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Sunday, December 7, 12:30 pm

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Shabbat, December 13, 10:45 am

Family Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 14, 10:00 am

YEC's Neon Teen Chanukah

Monday, December 15, 7:15 pm

Dorot Chanukah Celebration

Tuesday, December 16, 11:00 am

Mitzvah Bakers: Chanukah Edition

Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 pm

ECC Chanukah Concert for Friends and Family!

Wednesday December 10 & 12

IGNITE! A Community-wide Tikkun Leil Chanukah

Thursday, December 18, 6:30 pm

Intergenerational Chanukah Party

Friday, December 19, Starting at 4:30
Gather this Chanukah before Shabbat to celebrate the season!

Shabbat B'Yachad Chanukah!

Friday, December 19, 6:00 pm

Shabbat Chanukah

Friday, December 19, 6:00 pm

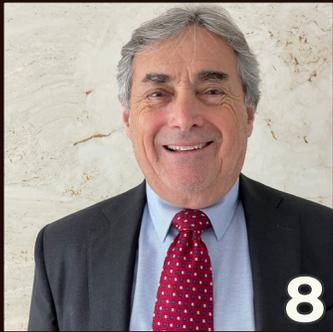
Saturday, December 20

Torah Study, 9:00 am

Tefillah, 10:30 am

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On the cover: Our *kehillah kedoshah* came together for our second annual Shabbat of Welcome to celebrate the light we create when everyone is welcomed, seen, and embraced. In the glow of Shabbat, we are reminded that Holy Blossom Temple is more than a synagogue, it is our spiritual home where our stories, our prayers, and our hearts meet. May we continue to grow together in blessings, in joy, and in sacred purpose.

RABBINIC REFLECTION



On Arks and Tents

Rabbi Yael Splansky,
Senior Rabbi
Baskin-Garson Senior Rabbinic
Chair

The Masoretes were the rabbis and scribes of the 7th-10th centuries who made matches between the Torah and Haftarah portions. Sometimes the thematic link between the sacred texts is easy to identify, sometimes not. Sometimes it is a link of commonality, sometimes a link of contrast. The finest example of a link by contrast is the match the Masoretic Sages made between the Torah portion about Noah's Ark with the Haftarah about Isaiah's Tent.

Noah's ark was sealed and safe to ride out the storm. There were no oars to set the pace, no rudder to determine direction. The ark floated like a cork on the storm-tossed seas. Noah, his family, and the few lucky animals survive. And that was enough for the forty days and forty nights which threatened their very existence.

Isaiah's tent was set against the backdrop of Babylonian exile. The prophet urges them, "Enlarge the site of your tent. Expand the size of your dwelling place. Do not stint! Lengthen the ropes and drive the tent-pegs firmly."

The contrast to Noah is stark. Noah was commanded by God to select a representative few, close the door, batten down the hatches, and survive. That was his only mission – to survive. Through Isaiah, God commands the people of his day to stretch and extend, to make room for everyone who needs community. Reach out, welcome, include, be generous! It is noteworthy that these expectations of openness were expressed in exile, where we were vulnerable and not at home. Nevertheless, Isaiah instructs them to "drive the tent-pegs firmly" into that foreign soil. Be rooted, ground yourselves, and make a spiritual home, even in the far reaches of the Diaspora.

An ark can be big, but it cannot expand. A tent, by design, gives. An ark is built to contain and protect its passengers. Yes, tents are for taking shelter from sun or wind or rain, but not for cutting off those who dwell inside from the elements. In a tent, you are fully aware of the world outside. You still witness the storm; you still feel it.

And Now?

Two years ago, in the immediate wake of October 7, we constructed an ark to take care of our own and to survive. That November, when the winter storms were beginning

to threaten in Lebanon and Gaza, I schlepped fifty waterproof sleeping bags to Israel, to keep the soldiers dry. As we grappled to understand the seven-front war, as we struggled to understand how the nations of the world and our own neighbours could not see what we saw, could not feel what we felt, we built a kind of ark here at Holy Blossom. We built it with increased security measures and security training. We got used to seeing a police car in our parking lot. We built an ark for young families, children, and teens and told them: "You are safe inside." We told young Millennials, Gen Z students, and LGBTQ+ people: "Here, you can be you." We told newcomers from Israel: "Here, you do not need to explain yourselves." We built our ark out of care and prayer, ritual and learning, Shabbat and Holydays, and yes, defiant joy.

Over the course of the second year since October 7, something has shifted. Our ark is slowly but surely, transforming itself into a tent. We are lengthening the ropes and expanding the canvas to draw in many more individuals and families in search of Jewish life that is affirming and diverse, honest and aspirational, sometimes simple or even playful, sometimes sophisticated, always creative and uplifting. We are deepening the position of our tent-pegs to provide Jewish life that is steady and steadfast. We are anchoring ourselves in Jewish wisdom and ideas, in Jewish values, in Jewish time and traditions. This is what people need most now. And they are coming! Nearly one third of our congregation is new in the last five years. We have been given a future-facing mandate: to continue to expand and extend ourselves to provide for the many more who are in search of a spiritual home.

