

HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE

BULLETIN



5787 High Holy Days

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at Holy Blossom Temple

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Selichot marks the spiritual beginning of the High Holy Day season. This intimate and moving service invites us to pause, take stock of the year behind us, and enter the New Year with openness, honesty, and intention.

KEVER AVOT

Sunday, September 6, 2026 *(registration required)*

Honour and remember loved ones at the graveside, as we reflect on the lives, values, and memories that continue to shape us.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH*

Friday, September 11, 2026

As the sun sets, we gather in joy, gratitude, and hope. Through inspiring music, prayer, and the warmth of community, we welcome the New Year together and begin the sacred journey of renewal.

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH*

Saturday, September 12, 2026

The sound of the shofar reminds us to listen deeply to ourselves, to one another, and to the world around us.

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH*

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Together, through prayer, Torah, music, and reflection, we celebrate creation, community, and the opportunity for transformation.

TASHLICH*

Sunday, September 13, 2026

We gather by flowing water for Tashlich, a beloved ritual of release and renewal.

KOL NIDRE*

Sunday, September 20, 2026

The haunting melody fills our sanctuaries, as this sacred evening invites us to let go of the promises and expectations that weigh on us and to welcome in forgiveness, healing, and transformation.

YOM KIPPUR*

Monday, September 21, 2026

Together, we engage in sacred worship, music, community, study, and moments of quiet introspection as we seek forgiveness and recommit ourselves to living with greater compassion and purpose. With the powerful final call of the shofar, we enter into the New Year renewed in spirit and strengthened by community.

As you prepare for the High Holy Days, we encourage you to review the High Holy Days 5787 Service Schedule included in your membership package, and the Adult and Family Service Schedule inserts included with your ticket package. For more information about the High Holy Days please visit: holyblossom.org/high-holy-days-5787/

**Includes service options that are especially designed for families with children*



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On the cover: *Tekiyah Gadolah!* As the gates of Ne'ilah close, the shofar's cry rises from every corner of our congregation: *one voice, many hearts*. In this moment, we are united in prayer, reflection, and renewal. The final blasts echo our hopes for the year ahead, calling us forward with courage, compassion, and conviction. Surrounded by one another and rooted in tradition, we emerge from these High Holy Days strengthened by the bonds of community for the year ahead. *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah!*

RABBINIC REFLECTION



Finding Our Way - Together
Rabbi Yael Splansky,
Senior Rabbi, Baskin-Garson
Senior Rabbinic Chair

Pirkei Avot 3:1

עֲקִיבָא בֶן מַהֲלָלֵל אָמַר, הִסְתַּכֵּל בְּשְׁלֹשָׁה
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Akabyah ben Mahalalel said: Watch for three things and you will not lose your way. Know from where you come, and where you are going, and before Whom you are destined to give an account.

I write to you from Jerusalem, a place that calls upon those who walk her streets of ancient stone to see more clearly where they've been and where they are going – all in relationship to *Am Yisrael* (the Jewish People) and against the backdrop of Jewish History. As I look back over the year coming to conclusion, I am overcome by all that has transpired for us at Holy Blossom Temple, especially in the context of what global Jewry is facing today. As I look ahead to sketch out the map for our congregational directions, I am struck by the significant roles Holy Blossom Temple plays in the lives of our congregants, among Canadian Jewry, in our city and our country, and in the unfolding of the collective Jewish story.

“Know where you have been” – This past year we have mourned the losses of many leaders of our congregation -- Cantor Maissner, Temple President Eric Roher, Past Presidents Dr. Barry Borden and Prof. Fred Zemans, and former Chair of the Temple Foundation, Dr. Marvin Tile. We have celebrated the milestones of Holy Blossom Temple's 170th anniversary and crossed over the threshold of welcoming our 2,000th member-family. We have created a transformational position of Director of Lifelong Learning and rededicated our Youth Education Centre in honour of The Honourable Irwin Cotler. We have renovated our third-floor classrooms, created new Rabbinic, Cantorial, and Education Suites. Yes, we have endured multi-layered fears of antisemitism, including attacks on sister synagogues and Holy Blossom Temple was the site of the Prime Minister's address concerning the national crisis of antisemitism. In light of this, I must also note that we have rejoiced over Holy Blossom's baby boom and delighted in welcoming a record number of people who have chosen to become Jewish.

“Know where you are going” – The year ahead, 5787, is filled with potential and mystery. We are making wonderful plans for the Holy Blossom Temple community. We are preparing for new students of the Cotler School, of our ECC, as well as the entire JK grade of Bialik students. We are planning a challenging and varied line-up of Adult Education

programming. We are planning a year filled with anchoring and uplifting Shabbat and Holyday celebrations. We anticipate meaningful and memorable lifecycle moments for every life-stage. We are planning new ways for bridge-building across faith communities and for advocating for the security of Canadian Jewry and Israel.

And still, we know there is much we do not know. If we have learned anything from the recent years of pandemic, October 7, and its aftermath, we know there are limits to what we can see on horizon. We have learned to say with humility: “God only knows.”

“and know before Whom you are destined to give an account.”

This summer marked the tenth *yahrtzeit* of Eli Wiesel. When preparing for the High Holydays, he wrote: *“The mission of the Jewish People has never been to make the world more Jewish, but to make it more human.”* I have come to see that while Holy Blossom Temple's mission is, at first glance, about living Jewish life, ultimately, our mission is to let Judaism teach us and prompt us to be more human. We are a community of individuals and families in search of opportunities and inspiration to deepen our humanity and expand its impact on the world. I witness countless examples of this every day. To name just a few... Our neurodiverse baristas and bakers at Holy Grounds Café teach us to how to be patient and kind. Our volunteer shiva service leaders teach us how to run to fulfill a mitzvah of care. Our donors teach us how to be generous with whatever is our capacity to give. Our teachers teach us how to invest in the future. Our teenagers teach us the power of belonging and including. And those who gather for Torah Study teach us how to search for the keys that unlock stores of wisdom.

