



BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION
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November 2011 Heshvan-Kislev 5772



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**NOVEMBER 2011****Tuesday November 1st**

- 4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Class
- 7:00pm Keruv Class

Thursday November 3rd

- 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 7:30pm "Walk with Rabbi Osadchey"

Friday November 4th

Candle Lighting 5:47pm

- 12:00pm Downtowners' Lunch & Learn

Shabbat November 5th

- 9:00am Sam Libin Bar Mitzvah
- 10:15am Simchat Shabbat Minyan
- 7:30pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)

Sunday November 6th

- 10:00am Sunday Morning Brunch Series
- 1:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)
- 7:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)

Tuesday November 8th

- BINGO - Grey Eagle Casino
- 4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Class
- 7:00pm Keruv Class

Wednesday November 9th

- 7:30pm Beth Tzedec Board Meeting

Thursday November 10th

- 7:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)

Friday November 11th

Candle Lighting 4:36pm

**Shabbat November 12th**

- 3:30pm Meditation Minyan
- 4:30pm Se'udah Shlishit

Sunday November 13th

- 10:00am A Taste of Judaism
- 1:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)
- 6:30pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)

Tuesday November 15th

- 4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Class
- 7:00pm Keruv Class

Thursday November 17th

- 7:30pm "Walk with Rabbi Osadchey"

Friday November 18th

Candle Lighting 4:27pm

- 12:00pm Downtowners' Lunch & Learn

Shabbat November 19th

- 4:30pm Se'udah Shlishit
- 7:00pm Film Festival

Sunday November 20th

- 1:00pm KADDISH Meeting
- 1:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)
- 7:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)

Tuesday November 22nd

- 4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Class
- 7:00pm Keruv Class

Friday November 25th

Candle Lighting 4:19pm

Shabbat November 26th

- 3:30pm Meditation Minyan
- 4:30pm Se'udah Shlishit
- 7:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)

Sunday November 27th

- 1:00pm TODAH Committee
- 1:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)
- 7:00pm Film Festival (*see ad on back*)

Tuesday November 29th

- 4:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Class
- 7:00pm Keruv Class

Wednesday November 30th

- 7:30pm Beth Tzedec Board Meeting

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“Year of the Torah Underway!”



Now that the holidays are well behind us and we are engaged earnestly in the New Year, it is time to move forward with our exciting “Year of the Torah” project. Thus far we have made considerable progress in restoring our Sifre Torah (Torah scrolls) to “kosher” status. This involved engaging Rabbi Moshe Druin, our scribe, to repair seams, rewrite letters, and clean the parchment of approximately 6 Sifre Torah. Additional work will be done in the coming months.

Secondly, our “Year of the Torah” educational programs are now underway with Leonard Cohen teaching “Understanding Jewish Prayer” classes and with my “Walking with” series devoted to exploring the origins and history of the Torah itself. The upcoming November 6th Rabbi’s Brunch will feature a conversation about social justice and specifically the Torah perspective on human trafficking. The recent Ahmadiyya Muslim-Jewish dialogue was devoted to the nature of our respective holy scriptures and the Biblical Zoo trip offered a fun way for children and parents to learn about Noah’s ark, the Torah’s teachings about animals, and kashrut. The next planned visit by Rabbi Druin will feature workshops on the scribal arts of writing mezzuzot and Sifrei Torah.