We must resist the urge to remain in an ark. For nearly 170 years, Holy Blossom Temple has defined itself as the kind of community that stands confidently against the winds of history and confronts them. Let us heed the call of Isaiah: "Do not hold back. Lengthen your cords and reinforce your tent pegs with strength." We can do so because of the wide-ranging talents of our congregants. We can do so because of the generosity of our congregants. We will succeed because we must, because the Jewish future is literally calling.

There is a blessing for coming out of the ark. The ancient rabbis teach that whenever we see a rainbow, we recall that moment when we need reassuring: ברוך אתה ה' אלוקינו מלך ונאמן בבריתו, וקיים במאמרו *Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who remembers the covenant, who fulfills every promise, and who keeps His word.* Amen.

Excerpted from Rabbi Splansky's Address at the Annual Meeting of Members, November 23, 2025.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Each of Us has a Holy Blossom Story
Eric Roher,
Temple President

Our community has flourished attracting new members, including more young families who have brought their joy and vibrancy to Holy Blossom Temple.

We are so proud of our welcoming congregation and we look forward to growing together, celebrating our shared traditions, while building a strong future for generations to come.

Almost a third of our members have joined in the last five years. Our congregation has grown to over 1,950 households this year. We are thrilled to welcome over 180 new and rejoining households to Holy Blossom so far this year. We have more than 225 households in the Terumah category of membership (families with children whose oldest child is 8 or younger). It is interesting to note that as of writing this article, 42 of our members are less than one year of age.

We are delighted to celebrate our vibrant community, where each of us has helped make Holy Blossom a spiritual home. Whether you joined the Temple recently, have been a member for a lengthy period or are part of a multi-generational Holy Blossom family, we are delighted to have you as part of our dynamic and growing congregation. Each of us has a Holy Blossom story regarding their connection, contact and circumstances as to how, why and when they joined the Temple.

You may ask what is my Holy Blossom story?

I come from a multi-generational Holy Blossom family. The Roher family has a long history at the Temple, which includes the Roher library, next to Rabbi Splansky's office.

The story goes that my father, who is now 94, was enrolled in Grade One at a religious school at a neighbouring synagogue. Some 88 years ago, my grandmother, who was a no-nonsense individual, declared to the family without any consultation that "we are moving Douglas." And in 1947, my father was part of the Holy Blossom Grade 10 confirmation class.

My parents were married on May 3, 1953, by Rabbi Abraham Feinberg. I grew up at Holy Blossom and attended the religious school under the leadership of the iconic Heinz Warschauer, the Temple's former Director of Education. I have incredibly strong memories of my grandparents taking me to religious school on Sunday mornings. And in that tradition I take my granddaughter, Eva, to her class on Sunday mornings. In addition, it is a great joy for me to take granddaughter, Ruby, to her PJ Plus class on Sundays led by Rabbi Baruchel.

My wife Beth is a committed Holy Blossom member where she had a wonderful Bat Mitzvah as an adult. Beth is a dedicated member of Temple Singers and the Ukulele Group led by Susan Baskin. Our three children, Jessica, Rebecca and Sophie, all attended religious school and have been active members in the Temple community.



An additional aspect of my Holy Blossom story is the Roher stained glass window located in the Sanctuary. *The Moses Mendelssohn Window*, which is on the far-right side of the sanctuary, was dedicated on February 21, 1958, in memory of my cousins, Lionel and Martin

Roher, by their father Harry Roher. Lionel was only 19 when his Royal Canadian Air Force plane crashed in Dauphin, Manitoba in June 1941, the day after he qualified for his wings. Martin Roher, his brother, died of illness in 1954 at age 30.

In a feature column called "The Jewish Angle" in the *Toronto Daily Hebrew Journal*, on July 1, 1941, writer David Rome reviewed the "heroic story of young Lionel Roher." He stated: "In his nineteenth year this leading aircraftman lost his life in an airplane crash while in training, just after he had topped his class and had been recommended for a commission in the R.C.A.F."

The writer noted that "The hero who died in active service is not the first Canadian Jew to lay down his life for the dominion which was created by Confederation."

"In making Canada one and in keeping it one and free, Canadian Jews ... (such as) Roher share in the glory. These are bonds which make us as truly Canadian, as deeply entrenched in it, as truly entitled to share in its freedom and opportunities, as any other group of Canadians."

Leading Aircraftman Roher enlisted in the air force on September 26, 1940, and trained at Regina, Brandon and Dauphin, Manitoba. The stained-glass window, which focuses on the age of enlightenment and has a portrait of the German/Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn at its centre, is quite exquisite.

The Hebrew phrase *Yehi Or*, "Let There Be Light" placed at the top of the window refers to the light of knowledge. The bottom of the design shows a rendering of Holy Blossom Temple as a beacon of hope.

The beauty of Temple is that everyone has their own Holy Blossom story. Whether you are a newcomer or a multi-generational member, we look forward to continuing to grow with you and your family. With your support and engagement, the Temple continues to be a leading home for Jewish culture, tradition and community.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rachel Malach,
Executive Director

Looking back at an amazing autumn at Holy Blossom Temple, I am extremely proud of all we have accomplished at Holy Blossom Temple. We welcomed and continue to welcome new members, and proudly welcomed back returning members as we continue to grow our community. There is truly something awesome going on at Holy Blossom! Our vibrant community came together for an unforgettable High Holy Days, capping off the Fall Festivals as we danced the night away for Simchat Torah with so much to celebrate.