Soon, on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, we will stand individually and collectively before God to give an account. We will take cover in one another when we name our own failings; we will draw inspiration from one another when we imagine the finest version of ourselves. This is the power of belonging to a sacred community.

“Watch for these three things and you will not lose your way”

I am confident that no matter what the year ahead brings, we will not lose our way. Because we *“know where we have been,”* because we *“know where we are going,”* and because we *“know before Whom we are destined to give account,”* we will find our way through -- together.

May 5787 be a year of personal fulfillment, courage, and confidence. May it be for all, a year of greater humanity and greater peace. *L'Shanah Tovah!*

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Eric Klein
*President, Holy Blossom
Temple*

To my fellow congregants,

This is the first time I am
writing to you as President.

There is so much I want to say,
given all that is going on at Holy
Blossom Temple and also outside of it.

The first thought is of gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this role. Unfortunately, it came about quicker than I had hoped for. I will forever be grateful to Eric Roher, of blessed memory, for his passionate leadership and inspiring role modeling.

Many of you know me, but many of you don't. So let me share a little about my and my family's Holy Blossom journey. I grew up in a very typical Montreal Conservadox family. Upon moving to Toronto, I was exposed to egalitarian services, and I really enjoyed them. Once Jill and I had young kids and decided to send them to day school we knew we had to up our game at home. And like many of you, we went shul shopping. Jill wisely shared with me that whatever we choose should be consistent with the progressive, inclusive, values we lead our lives by. And that very much turned out to be Holy blossom, some 24 years ago. We started with Tot Shabbat, family camp, and Family Services. Slowly, Jill and I weaved our ways into Temple leadership as board members, committee members, shinshinin hosts and more. The more we got involved, the more we found: friends, learning, meaningful activities, and, most importantly, community.

This was an easy path for me to follow, given the Jewish foundation my parents laid down. I attended after school Hebrew school, and that was in fact where I first learned to skip classes with my best friend Alan, much to my parents' dismay. We had shabbat dinner most Friday nights. I often attended (not always joyously) Saturday morning services with my father. But the holidays were special. I sat beside my father at services in the same seats for years, surrounded by the same men every year. As a

young boy, I would stare through the *mechitza* for my more sympathetic mother and sisters. My parents often opened their house to friends, families and people who had no place to go. Rosh Hashanah, in particular, stood out as my parents hosted an open house after services on the second day, in a rather smallish 3 bedroom house on Hislop Street in the suburb of St. Laurent. My mother was an excellent cook and an exceptional baker. To this day, I have never enjoyed another honey cake as much as hers. To accommodate our varied tastes, half of the honey cake had walnuts and the other half had raisins. Oh, to be young again.

As Jews, we are prone to embrace our traditions. Jill and I have taken many of the traditions of our youth into our own family life, while adding our own. Jill has taken my mother's Second Day open house to inspired new heights. She has combined the recipes of my youth and created new ones for our children. My kids and my wife join me for services, with not a *mechitza* in sight!

But my favorite part of the Holy Days is to take the time to reflect on the past year and contemplate what is truly important, what I want to change, and what I want to work on going forward. Tashlich allows us let go of our bad habits and transgressions – wash them off, if you will, and let them flow away. But what comes next after our deep prayers of Yom Kippur? Secularly, we make new year's resolutions, Jewishly, we look inwards to make covenants with ourselves, our families, our community, and God.

Being better seems like a daunting task. I have a quote from Rabbi Benjamin Blech, that speaks to me, about taking small steps:

“May you replace ease with effort, may you find joy in always scaling new mountains, may you never rest from your pursuit of knowledge; may you desire to always be a little bit better than yesterday and a little bit less than tomorrow. That's what will make you a whole human being and bring you true happiness.”

I look forward to seeing you at Temple and I wish you and your families *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rachel Malach,
Executive Director

With the High Holy Days of 5787 upon us, we prepare to gather as one community in prayer, reflection, and celebration. They remind us that we are strengthened not only by our individual journeys, but by the community that surrounds us.

This past year has been one of extraordinary milestones for Holy Blossom Temple. Together, we celebrated our 170th anniversary, honouring generations who built this remarkable congregation while looking confidently toward the future. We also launched **The Honourable Irwin Cotler School of Holy Blossom Temple** and welcomed our **Director of Lifelong Learning, Dr. Cindy Kozierok**, reaffirming our commitment to Jewish education and to raising the next generation of knowledgeable, compassionate, and engaged Jewish leaders.

With 5787 approaching, we are thrilled about many developments in our Temple spaces. Our team has moved into new Rabbinic, Cantorial, and Education Office Suites. We are also delighted to welcome 130 Junior Kindergarten students from Bialik Hebrew Day School to newly renovated 3rd floor classrooms in the David Feldman Jewish Education Centre this September. Our Holy Blossom students and teachers in the newly named Cotler School will also enjoy these updated spaces, while our Early Childhood Centre continues to grow with 80 students attending this fall.

Welcome back, Kate Wootton, Education Assistant

We are pleased to welcome Kate back to Holy Blossom Temple, into the new position of Education Assistant, working with our incredible Education Team. Kate previously served as Rabbinic Assistant before her parental leave. Kate will support the Early Childhood Centre as we continue to grow and welcome more children, including Kate's little one! For inquiries about the ECC, you can reach Kate at: kwootton@holyblossom.org, extension 243 or in the new Education Office Suite.

Welcome, Stephanie Michelle, Rabbinic Assistant

We are thrilled that Stephanie Michelle has joined the Holy Blossom professional team in the role of Rabbinic Assistant. Stephanie will use her knowledge and administrative prowess to support Rabbi Kaye and Rabbi McCarroll and the programming/committees under their respective areas of responsibility. She brings to Temple a wealth of experience, having spent the last decade of her career largely in higher education, serving as an executive assistant to various Vice-Presidents and Department Chairs. Stephanie is excited about this next chapter at Holy Blossom Temple. She can be contacted at smichelle@holyblossom.org and extension 262 or in the administrative area in the new Rabbinic Suite.

