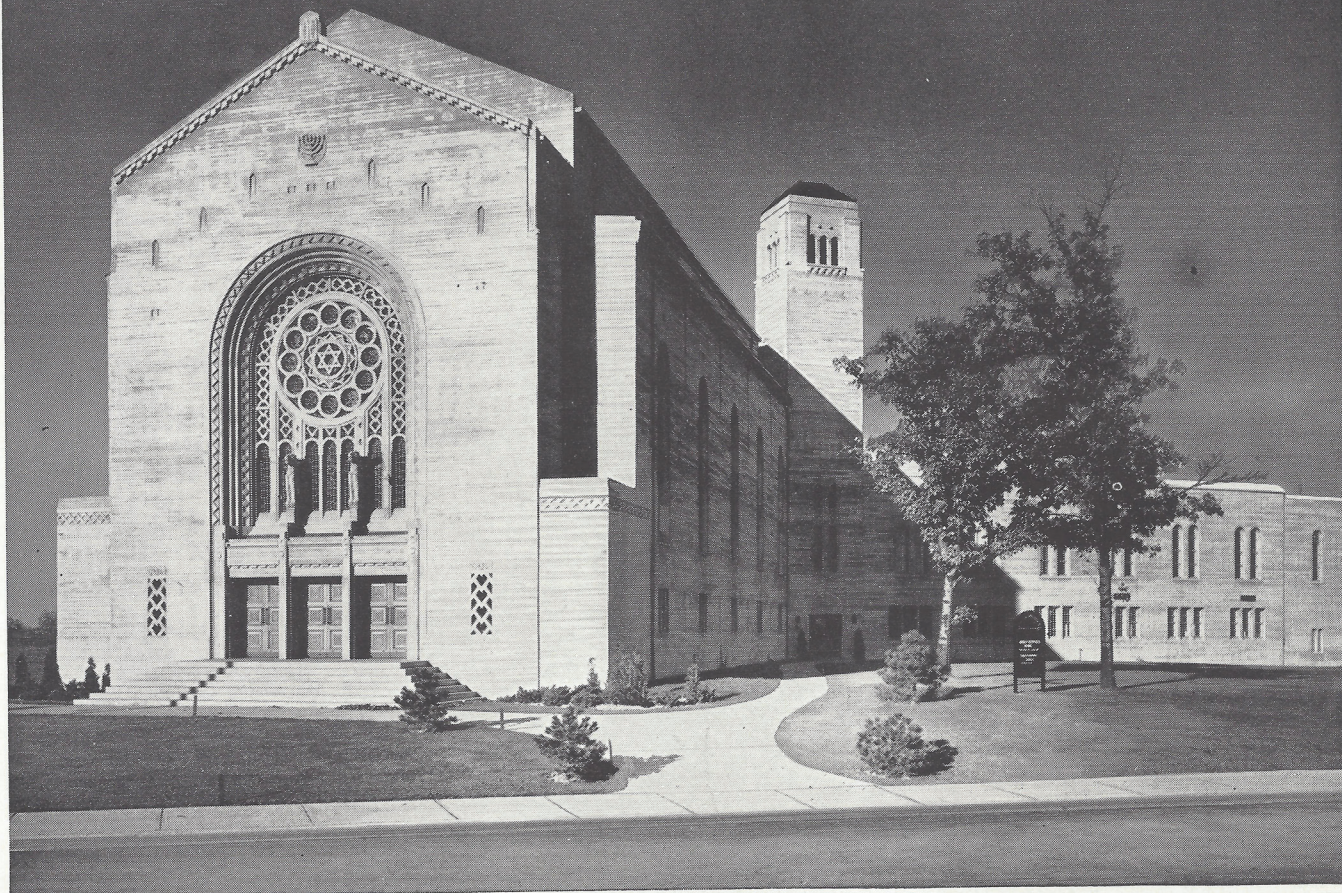
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**KABBALAT SHABBAT & EREV PESACH SERVICE** Friday, March 30 | 6:00 PM

**SHABBAT & FIRST DAY PESACH SERVICE**  
Newlywed Blessing Saturday, March 31 | 10:00 AM

**EREV SEVENTH DAY PESACH SERVICE** Thursday, April 5 | 6:00 PM

**SEVENTH DAY PESACH SERVICE & YIZKOR** Friday, April 6 | 10:00 AM

**YOM HA'SHOAH** Service & Commemoration Thursday, April 12 | 7:00 PM

**YOM HA'ZIKARON/YOM HA'ATZMAUT**  
Yom Ha'Zikaron Service & Commemoration Wednesday, April 18 | 6:00 PM

## SHAVUOT

Erev Shavuot Service & Tikun Leil Shavuot Saturday, May 19 | 8:00 PM  
Yom Tov Service, Baby Blessings, Yizkor Service Sunday, May 20 | 10:00 AM

**CONFIRMATION** Shabbat Service Saturday, June 2 | 10:30 AM

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We are delighted to welcome the following new members to Holy Blossom Temple:

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Susan Bresler  
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Aaron Drucker & Nicole Kozloff  
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Toby Farb  
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Latowsky  
Nancy Gold  
Alanna Golden & Darrell  
Ginsberg  
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Sarah Livingston & Rob Ricci  
Matthew Long  
Barry & Eleanor Long  
Michael Long  
Rachel Malach & Jordan  
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Matthew Urback & Robin  
Malach  
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Zev Nadel & Toby Harrison  
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Candice Ornstein  
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