In addition to the meaningful worship services and program offerings enjoyed by all, the team at Temple continues to work hard in many areas, from the start of school in our growing Early Childhood and Youth Education Centres to entering and mining our membership data to make meaningful connections to continuing our focus on security and tapping into available grant funding to completing our annual financial audit with fantastic results to continuing our focus on debt repayment to preparing for the Bialik JK cohort in time for September 2026, and more.

With our influx of members, our clergy are officiating many baby namings/brit milah, B'nei Mitzvah, weddings, and funerals. We are proud that many of the celebrations were held at Temple, including birthday parties (both children and adult birthdays!), B'nei Mitzvah Luncheons and evening parties, weddings, film rentals, and events put on by community organizations, to name a few. Holy Blossom is a sought-out venue in the community.



Congrats, Marni Turner,
Assistant Director of
Membership & Development
Associate

I am delighted to share that Marni Turner is continuing her work with the Holy

Blossom professional team as Assistant Director of Membership & Development Associate. As much of our congregation knows, Marni started at Holy Blossom Temple in December 2023, as our Interim Director of Membership & Community Engagement, covering Abigail's parental leave. With the growth and success we continue to experience in both membership and development, we are thrilled to have Marni continue in this dual role to support both departments. Marni's email remains mturner@holyblossom.org and she can be reached at extension 227. Please join me in wishing Marni Mazel Tov!

I would like to take this opportunity to once again extend my heartfelt appreciation to the entire Holy Blossom Temple professional team. My gratitude goes to each member of the HBT staff for their continued dedication, professionalism, and playfulness. Demonstrated through the care we take in helping each member find what they need at Temple, our 3am 18-chai-inning World Series watch party in the Philip & Fannie Smith Congregational Hall (fellow Jays fans unite!), running many services and programs day in and night out, and still somehow making fun-filled music videos happen ("HBT." can be found on YouTube), we are fortunate to have such a committed group of individuals who remain steadfast in advancing the Temple's shared mission and values. The strength of the Holy Blossom team lies in our collaborative spirit and mutual support, which together enable us to deliver exceptional and meaningful experiences for our members and the community.

As always, I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the entire Holy Blossom membership for your steadfast support, dedication, and generosity. It is through your continued engagement that our Temple flourishes as a vibrant, inspiring, and truly remarkable spiritual home. Please be sure to visit our calendars online to join us for worship, study, programming, support, and in celebration.

Though the days are shorter this time of year and can be chilly, there is so much warmth here at Temple. We can't wait to see you!

BEYOND THE BROKEN GLASS

Cantor David Rosen, Senior Cantor



Building Bridges Through Song

Eighty-seven years ago marked one of the darkest moments in modern Jewish history. On November 9–10, 1938, the world witnessed *Kristallnacht*; the “Night of Broken Glass.” During those horrific hours, Nazi mobs burned more than 1,400 synagogues, vandalized thousands of Jewish-owned businesses, desecrated sacred objects, and murdered countless Jews.

Since then, November 9th has become a day of remembrance to reflect on the dangers of hatred and indifference. Through memorials, concerts, and educational programs, we commit ourselves to ensuring that such violence never repeats itself. In our own time, as antisemitism once again rises around the world, these acts of remembrance and connection feel more vital than ever.

On November 8th, thirteen Temple Singers and I boarded a flight to Atlanta, Georgia, the cradle of the American Civil Rights Movement. It felt deeply fitting to mark *Kristallnacht* in a city that has also known the pain of slavery and racial injustice, and the courage of those who struggled to repair the world.

For *Kabbalat Shabbat*, we were warmly welcomed by Congregation Beit Haverim, one of Atlanta’s most inclusive and LGBTQ+ affirming Jewish communities. The service, titled “*Songs of Love and Repair*,” set the tone for the weekend: one of bridge-building, healing, and hope.

Three choirs joined in song that night: Beit Haverim’s community choir, *Kol Zimrah* of Chicago, and our own Temple Singers. The service was filled with rich harmonies and heartfelt participation, including several original works by Will Robertson, Beit Haverim’s conductor and music director. Cantor Pavel Roytman and I presented a “sermon-in-song,” beginning with his new composition “*The World is a Narrow Bridge—Geshet Tzar M’od*.” In our remarks,

we reflected on how music has continued to build bridges since our choirs first met virtually during the pandemic in 2020. This connection originally fostered by our beloved Cantor Emeritus Benjamin Maissner z’l, which we now proudly continue.

Our musical collaboration culminated on Sunday afternoon at The Temple in Atlanta with a concert entitled “*Kristallnacht, Beyond the Broken Glass- a Concert of Healing and Hope*.” Joining our three choirs were ensembles from The Temple, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, and a stunning string quartet from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. With 180 voices strong, the concert opened with Stephen Glass’s moving arrangement of *Eli, Eli* and closed with a jubilant *Psalm 150* by Louis Lewandowski, followed by an encore of *This Little Light of Mine* and *Let the Sunshine In*, arranged by our own Jason Jestadt. Other highlights included Leonard Cohen’s *Anthem* and Bobby McFerrin’s setting of *Psalm 23*.

We were warmly embraced by our Atlanta hosts, especially my cantorial school classmate, Cantor Tracey Scher of The Temple, whose southern hospitality made us feel truly at home.