Whether your family has called Holy Blossom home for generations or you are joining us for the first time, we are grateful that you are here. Each person who walks through our doors adds something unique to the life of this congregation, helping us remain both deeply rooted and continually evolving.

Please take a few moments to review your High Holy Days ticket package. Inside you will find your tickets, online access information, an FAQ guide, our Family Guide, important Celebration and Commemoration dates for 5787, a message from our Temple President, and service schedule information – be sure to note our new service offerings this year. We hope these resources will help make your High Holy Days experience as meaningful and welcoming as possible, whether you are joining us in person or online.

The past year has also reminded us that Jewish community is more important than ever. In a world that can sometimes feel uncertain, gathering together in worship, learning, celebration, and acts of kindness strengthens our shared sense of purpose. The year ahead offers countless opportunities to deepen your connection with Jewish life at Holy Blossom. I encourage you to try something new.

On behalf of my family and everyone at Holy Blossom Temple, I wish you and your loved ones a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah. May 5787 bring you health, happiness, peace, and renewed purpose.

REMEMBRANCE, DEDICATION, AND CELEBRATION

Cantor David Rosen, Senior Cantor and Music Director



As 5787 approaches, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the many musical blessings that await our congregation in the coming year. For those who attended *North of Broadway*, our celebration of Holy Blossom Temple's 170th anniversary this past May, I continue to hear reflections on what an extraordinary evening it was for our community. As we enter the fall season, we remain committed to excellence in arts and culture, creating opportunities for spiritual, social, and communal engagement in meaningful and inspiring ways. Here is a glimpse of what lies ahead in the months to come.

Kristallnacht Commemoration Concert Holocaust Education Week November 9, 2026, 7:30 pm

On November 9, as part of Holocaust Education Week, Holy Blossom Temple will partner with the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to present a special concert marking the 88th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

As hosts of this important event, we will welcome Cantor Pavel Roytman and the Kol Zimrah Community Singers of Chicago, as well as Cantor Susie Lewis Friedman and the choir of Beth Zion in Buffalo. Through music and storytelling, they will help us reflect on this tragic and profoundly significant chapter of Jewish history. We will also be joined by interfaith choirs and musical guests from across the GTA for what promises to be a moving and memorable evening of remembrance and solidarity.

A Concert Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner z"l Sunday, December 6, 2026, 3:30 pm

It is hard to believe that more than a year has passed since we said goodbye to our beloved Cantor Emeritus, Beny Maissner z"l. Not a day goes by that I do not think of him or hear his voice resonating within the walls of our synagogue.

As a tribute to the remarkable legacy he left for all of us, we will dedicate a special concert in his memory as part of our Chanukah celebrations on Sunday afternoon, December 6. Please mark your calendars for this extraordinary event, featuring world-renowned cantors, choirs, and musicians who were deeply influenced by

Beny and whose lives were enriched by his friendship, mentorship, and artistry. Together, we will celebrate the gifts he shared with our community and the enduring impact he continues to have on all who were privileged to know him.

Shabbat Shira: Welcoming Composer-in-Residence Cantor Charles Osborne January 22–23, 2027

While some say, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," Cantor Charles Osborne might say the same about composing music. Even in retirement from Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto, his creative output continues to flourish.

In partnership with Transcontinental Music Publications, Cantor Osborne has recently released an anthology of his sacred compositions, making his music available to Jewish musicians and enthusiasts around the world. During our Shabbat Shira weekend, Cantor Osborne will join us as Composer-in-Residence, working with the Temple Singers and sharing a bouquet of his beautiful melodies with our congregation.

A celebrated cantor, composer, conductor, and teacher of sacred music, Cantor Osborne has inspired generations of Jewish musicians. I know this will be a truly special and enriching weekend for our community.

As I look ahead to the coming year, I find myself in a state of grateful disbelief that 5787 marks my seventh year as Senior Cantor and Music Director of Holy Blossom Temple. It has been an extraordinary blessing to create, collaborate, learn, and pray alongside all of you.

As part of this milestone year, I am also grateful for the opportunity to begin a three-month sabbatical in January 2027. During my travels, I look forward to learning, exploring new creative influences, and returning with renewed energy and inspiration. I am excited to share more details about this journey with you in the months ahead.

I extend my deepest thanks to our remarkable clergy team, dedicated staff, and devoted volunteers for their support and partnership as I embark on this precious opportunity for renewal and growth.

Wishing each of you a L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

IN SEARCH OF APPLES AND HONEY

Rabbi Samuel Kaye, Associate Rabbi



As Rosh Hashanah arrives, it comes with blessings for a sweet new year and an accompanying slice of apple glazed with sweet honey. The tradition of eating a symbolic food (*simanim*), was codified in the Shulchan Aruch, a 16th century rabbinic text that documented the legal customs of both Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews.

But how old is this custom? Can we determine where it originated?

The word apple, *tapuach*, does not appear in the Torah and is not listed amongst the 7 species of the land of Israel. Yet in the book of Joshua one of the Cannanite Kings is called Tapuach, implying the region he ruled over was rich with apple orchards. Several of the towns established by the Israelites are also named Tapuach or Beit-Tapuach, suggesting the same thing! But it will take until reaching Song of Songs for a Jewish text to introduce the apple as a symbol of luxury and love, referencing its beautiful fragrance and its sweet taste.

If you are thinking I've missed the most famous apple of the bible, a forbidden one found growing at the center of the Garden of Eden, then you would not be alone in making a common mistake! The idea that Adam and Eve consumed an apple is drawn from Christian Medieval Europe, in paintings and art starting from the 12th century. Our Torah only says the word 'fruit' and the Talmud heavily debates what exactly Adam and Eve consumed.

The origins of honey in our traditions are also more complex than first glance! When the Torah says honey, *dvash*, many academics and rabbis theorize that it means silan, date honey. This is why the richness of the land of Israel is described as the "Land of Milk and Honey," flowing with grazable land and shady date palms.

However, by the time of the Mishnah, bee honey has become the more common product and even replaced date honey as the standard for the word *dvash*. How do we know this? In the Mishnah, a person who vows

not to eat honey is allowed to eat date honey. This vow is listed with other similar vows, each where a person promises to refrain from a common product but is still allowed to consume a rare replacement. Further, since the Mishnah specifies 'date honey,' we understand that the word 'dvash' explicitly has come to mean bee honey.

The first work to explicitly mention combining the two on Rosh Hashanah is the Machzor Vitry, an 11th century French text. In his discussion of the customs of Rosh Hashanah he describes the preference for the use of "red apples" in his community. This is very exciting, as communities expressing preferences inside of a ritual implies variations, and variations imply age! The ancient origins of this custom are supported in the Sefer haAgudah, a 14th century halachic work, whose author claims that the Jews have been eating apples and honey together on Rosh Hashanah since the Geonic period, ~500-1000CE.

With what we've seen above, there is good reason to believe that this ancient custom has continued uninterrupted for nearly 1500 years!

At its root, the act of eating apple and honey together on Rosh Hashanah is an invocation for a good year, filled with sweetness, blessing, hope and love. Jews have upheld this tradition for untold generations, and this Rosh Hashanah custom continues to nourish us. Through the apple and honey, we embody the sweetness we hope to see in the world, and in doing so, open ourselves up to the possibility of a better year.

ה'י רצון מלפניך ה' אלוהינו ואלוהי
אבותינו שתתחדש עלינו שנה טובה
ומתוקה

"May it be Your will to
renew for us a good and
sweet year!"

From my family to
yours, Shanah Tovah
u'Metukah!



THE HEART OF SACRED COMMUNITY

Rabbi Eliza McCarroll, Assistant Rabbi



One of the most meaningful parts of my rabbinic role, in holding the *Kehillah Kedoshah*, sacred community building portfolio, is the work we do of *Bikur Cholim*.

Literally translated, this means “visiting the sick”, which is first noted in our Talmud as an act of imitating God, with the Eternal being the original fulfiller of this mitzvah in visiting Abraham while he is recovering from his circumcision.

However, within our *kehillah kedoshah*, you’ll learn that we do much more than visiting those who are ill!

Our mission is more all-encompassing than that, as we seek to provide comfort and support to community members who are ill, grieving, lonely, or could use a helping hand.

We carry out this mitzvah in many different ways.

For example, yes, we send cards, make phone calls to, and occasionally visit those who are sick and/or isolated; in other words, some of the more traditional acts of what we’d think of as *Bikkur Cholim*.

We make and deliver kugels for those experiencing serious illness, bereavement, or who have welcomed a baby (new parents need sustenance, too!).

We further reach out to the broader community, through visits to some of the retirement homes in our closer vicinity for Shabbat and holiday programs.

Finally, we have also begun a new “community care” initiative, in bringing together a core group of volunteers who, between them, reach out to members of our congregation 85 years and older, by phoning and checking in approximately twice a year.

With these many different mitzvot in mind, we are looking forward to imagining the next stage of our sacred and special work together.

Over the coming months, we encourage you to keep your eyes out for our grand “rebranding”, to more accurately reflect the wide range of what we really do.

Without giving too much away, and with our committee still having some important decisions to make as we write, we have been playing with ideas of “chesed,” which means “lovingkindness,” mercy, or steadfast love. It is another timeless Jewish value, similar to *Bikkur Cholim*, that equally reflects both Divine compassion and human acts of kindness. Same core mission, more fulsome language.

We have a wonderful cohort of volunteers who help us to fulfill these mitzvot of lovingkindness – and we’re always looking for more.

If you would like to be involved, please reach out to Rabbi McCarroll (emccarroll@holyblossom.org).

WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, WHEN YOU RISE UP

Rabbi Taylor Baruchel, Director of Outreach and Next Gen Engagement



How love, curiosity, and attention carry Torah from generation to generation

There is a phrase we say so often in Jewish life that we rarely stop to consider.

L'dor vador.

From generation to generation.

We usually say it when we are talking about passing down Jewish tradition. We picture Torah scrolls, grandparents teaching grandchildren to light Shabbat candles, children chanting from the bimah, or families gathered around the Passover table asking the Four Questions.

And of course, Torah is passed from one generation to the next. But lately I have been wondering if Torah has ever travelled alone.

A few weeks ago, my six-year-old daughter discovered Disney Lorcana, a trading card game built around beloved Disney characters. Rabbi Kaye and I found ourselves discussing whether we should learn to play, not because we had suddenly developed an interest in the game, but because *she* had.

It struck me that this is what love does.

We learn the names of Pokémon. We attend dance recitals despite knowing nothing about ballet. We become surprisingly invested in dinosaurs, soccer, or whatever world our children happen to inhabit.

When someone we love says, “Come see this,” our response is rarely, “Convince me.” It is simply, “Show me.”

Perhaps that is how Torah has always been passed from generation to generation.

The Torah never imagines Jewish learning as something confined to a classroom. In the Shema we are told to teach our children “when you sit in your house, when you walk along the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

Jewish learning happens in the ordinary moments of everyday life; The Passover Seder begins not with a lecture but with a question. Before there are answers, there is curiosity. Before there is instruction, there is relationship.

As a rabbi, I often meet parents who worry they are not “Jewish enough.” They don’t know enough Hebrew. They aren’t sure what questions to ask.

Here is the thing: I don’t believe perfect knowledge is what our children need most.

The greatest gift we give them is our attention.

When we enter the worlds they care about, whether that means building Lego towers, reading the same bedtime story for the fiftieth time, or learning the rules of a Disney card game, we teach them something long before we teach them Torah.