A final highlight of our journey was joining over a thousand worshippers on Sunday morning at Ebenezer Baptist Church. This was the church that was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s spiritual home. We were one of four synagogue groups in attendance and were honored with a special welcome during the service. The energy, the preaching, and the music were nothing short of electrifying. It was a true celebration of faith, resilience, and community.

In this time of renewed struggle against hatred and division, our experience in Atlanta was a powerful reminder: music continues to be one of the strongest bridges between people, helping us remember the past while singing our way toward a better future.

SOWING LIGHT, SEEKING JUSTICE

Rabbi Samuel Kaye, Associate Rabbi



On October 19th, Holy Blossom Temple's Advocacy Committee went to City Hall. Our entire group met with Councillors Bradford, Chernos Lin, Pasternak and Saxe for an intimate conversation, expressing our appreciation for the work that they have done over the last several years. We also shared with them our deep concerns about the normalization of hatred in Toronto's streets, the lack of enforcement of Canada's good laws, and our view that a communal sense of safety has been lost in our city.

Alex Henry is one of the temple members who joined us on this important day. He reflects on what he saw, and what brought him to this moment, below.



I had the opportunity to participate in the Advocacy Committee visit to City Hall October 19th. I've been quite active and vocal expressing my concerns about the visible rise in antisemitism globally, and more specifically in Canada, since October 7, 2023. This was my first time participating in an "organized" advocacy initiative. A first step towards trying to influence City Councillors to step up in their fight against antisemitism in Toronto. I was disappointed to find that the only Councillors that managed to meet with us were all Jewish, other than Councillor Brad Bradford. Not a single other non-Jewish Councillor was in attendance.

I grew up in a smallish southwestern Ontario City and always knew there existed a latent level of antisemitism in our city. Since the only other Jew in my high-school class was my cousin, my school friends were all non-Jews. This antisemitism presented itself to me in its grossest form when one of my closest friends called me, crying, the night before her sweet-sixteen party to inform me that her father told her that I couldn't attend her party because Jews were not allowed at the golf-and-country club where her party was being held.

This incident occurred in 1962. After June 1967 (The Six Day War) I felt as though there was a dramatic shift in the attitude toward Jews in Canada. Or so I thought. Shortly

after the 1992 terrorist bombing of the Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires, a friend who had emigrated from Argentina to Canada told me he was more uncomfortable in Canada than in Argentina. Why? Because there he always knew where the hate was coming from. Here he always felt on edge because the antisemitism was hidden lurking beneath the surface.

My daughter just returned from a mission to Israel where she heard many people say they felt Canada is in danger from this global spread of Fundamentalist Islam and Jew Hatred. As a proud Canadian Jew, I hope it's not too late to act. I'm proud of Temple's hard work in its greater community efforts and feel honoured to be involved.

For all these reasons I welcomed the opportunity to step up my efforts with Advocacy Committee!

As 2025 comes to an end, and we look forward to the potential and hope of a renewed 2026, we're not done advocating for the safety and well being of our community.

We are regularly in contact with our Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament, both of whom have come to Holy Blossom to hear about the needs of our community. We've invited our City Councillor to join us to continue the conversation, and we will be sending more delegations to City Hall. At the same time, we are knocking on the door at Queens Park and writing to the Attorney General to set up meetings with an expanded network of elected officials. There is even discussion about a day on Capitol Hill in Ottawa.

Perhaps the most important bit of feedback we've received from our elected officials is that further advocacy work with our city leadership must include a broad and more diverse group, unified by our love of Canada and our communal concerns regarding hatred, public disruption, and safety. The committee and your clergy are more dedicated than ever to expanding our network amongst our interfaith allies and partners in the new year.

אור נִרְעַ לְצַדִּיקָה, וְלִישְׂרָיִם לֵב שִׁמְחָה

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. (Psalms 97:11).

Wishing you all a safe, bright, and beautiful Chanukah, winter, and 2026!

MA'ALIN B'KODESH: GROWING HOLINESS TOGETHER

Rabbi Eliza McCarroll, Assistant Rabbi



There is a famous Talmudic debate, between the opposing Houses of Hillel and Shammai, about precisely how to light the Channukah candles. Maybe it is familiar to you – it's one of my favourite passages.

Beit Shammai, the House of Shammai, teaches that we should first light all eight candles, and from there, gradually decrease the number of lights, until we are left with one on the last night of Channukah.

Beit Hillel teaches that on the first night, we should light one candle, and from there, increase the number of lights until the Channukah is full, in order that מעלין בקדש ואין מורידין - we should increase in holiness, and not decrease.

Reflecting on this debate, I was struck by the idea that, whilst Hillel and Shammai might disagree about how to light the Channukah candles, they were, in fact, united in principle: they were not debating that the candles must be lit in the first place. They were equally united in the idea that elevating holiness was the goal, and the purpose.

It is no wonder, then, that kedusha - holiness - looks different, and feels different, to different people.

Our department, which is called “Kehilah Kedoshah” (sharing the same root with kodesh, or holy) thus becomes a blessing, as we each bring holiness to our congregation in different ways.

Chaired by Sandi Smith, our VP of Kehilah Kedoshah on the Temple Board, elevates holiness by caring for our members at each stage of life they might be at – from bereavement to babies, from our Empty Nesters to our Wisdom Generation.

There have been many moments of light through our incredible range of programming and initiatives these past few months.

Some of those, as shared by Sandi Smith, include:



“... the notes of appreciation and thanks we receive when someone has received a kugel ... musical Dorot programs where guests are joyfully singing along ...” and “engagement and involvement from our committee volunteers who plan and execute so many wonderful programs.”

I can add that for me personally, my heart is always warmed when our various committees, and various branches of our synagogues’ metaphorical Channukah collaborate. Whether it’s within our department (for example, when our Luke Sklar Mental Health Initiative collaborates with Dorot or our Empty Nesters), or other Temple Groups (namely, Women of Holy Blossom, or the Centre for Arts and Culture), we know as a fact that our light shines brighter when we work together.

It may be the coldest and darkest time of the year outside, but within Holy Blossom, no matter which way we light the candles, no matter what talents, skills, interests, perspectives we bring to the table, may our prayer be that of our Sages: מעלין בקדש ואין מורידין. May we only increase in holiness.



A LITTLE BIT OF LIGHT

Rabbi Taylor Baruchel, Director of Outreach and Next Gen Engagement



We certainly are living through... interesting times. When people ask how I'm doing, I often find myself saying, "The world is on fire, but my little piece of it is thriving." And I mean it. It is a blessing to serve this community right here and now — to witness people reaching toward one another, building connection, and finding belonging in a world that can feel uncertain.

Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi taught that **"a little bit of light dispels a lot of darkness."** As we move through the darker months and prepare to kindle the lights of Hanukah, I feel that truth echo in my soul. Every moment of connection, every act of welcome adds its own small flame to the collective glow of our community.

In that spirit, I share two stories of connection and homecoming from newer members of Holy Blossom, Marissa Vailer and Ryan Kraft. Their reflections capture the quiet but powerful light that grows when people find their place and rediscover that we are never alone in the search for meaning, belonging, and hope.

Marissa:

I had a powerful experience during the High Holy Days, a time when we are really thinking about teshuvah. The most common focus of this word is on repentance — looking back on the year past and thinking about what went well and what could use some improvement. While that was on my mind during these High Holidays, this year I found myself thinking about the other meaning of teshuvah — returning.

I joined Holy Blossom with my wife and daughter after October 7th, as my sense of belonging in secular communities was suddenly shattered. Those I had stood shoulder to shoulder with were quick to reject those of us who wouldn't unequivocally denounce the State of Israel and its place in Jewish life. It was a deeply painful realization that maybe I didn't fully belong in those spaces to begin with.

Joining Holy Blossom felt like coming home — like teshuvah. I returned to a community that embraces my full identity as a queer Zionist Jew and provides a space for our family to worship and participate in Jewish joy. I am no longer the only person who feels abandoned by the queer community and by well-meaning but narrow-minded friends who have accepted, without question, the demonization of Israel and the Jewish people and the acts of hatred and violence that ensue from that narrative.

Worshipping with my daughter has been surprisingly healing. While I was raised in households with devout Jews, as an adult I have largely lived a very secular life. I didn't think that ritual and prayer were things that I needed or that held meaning for me. Once my daughter was born, things started to change. As my wife so beautifully puts it, my Judaism is a gift that I am able to give to our child. That gift is the proud history, traditions, food, music, and prayers of a people who have endured thousands of years of oppression — yes — but also of survival and renewal.

I felt all this acutely as I stood with my daughter in Rosh Hashanah services, with her wrapped in my tallit, waiting for the shofar to sound. In that moment I understood that we are going to be okay — "we," my family, but also "we," the Jewish people. Our rituals ground us and provide context for our existence and endurance. Am Yisrael Chai — the people of Israel live — not just survive, but live lives full of joy and purpose.

While we wait for all of the hostages to be returned and the war to end — which, thankfully, shows signs of possibility with our living hostages now at home and a fragile ceasefire in effect — I finally feel a sense of hope. There may be a long road ahead; antisemitism is still on the rise, the war may not be over, but in this corner of the world, with my daughter wrapped in my tallit — we are okay.

Ryan:

It started when my friend invited me to join him at the Pride Shabbat at Holy Blossom this past June. I fully expected to show up for the night and that to be it. Everything changed when I walked in the door and

came into the service. I was late—late enough that there were no seats left. I stood in the back and found myself singing along with familiar melodies, which is not my norm.

I have a long history with not feeling welcomed wholeheartedly in Jewish (especially religious) spaces. As a gay person coming out in the late 1990s and early 2000s, finding connection to Judaism on my terms was hard. I stopped going to shul when I was 15. My eventual career as a sign language interpreter would bring me back to shul—albeit for work—a little over a decade later, and I used to joke that I'd only show up at shul if I was paid.

But over the last few years, I've noticed a shift. I'd been looking for connection. Call it shul shopping, but nothing really felt like a good fit. And then Holy B walked into my life. A conversation with Rabbi Splansky at Pride Shabbat where I admitted my thirst for connection led to a meeting with Rabbi Baruchel that began with "I'm in search of...I would say community and connection at this point. For a sense of Home." She invited me to a program in July that... changed my life. I walked away from that program with new friends, a community, and a sense of purpose. This was what I had been looking for—a group of peers that I felt accepted in, common interests, warmth, and a shared connection to Judaism.