We teach them that they are worthy of our time. Worthy of our curiosity. Worthy of being deeply seen.

One of the first places our children encounter God is in the quality of our attention.

The High Holy Days remind us that we stand before a God who remembers us, knows us, and calls us by name. But long before a child can believe that God pays attention to them, they first learn what it feels like to be paid attention to.

This, too, is *l'dor vador*.

Torah has never journeyed alone.

It travels on the back of love.

It is carried by curiosity.

It is sustained by the simple, sacred act of paying attention.

May 5787 find us entering one another’s worlds with open hearts, generous curiosity, and the confidence that the smallest moments of shared attention may become the greatest inheritance we leave the generations yet to come.

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dr. Cindy Kozierok, Director of Lifelong Learning



When We Return, We Begin

Beginning my work at Holy Blossom this summer has shaped the way I'm entering the High Holy Dais 5787. I feel the energy of a community in motion, a congregation that is curious and

thoughtful. It is a meaningful thing to arrive at a new spiritual home just as the Jewish year invites us to pause, to breathe, and to consider the path ahead. This season naturally turns our attention forward. We look toward the coming year and wonder what it might hold.

At the same time, the High Holy Days remind us that new beginnings often come from returning. Not necessarily to a place, but to a practice, a value, a moment of clarity. The tradition calls this work *teshuvah*. We often translate it as "repentance," yet its deeper meaning is gentler. *Teshuvah* is a turning of the heart. It is a movement toward what feels true. It is a return to the parts of ourselves that help us live with intention.

My own spiritual shifts have always happened in small ways. Each year, I choose one practice that helps me deepen my connection to Judaism. I never announce it. I never frame it as a goal. I simply let it take root.

One year, I was thinking a lot about gratitude. I kept reading about the value of beginning the day with appreciation. People described how it steadied them and softened the edges of their mornings. I wondered what it might feel like to start my day that way. Then I realized that Judaism had already given me a practice that matched exactly what I was seeking. The prayer *Modah Ani* offers a simple expression of thanks upon waking: *Modah/eh ani lefanecha, Melech chai v'kayam, shehechezarta bi nishmati b'chemlah. Rabbah emunatecha*. "I give thanks to You, living and everlasting Sovereign, for You have mercifully restored my soul. Abounding is Your faithfulness." What a beautiful way to

show gratitude for the greatest gift of all, our lives. I began saying *Modah Ani* each morning. Quietly. Consistently. Before my feet touched the floor. It became a gentle way to begin the day with awareness, a small return to gratitude.

Another year, I began to notice that my phone, a tool I genuinely love, had started to intrude on my ability to be fully present with others and with myself. It had become woven into so many moments of the day that it was hard to find any quiet space of my own. Answering the need I felt to be on top of the news of the world, the immediate gratification of accessing information, and keeping track of what my kids and friends were doing in their busy lives, I was constantly plugged in. And, though these habits are an ordinary part of modern life, we all know that the addictive nature of the smart phone can take a toll on us, physically and mentally.

Once again, I found the answer in Jewish tradition, which has long understood the human need to step back from the pull of daily life. Thousands of years before smartphones existed, Judaism gave us Shabbat, a time for sacred rest and a reprieve from the everyday. And because Judaism is a living, evolving practice, its ancient wisdom can guide us through modern challenges as well. For me, that has become a small act of *teshuvah*, a return to myself, through the simple choice to put my phone away before Shabbat. At first, it felt strange. I kept reaching for it, occasionally for a good reason, but mostly out of sheer habit. But as the hours passed, the quiet became restorative. In letting it go, I stopped *doing* and returned to the simple, steady gift of just *being*. Now, by the time Havdalah arrives, just as we hesitate to let Shabbat go and bring the everyday back in, I no longer run to my phone to see what I have missed. I often leave it tucked away until Sunday morning, when I feel ready to begin the week anew.

These practices were small, yet they changed me. They help me feel connected. They help me feel awake to the texture of ordinary days. Until now, I have never really mentioned them to anyone.



They were simply my own quiet steps toward a more mindful Jewish life. I share them with you now to illustrate the simplicity of return. No grand gestures needed; just small changes done consistently.



As I begin my work at Holy Blossom, I find myself thinking about how personal practice and communal life shape one another. I am stepping into a community with deep roots and vibrant energy. I am learning its rhythms and its stories. I am discovering the ways people here seek meaning and connection. A teaching from *Pirkei Avot* has been echoing for me during these first weeks: “*Know from where you came, and where you are going.*” It feels like a compass for this moment. I arrive with a lifetime of Jewish experiences, including these small spiritual returns, and I step into a future shaped by the learning and creativity we will share.



As we look toward the coming year, I hope we will explore the richness of Jewish practice together. Our tradition contains countless ways to cultivate gratitude, presence, curiosity, and compassion. Some are familiar. Some are waiting to be rediscovered. Some may surprise us. Everything we need for a meaningful life is already within Judaism. Often, the work is simply to return to it with fresh eyes.

If you feel drawn to try something similar, I encourage you to explore a practice that speaks to you. It might be a prayer, a moment of reflection, a ritual you remember from childhood, or something you have always wondered about. Let it be simple. Let it be gentle. Let it be yours. Jewish practice is not all or nothing. It is a landscape of possibilities, each one offering a way to live with more intention.



The year ahead will unfold one day at a time. We shape it through small choices that help us grow. My blessing for all of us this season is that we find one practice that brings us closer to who we hope to become. May it feel steady. May it feel nourishing. May it feel like a beginning that comes from returning.

A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS!

Lisa Isen Bauml, Principal of Youth Education and Family Engagement



This year marks an exciting new chapter for youth education at Holy Blossom, as we begin a year of growth, renewal, and possibility. As we welcome students back—and greet many new faces—we are thrilled to open the doors to brand new classrooms which will help to inspire curiosity, creativity, and joyful Jewish learning. These beautiful new 3rd floor spaces will help us create an environment where every child feels welcomed, supported, and excited to learn.