I started coming to Friday night services with my new friends, sharing Shabbat dinner, holiday meals, conversations, hangouts inside the temple and out. The services feel familiar enough with the abundance of Hebrew but also new in that I can come as my whole self. I feel enormously grateful to have been welcomed so warmly into this community. Here's to many more connections, conversations, and l'chaims!

Closing Reflection

There are so many things beyond our control, and at times the darkness can feel overwhelming. But light rarely appears all at once. It grows gradually, through moments of courage like Marissa's, who reached for connection when she could have withdrawn, and through gestures of openness like Ryan's, who showed up not knowing what he might find and discovered belonging instead.

Each bit of light adds to the next until, together, they begin to push back the dark. May the lights we kindle this season remind us that even the smallest flame can change the landscape of the night.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Shira Lester, Director of Development and Donor Engagement



The Power of Unrestricted Giving – Our Annual Campaign

Each year, the Holy Blossom Temple community comes together in generosity and shared purpose through our Annual Campaign. More than a fundraising effort, it is a celebration of who we are and what

we stand for. It reflects our collective commitment to Jewish life, learning, and leadership in Toronto and beyond.

Every gift makes a difference. Yet unrestricted giving has a unique kind of power. It allows Holy Blossom to use funds where they are needed most — to respond to today's needs with care and to plan thoughtfully for tomorrow.

Through The Ever-Blossoming Initiative, we are working to secure Holy Blossom Temple for *Today, Tomorrow, and Forever*. The Annual Campaign represents the “Today” of that vision. It ensures that everyone who wishes to belong to our sacred community feels welcome, seen, and supported.

Your generosity keeps our doors open and our hearts connected. It ensures that finances are never a barrier to membership and that Holy Blossom remains a spiritual home for all who seek meaning, learning, and belonging.

Your contribution to the Annual Campaign sustains the spaces and people that bring our congregation to life. Because of your support, we can gather, learn, worship, volunteer, and celebrate as one inclusive and deeply engaged community.

Unrestricted gifts make this possible. They fund what is essential to daily life at Holy Blossom from accessibility to daily worship services through Zoom, to supporting our professional choir on Shabbat mornings, to providing a beautiful Shabbat Congregational Kiddush lunch when there is no sponsor. These moments of connection and community are made possible by our generous congregation.

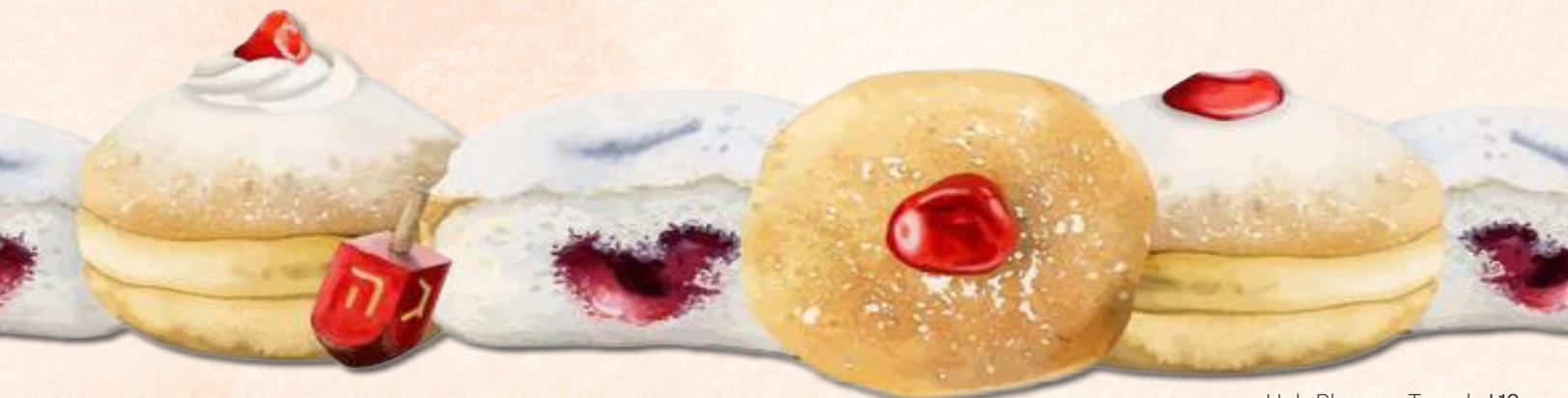
At Holy Blossom Temple, philanthropy is an expression of belonging. Every unrestricted gift strengthens our shared future and deepens our impact. This year, your generosity goes even further through the Match Campaign.

Thanks to the leadership and generosity of our Match Donors — **Ilsa and Jeff Blidner, the Pilosof Family, and Kimmy and Craig Walters** — every new or increased gift will be matched, up to \$300,000.

We are so grateful to everyone who has already contributed. If you have not yet given to the Match Campaign, now is the perfect time. Your gift will be doubled, amplifying its impact across every corner of our congregation.

To support the Match Campaign, please visit holyblossom.org/donate/ and click Match Campaign 2025. You can also donate by phone at 416-789-3291 x 227.