This fall also marks the inaugural year of our new name: the Cotler School. As we embrace this new identity, we celebrate the values that guide our community, and are excited by what we will build together in this coming year as we embrace this new name and identity.

We are equally excited to be settling into our beautiful new education office suite, creating a central space for collaboration, planning, and connection. We have welcomed Dr. Cindy Kozierok to our education team. Her experience, warmth, and dedication to Jewish learning has already been an asset.

Together, these exciting changes are building the foundation for an exciting year ahead. We look forward to creating meaningful learning experiences, celebrating Jewish traditions, building lasting friendships, and sharing Jewish joy with all our students! We are grateful to begin this new chapter with our students, families, and the entire Holy Blossom community, and we can't wait to see all that this year will bring.



The education team is also welcoming a new Youth Engagement and After School Program Coordinator, Zoey Wallhouse:

From consecration to confirmation, Holy Blossom has become a community that I deeply cherish. I am honoured to return to Holy Blossom as the Youth Engagement and After School Coordinator!

My time at Holy Blossom has been profoundly formative, shaped by the guidance and care of this congregation at every stage of my Jewish journey. While milestones such as my bat mitzvah, confirmation, and graduation are meaningful. It is the smaller, everyday moments that have had the greatest impact on me: a teacher checking in after a long day, friends offering support during difficult times, and the shared joy of laughing so hard until it hurts. These experiences, many of which took place through HABSTY, Holy Blossom's Senior Youth Group, have shaped who I am today.

The Youth Engagement Coordinator during my time in HABSTY was the kind of supportive young adult I needed, and that experience is a large part of why this role matters so much to me now. I hope to offer that same sense of care and connection to the youth I will be working with.

One program I am especially excited to develop is 'Fireside Chats' - facilitated conversations with students on topics that matter in their lives today, including mental health, Jewish identity, phone use, and other issues that teens would like to explore. HABSTY is a meaningful space for Jewish teens, and I believe there is even more we can do with the time we share.

Another aspect of this job that I am looking forward to is the after-school program! Expanding the after-school program to include all five days of the week will provide much needed program that is fun for the students, safe, and educational. My background as a camp counsellor will allow me to bring not only the spirit and games that camp has taught me, but also ensuring the safety and care of the students. School can be a long day for children, and my philosophy for this program is creating a structure that is easy, comfortable, and fun! Theme days paired with activities will be around once a month, which will shake up the monotony and re-energize the students!

My goal this year is to help HABSTY and the after-school program grow not only as a space for spiritual and Jewish identity development, but also for personal growth and open conversation. I look forward to the year ahead and to working with this wonderful congregation.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Wendy Steinberg Himmel, Director, Early Childhood Centre



We are excited to begin the 2026–2027 school year at the Early Childhood Centre!

As families enter our beautifully renovated Education Office Suite, they will be warmly welcomed in a space designed to enhance our connection with families and guests as they arrive and depart from the ECC. Alongside Neomi, our Education Department Coordinator, we are delighted to welcome Kate Wootton to the newly created role of Education Assistant. Working closely with our incredible Education team, Kate will support the continued growth of the ECC as we welcome many new little ones—including her own!

To further support the growth of education at Holy Blossom Temple, we are also pleased to welcome Dr. Cindy Kozeirop as our Director of Lifelong Learning. Cindy will help shape the next chapter of Jewish learning at Holy Blossom by supporting meaningful educational experiences across the full arc of life—from babies to bobbies, and everyone in between.

Our growing enrolment, now approaching 80 children, has expanded our program to include three toddler classrooms and three preschool classrooms, with all our licensed classrooms now in operation. This exciting growth has allowed us to welcome four new educators to our team: Sara, Richelle, Jackie, and Rebecca. Together with our dedicated returning staff, they will provide joyful, exceptional programming that nurtures each child's intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual development, rooted in the rich values and traditions of Reform Judaism.

Amid these exciting developments, our commitment to meaningful engagement with our families and the broader Holy Blossom Temple community remains stronger than ever. Our popular Friday music program, *Little Blossoms*, will now offer three classes led by Dr. Marky Weinstock and Friends. Parents, grandparents, and our Rabbis continue to play an integral role in our community, enriching our program through thoughtful participation and shared experiences that strengthen the connections at the heart of our ECC.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, discovery, and community, and we are grateful to partner with our families as we support each child's growth and development.



If you have questions or want to learn more, please visit: holyblossom.org/the-early-childhood-centre/ or contact Kate Wootton, Education Assistant, at kwootton@holyblossom.org.



HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE
FOUNDATION

5786 Congregational Impact Update

The Holy Blossom Temple Foundation is a volunteer-led and professionally-supported organization dedicated to encouraging congregational generosity to ensure Holy Blossom Temple is Ever-Blossoming – today, tomorrow and forever. The Foundation gives expression to the vision of Rabbi Splansky and the Holy Blossom Temple Board.

As a member of our congregation you shape and enrich Temple life through your participation and your philanthropy. The Foundation is proud to share how your donations enhanced our sacred community in this Congregational Impact Update.

The Ever-Blossoming Initiative



To inspire ongoing generosity throughout the generations, the Foundation has established **The Ever-Blossoming Initiative**, an ambitious development plan to support the Holy Blossom of today, to build our tomorrow, and to secure our forever.

For 170 years, Holy Blossom has evolved to meet the needs of each era while remaining steadfast in our values and purpose. We have built a community rooted in Jewish learning, worship, responsibility, and care for one another and for the world beyond our walls. Time and again, Holy Blossom congregants have stepped forward with extraordinary commitment and generosity through the generations. For that, we are profoundly grateful.

Here is how the generosity of each and every congregant over the past year has supported Holy Blossom Temple in thriving today, building our tomorrow and securing our forever.