Your unrestricted gift to the Annual Campaign is an act of faith in our future. It sustains our sacred community today and ensures that Holy Blossom Temple continues to grow, adapt, and inspire for generations to come. Together, We Keep Holy Blossom Ever-Blossoming.



FROM HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE FOUNDATION

Martha Cass, Holy Blossom Temple Foundation Board Member



A Gift for the Generations

Members of Holy Blossom Temple have, over the years, generously made gifts in their wills or through insurance, to fund the future of Temple. This commitment supports the generations to come, and helps ensure the financial future of Temple remains strong.

Foundation will now be more actively supporting Temple members who wish to make a legacy pledge or provide an insurance-funded gift. The Temple community will also be publicly honouring those in our community who have already been, or will in the future be, committing in this way to our congregation's future. Over the coming months you will learn more about these programs and how they can both support Temple and your own financial planning.

Craig Walters will be chairing the Legacy Committee of Foundation, which will be leading this work. Craig explains:

My family has been a member of Holy Blossom for over 25 years, and my wife Kimberley for many years before that. Our children had their bar and bat mitzvahs at Holy Blossom and we hope that there will be other major life events that will take place there. It's important that Holy Blossom continues to thrive and be a source of inspiration for the Toronto Jewish Community. I want to encourage members to think about the future of Holy Blossom and to participate in making it thrive long after we are here.

Lesley Offman will chair the L'Dor v'Dor society honouring all legacy and insurance donors and engaging new ones. Lesley writes:

I am deeply committed to Jewish continuity and Holy Blossom Temple exemplifies that for me. It is the place where my children grew up and Temple was pivotal in forming their Jewish identities. Their children are seventh-generation Canadian Jews. I have taken on this role at Foundation because I believe passionately in the strengthening of our Temple home for our Jewish future.

Their leadership together with the generosity of Temple membership will secure our shared future. Thank you Lesley and Craig!

Making a commitment to the future of Temple through a legacy or by means of insurance funding is tax effective, and an invaluable source of long term support to Temple. Please contact Shira Lester Director of Development and Donor Engagement at slester@holyblossom.org or 416-789-3291 x 261 to discuss further.

Thank you, all Temple members, for your continuing generous support of our congregation.



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

Abigail Nemzer, Director of Membership and Community Engagement



In case you haven't heard yet - Holy Blossom is growing! As the Director of Membership and Community Engagement, you may have heard me spouting off statistics about our congregation:

- ☆ We have almost 200 members who are between the ages of zero to three years old – almost a small congregation of our youngest Blossoms!
- ☆ The most popular birthdate in our congregation is June 12, which is shared by 25 members, followed by August 13 which is shared by 21 members
- ☆ Our two households with the longest tenure of membership both joined in 1936 (!), and we have four people who are 100 years of age – or older – who are members of our congregation
- ☆ 700 households renewed their membership this year online through the Portal for Meaningful Membership
- ☆ The most popular flavor of ice cream amongst our members is mint chocolate chip (just kidding, I made that one up!)

But what do these statistics mean for relationships, friendships, and connections at Temple? Well, there certainly are more people to connect with! But, it can also be overwhelming to walk into a room and see many new faces, whether you are a new(er) member or someone who has been a part of the Holy Blossom community for many years.

On a recent Monday night, I found myself speaking to an ever-growing group of Youth Education Centre (YEC) students about opportunities for Tikun Olam, for repairing our world, at Temple. Despite knowing thousands of members, I looked around this room of teenagers, and I recognized only a few. Here were many people who I had not yet had the chance to meet and be in community with.

I then went off to a committee meeting, where because of the growing YEC's need for classroom space and the multiple Adult Learning classes that were also being taught that evening, the biggest meeting room I was able to book for my committee was smaller than we needed and short a chair (no worries, I brought an extra one).

We are growing, and there are more opportunities to bring another chair and invite someone to join your meeting, class, or any other gathering, and to create more connections and relationships in our community.

One of the ways that we create connections and relationships at Holy Blossom is through our HBTogether Initiative. HBTogether Groups, also sometimes called Chavurot, are members who come together in small groups and connect over shared interests and identities.

Did you know that we have a Ukulele Group? Now in its tenth year, this Chavurah meets on most Sunday mornings and plays a wide variety of music—including folk, jazz standards, pop hits, and Jewish music. The group includes members who play ukulele, guitar, mandolin, percussion, and bass, and a few who come along to sing.

Since 2020, the monthly HBTogether Book Club has provided lively discussion, thoughtful commentary and most of all satisfying friendships inspired by shared interests.

The HBTogether Suicide Loss group was designed to welcome anyone who has lost someone to suicide. We regularly share dinner and conversations that often have nothing to do with our losses. But when one of us is facing a difficult time - an anniversary, a birthday, a *yahrzeit*, a holiday without our loved ones - we know that this group will support us and “get it.” The support from the group makes the tougher days pass a little easier.

HBTogether is launching new groups in this winter and is seeking leaders! Would you like to step into a leadership role at Temple? Is there a hobby, identity, or topic that you would like to gather with other Temple members to explore? We ask that HBTogether Groups meet regularly, and each group is given a budget to support their gatherings. If you would like to discuss starting a group, email Marni Turner, Assistant Director of Membership & Development Associate at mturner@holyblossom.org or call 416-789-3291 ext. 227.

As we adapt to welcoming more people, I hope you'll help make space for others. If you see someone without a chair, bring one over and help foster the connections that strengthen our community.

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lisa Isen Bauml, Principal of Youth Education and Family Engagement



Everyday Miracles: Finding Light Beyond the Candles in the Youth Education Centre

The Chanukah story we retell each year allows us to celebrate miracles – most famous of course the miracle of the small bit of oil that lasted for 8 days, as well as the miracle of the military victory of the Maccabees – the small yet mighty army who defeated the large Greeks. Chanukah offers us an opportunity to look at our own lives, and recognize miracles around us both large and small. During the darker and colder part of our calendar, the fact that Chanukah is centered around light is uplifting and warming and encourages us to be hopeful, recognizing other sources of light that are all around us, often found in the acts of others, and our interactions with those around us.

At the Youth Education Centre, we see that same kind of light all the time — in small, everyday moments that remind us what it means to bring light into our world. Our Grade 4 teacher, Sandra Merovic, shares an example of some of the small miracles, sources of light that we witness and experience in the YEC:

During our Sunday t'fillah, I noticed my Grade 4 students sitting together and having a lively discussion. One of the girls asked, "How many times did you practice your Hebrew homework?" To my surprise, EVERYONE responded by sharing how many times they had read their assignments. They all had their folders in hand, excitedly talking about their Hebrew reading! I had never witnessed such a moment before. I often find myself encouraging students to practice their Hebrew reading at home, and after 33 years of teaching, I was thrilled to see my entire Grade 4 class had done it!

Once we returned to the classroom, I asked the students to read their homework: NES GADOL HAYA PO! (A great miracle happened here.) Indeed, everyone had completed it! To make this experience even more rewarding, I received two emails from parents today inquiring about the Hebrew homework for this week.

There is no greater gift than witnessing the progress of our students. Yes, miracles do happen today. Some may seem small, but for me, experiencing such pride and happiness this week reminds me that these miracles are meaningful. I look forward to having more moments like this.

This Chanukah, as we light our menorahs, and watch the light increase, remember to celebrate not only the miracles of the story, but the everyday miracles that take place all around us. May we keep finding light, and creating it, wherever we go.



A LITTLE LIGHT, A LOT OF HOPE

Stephen Kalman, Youth Engagement Coordinator



Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, celebrates the miracle that occurred when a small amount of oil, enough for just one day, lasted for eight. It reminds us of the power of hope, faith, and perseverance even in dark times. More than just a story of ancient victory, Chanukkah teaches that a little bit of light can drive away a lot of darkness, and that each of us carries the power to bring light into the world through our actions.

Community brings light because when we come together, our individual sparks combine into something brighter. Just as the candles on the chanukiah shine stronger when lit side by side, our shared acts of kindness, creativity, and connection illuminate the world around us. At Holy Blossom, our youth programs: YEAH (Grades 2–5), JYG (Grades 6–7), and HABSTY (Grades 8–12), help our young people share that light through friendship, learning, and leadership. HABSTY meets every Monday, while YEAH and JYG gather monthly, each building community in their own unique way.

This season and beyond, may we continue to share our light, one candle, one smile, and one moment of connection at a time.



WHERE LEARNING LIGHTS THE WAY

Wendy Steinberg Himmel, Director, Early Childhood Centre



During Chanukah's eight days, our homes are brightened by the glorious light of the Chanukiah, during the darkest, coldest season of the year.

With the gentle light of knowledge, our educators brighten countless young minds and awaken the spirit of learning and help them believe in our own potential. It's here that children's eyes begin to light up as they explore new ideas, make friends, and learn through play.

Our educators play a special role in this light. With patience, warmth, and encouragement, they help each child feel seen, valued, and capable. That sense of belonging builds confidence and happiness — the true light that shines from within every child. They plant the seeds of lifelong learning. Their dedication, patience, and wisdom truly make the world a brighter place.

Our educators model how to be kind, gentle, and patient, and they turn simple things into learning moments. Most importantly, they create a space where children feel safe to grow. Preschool is often a child's first step into a world beyond home — a place where curiosity, laughter, and discovery fill each day. Every song sung, story told, and picture painted adds a spark of joy to their growing minds. The classroom becomes a bright, welcoming space where imagination takes flight — where building with blocks becomes an adventure, and sharing toys becomes the first lesson in kindness.

As our ECC family continues to grow, we're touched by how often new families share that they've heard such positive things about our program and Temple community.

May the light of the season shine throughout the year.

Chag Sameach.



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Mazel tov to Ashleigh Schafer & Debra Kriger on the birth of their daughter Aviva Kriger-Schafer. Proud family include sister Dara Kriger-Schafer; and grandparents David & Susan Kriger, Brett & Lori Schafer, and Deborah Schafer z'l.

Mazel tov to Shanna & Lucas Slan on the birth of their son Jack Ralphie Slan. Proud family includes sisters Lennon and Blake; grandparents Shawnee Slan & Hersh Glickman, Paul Slan, and Perri & Elliot Kirshenblatt; and great-grandmother Roz Halbert.

Mazel tov to Becky Tartick & Adam Reisman on the birth of their son Miller Abe Reisman. Proud family includes older brother Cooper, and grandparents Maureen & David Tartick and Rose & Sam Reisman.

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