Ever-Blossoming Initiative: The Today Campaign

The Today Campaign is focused on raising funds for the immediate needs of our congregation through our Annual Campaign and emergency appeals, as needed.

Your support of the Annual Campaign helps to enrich our vibrant community by supporting the programs and services we all enjoy. Your generous contributions also ensure that financial circumstances are never a barrier to membership and belonging. Last year, your donations to the Annual Campaign totalled \$1,126,000. Thank you! As our congregation expands, so does the demand for these vital funds. We encourage you to consider increasing your support this year.

Did you know that this past year Holy Blossom Temple exceeded 2,000 congregational families?

We are proud to be the largest Reform congregation in Canada and a beacon of Jewish joy across the country.

This year, we also prioritized Holy Blossom Temple's security in response to these difficult times. Our professional staff worked to secure private grants and government funding, while the Foundation worked to encourage your donations through **an Emergency Fundraising Campaign for Security & Protection**.

As always, our generous congregation rose to the occasion and we exceeded our goal of raising \$250,000 in three weeks. When combined with the emergency and infrastructure grants from the Jewish Security Network (JSN) and all levels of government, more than \$650,000 will be deployed to upgrade and update the security of Holy Blossom Temple. We are profoundly grateful to the donors who responded so generously to this emergency appeal.



‘Ever–Blossoming Initiative: The Tomorrow Campaign

Under the banner of the Ever-Blossoming Initiative the Foundation is helping to build the Holy Blossom of the future. When Rabbi Splansky celebrated her 25th anniversary with Holy Blossom, she unveiled her bold vision for Excellence in Jewish Education.

Since that wonderful milestone, the Foundation has raised more than \$2.5 million to bring this exciting vision to life.

‘Did you know that approximately 2/3 of Jewish children in ‘Toronto do not attend a Jewish ‘Day School?

Holy Blossom Temple is building a future where more Jewish children can access part-time, high-quality Jewish education and the community and confidence for Jewish life.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation Holy Blossom Temple’s Youth Education Centre enters an exciting new chapter as **The Honourable Irwin Cotler School of Holy Blossom Temple**. Named in admiration for The Honourable Irwin Cotler, The Cotler School reflects our renewed commitment to Excellence in Jewish Education.

Holy Blossom was also thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Cindy Kozierok as our incoming Director of Lifelong Learning, a new role made possible through focused philanthropy. As well, areas of the David Feldman Jewish Education Center underwent a much-needed renovation to welcome our Holy Blossom students and the Junior Kindergarten classes of Bialik Hebrew Day School.

‘Ever–Blossoming Initiative: The Forever Campaign



To ensure our congregation’s future, the Foundation has launched The Forever Campaign and established a Perpetual Fund, which is being raised primarily through legacy gifts.

Leaving a legacy gift to Holy Blossom Temple is a meaningful way to ensure our community continues to flourish for generations to come.

Legacy giving is flexible, thoughtful, and impactful — and often easier than you might expect.

Why Make a Legacy Gift?

- ✧ You can help ensure Holy Blossom remains **Ever-Blossoming** for future generations
- ✧ You can create a meaningful gift without affecting your financial security
- ✧ You can provide for family and loved ones while supporting the community you cherish
- ✧ You can potentially realize significant **tax advantages**
- ✧ You will be recognized as a member of the **L’Dor VaDor Circle**, honouring those who have made a legacy commitment

‘We celebrate and thank our congregants who joined our L’Dor ‘VaDor Circle by making legacy gifts to the Temple in 5786.

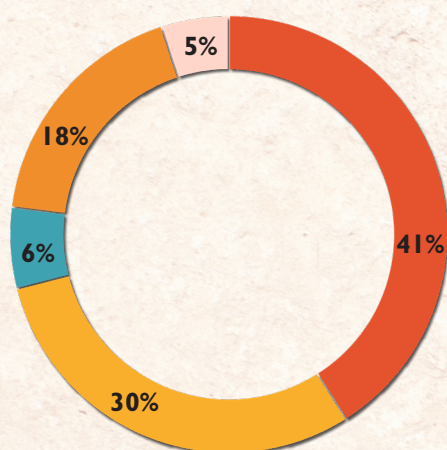
2026 Fiscal Year: Financial Snapshot

Through a steadfast commitment to financial discipline, Holy Blossom Temple is benefitting from a new era of fiscal strength. The partnership of our professional team and lay leaders, combined with the generosity of our members, has enabled us to build a strong financial foundation from which to deliver exceptional services to our congregants and build a more secure future.

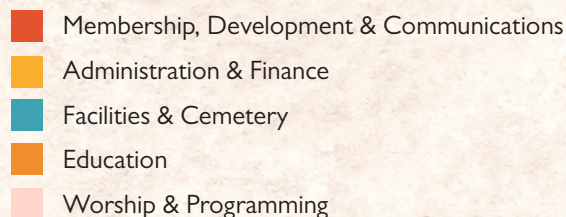
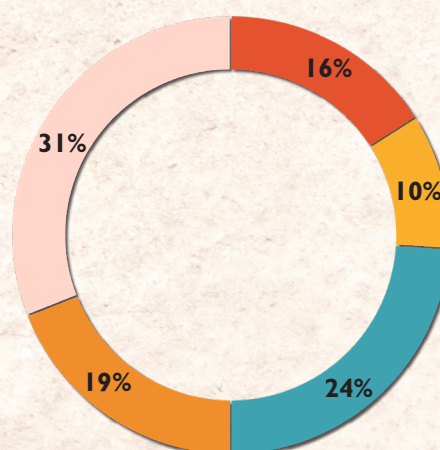
Your **donations contributed 30% of Temple's operating budget** over the past year, supporting worship, education, programming, services and security.



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If you would like to make a contribution to Holy Blossom Temple or learn more about legacy giving opportunities, please reach out to **Shira Lester, Director of Development & Donor Engagement** at 416-789-3291 ext 261 or slester@holyblossom.org.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Shira Lester, Director of Development and Donor Engagement



Leaving a Legacy at Holy Blossom Temple

Every generation inherits something precious. At Holy Blossom Temple, we are the beneficiaries of the vision, generosity, and commitment of those who came before us.

Their gifts built this congregation, sustained it through changing times, and ensured that Jewish life could continue to flourish here in Toronto.

Today, we can do the same for those who will follow us.

Holy Blossom Temple has begun a renewed Legacy Giving initiative, inviting congregants to consider how they might help secure our congregation's future through a planned gift. A legacy gift is a deeply personal expression of one's values. It reflects a love of Jewish life, a commitment to community, and the hope that future generations will continue to find a spiritual home at Holy Blossom.

Legacy giving is often simpler than people imagine. Whether through a bequest in a will, a gift of securities, an RRSP or RRIF, life insurance, or another planned giving arrangement, a legacy gift can make a lasting difference while allowing you to maintain your financial security today. It is an opportunity to care for those you love while also caring for your community.

Each generation is entrusted with strengthening Jewish life for the next. In that spirit, we have established the **L'Dor VaDor Circle**, recognizing congregants who have included Holy Blossom Temple in their estate plans. Their generosity will help ensure that Holy Blossom remains ever-blossoming for generations to come.

For **Ellen Cole**, making a legacy commitment felt like the natural continuation of a lifelong relationship with Holy Blossom.



"My connection to Holy Blossom has always been rooted in music," she reflects.

"My parents were members, and Temple Singers and my father was a Cantor Maissner devotee. Even after many years living and working abroad, I always considered

Holy Blossom my synagogue. When I returned to Toronto, I found myself drawn back to services, programs, and eventually membership."

That renewed connection soon became active involvement. She too, is now a member of the Temple Singers. Truly L'dor VaDor. Ellen served on committees, joined the Board, and held the roles of Vice-President of Administration and Vice-President of Membership. One experience, in particular, left a lasting impression.

"Co-chairing, alongside Judy Winberg, the opening of the Schwartz/Reisman Atrium following the Renewal Campaign was incredibly meaningful. It inspired me to make a major gift to Renewal. Once that commitment was fulfilled, leaving a legacy gift to Holy Blossom simply felt like the next step."

"When I was Executive Director of the Miles Nadal JCC, we spoke about the simplicity of making a legacy gift through life insurance or a bequest. After speaking with Holy Blossom's Director of Development and Executive Director, I made that commitment myself. It was remarkably easy to put into place."

For Ellen, the decision ultimately came down to ensuring the future of Jewish life.

"I believe deeply in maintaining a strong connection to Jewish life and to the Reform movement. After October 7, our congregation welcomed so many new members. People are looking for community, meaning, and belonging. Holy Blossom continues to provide that, and I want to help ensure it will always be here."

If you have already included Holy Blossom Temple in your estate plans, we hope you will let us know so we may welcome you into the L'Dor VaDor Circle. If you are considering a legacy gift—or are simply curious to learn more—we would be pleased to begin a conversation. There is no obligation, every discussion is confidential, and we are happy to work alongside you and your professional advisors to explore the options that best reflect your wishes.

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FROM HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE FOUNDATION

Joan Garson, President, Holy Blossom Temple Foundation



*Protecting our
Congregation
Today,
Tomorrow
and Forever*

Holy Blossom is a very fortunate congregation, blessed with extraordinarily generous members. Members who are prepared to meet the needs of the current moment and help to ensure our future.

A recent brief, focused and successful campaign to raise at least \$250,000 for security and infrastructure funding, sadly made necessary by the world in which we find ourselves, was an expression of that blessing. We wish we didn't need to focus on raising funds for security: there is so much good work to do at Temple! Nonetheless this is the moment in which we find ourselves. And this campaign demonstrated the willingness of a small, individually targeted cohort of members to step up as soon as they were asked, to embrace the congregation and to ensure it stays safe.

All congregants are given the opportunity to support the security of the congregation through the security fee that is included with membership. The best advice our leadership received was that in addition to costs to be covered by the security fee, infrastructure changes were also required, to ensure our beautiful building meets the standards advised by the Jewish Security Network (JSN). This required immediate funding, in

addition to the infrastructure funding provided by government grants both federal and local, and the JSN.

It took only three weeks to reach out to a small group and receive the commitments required for security and infrastructure funding – and more. Necessary work has already begun.

There was an additional, profoundly important message given by this campaign. Rabbis, cantors, professional staff, and lay leaders were reassured by these member families that “we have you”: that the Temple will be strengthened and supported when the need is there. As leadership work to ensure our congregation continues to blossom, all of us can be confident that the members of Holy Blossom Temple accept the responsibilities as well as the joys of membership. At a time when our congregation is committed to providing to all of us an inspiring vision of the Jewish future, these members demonstrated their active partnership, their willingness to meet the needs of Temple. Their commitment joins and inspires commitment from all of our members to our Kehillah Kedoshah and to meeting its needs – primary among them, supporting the work of our congregation for the next generations.

When we act together, our community will continue to blossom, to thrive, and to lead.

Todah rabah to these outstanding donors and to all of our generous members.



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Mazel Tov to Cantor David Rosen on being awarded the 2026 American Conference of Cantors President's Award for Volunteerism.

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Reading Torah for the first time
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Sukkah Decorating

Tuesday, September 22, 4:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat & Erev Sukkot Service

Friday, September 25, 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning & First Day Sukkot Service

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am

SHEMINI ATZERET

Kabbalat Shabbat & Erev Shemini Atzeret Service

Friday, October 2, 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning & Shemini Atzeret Service and Yizkor

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am

SIMCHAT TORAH

Celebrate with our many Torah Scrolls as we take them out of the ark and spend the evening dancing, singing, and rejoicing.

Saturday, October 3

Consecration: 5:30 pm

Flag-making: 6:15 pm

Service and Celebration: 7:00 pm