Most excitingly, the Sefer Haftarah promises to bring to new life the words and teachings of the Biblical Prophets. The generosity of Sam (Ousher) Switzer, who has underwritten the costs of the Sefer Haftarah, will make it possible for Beth Tzedec to possess the second specially commissioned Haftarah scroll in North America! It is written in the same manner as a Sefer Torah but contains the weekly and holiday haftarat with vowels and the trope (cantillation marks) included. Acclaimed artist, Mordecai Rosenstein is illuminating the first word of each haftarah which adds a unique beauty to the scroll. The first *yeriah* (section) has arrived and is magnificent! You will have the opportunity to view it, to dedicate specific haftarat and to complete a letter in the Sefer Haftarah at the planned dedication in May, 2012. More details to follow soon. Lastly, in honour of the “Year of the Torah” I offer a few insights from the book of Bereshit (Genesis) which can guide us throughout our study of the Torah:

The Creation and Flood stories are clearly not intended to teach 21st century society about astronomy, geology, or biology. Yet, Bereshit should be credited with providing science with the concept of the “uni-verse” created by one will and governed by the laws of nature. For all of its literary greatness, Bereshit is significant for the truths that it transmits to each generation. In fact, Rabbi Robert Gordis writes that, “if all the rest of the Bible were to be lost, it would be possible to reconstruct the fundamentals of religion and ethics from the first chapter of Bereshit.” These are the six religious “truths” that emerge from Bereshit:

- 1) *The world has a plan and a purpose known only to God.*
- 2) *All life is holy and integral to the Divine order of creation.*
- 3) *Men and women are equal in God’s plan.*
- 4) *Every human being is fashioned “in the Divine image.”*

- 5) *Humans are the responsible rulers of the created world.*
- 6) *The world is good.*

Through the lens of these six ideas, we can glean additional insights from our weekly Torah reading and from our “Year of the Torah” educational programs. May our learning lead us to act in the spirit of the Torah and may those actions lead to strengthening Jewish life and to enhancing the world in which we live.

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey

Leo & Goldie Sheftel Rabbinical Chair



Need to stretch those mental muscles?

“Walk” with Rabbi Osadchey Returns!

Explore Judaism and Jewish values through the “Walking With...” series – a text based program of studies for adults published by the Ziegler Rabbinical School in Los Angeles. Rabbi Shaul Osadchey will be your guide for this highly interactive series of mini-courses emphasizing spiritual, life-cycle, philosophical and ethical issues. We will continue in the series this year with Walking with Mitzvot in conjunction with Beth Tzedec’s “**The Year of the Torah**”.

Thursdays: November 3rd & 17th 7:30-9:00pm

RSVP to info@bethtzedec.ca or 403-255-8688.

Bring a friend. Free and open to the public.



Sunday Morning Brunch Series: Conservative Judaism in the 21st Century

Sunday, November 6th from 10:00am-noon

“*Human Trafficking: Stopping Modern Day Slavery*”

During this Sunday morning brunch, proudly co-sponsored by Sisterhood, Rabbi Osadchey will lead discussion about emerging issues and trends facing the Conservative Movement as it endeavours to remain relevant in the 21st century.

A light brunch will be served.

Members: \$7 Non-members: \$10

RSVP to the Beth Tzedec office at 403-255-8688



Hallelujah

by Leonard Cohen
Ritual/Program Director

Youth

Rabbi Shimon ben Lakish said in the name of Rabbi Yehudah Nesiyah: the world endures only for the breath of children at synagogue (lit. “the rabbi’s house”).

- Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 119b

One of the goals of our current programming at Beth Tzedec is to engage young families in activity at the synagogue. The intent is to help liven synagogue atmosphere through the infusion of new people and the energy that they bring to congregational life.

Toward that end, we are introducing a range of family and youth programming here at Beth Tzedec. The synagogue recently hired a new Family Programming Coordinator, Ian Brojges, who is affectionately known in the community and as a teacher at CJA as “Moreh Yitz” (Moreh being Hebrew for teacher, and Yitz as an abbreviated form of his Hebrew name Yitzhak). Our synagogue’s Kadima chapter for students in Grades 5-7 is thriving, with an Executive comprised of young and dynamic leaders who are helping to fashion an exciting calendar of programs for their peers. Our current B’nai Mitzvah program continues to grow and develop. Students are learning more advanced Hebrew (thanks to the program’s new Hebrew teacher, Zohar Shahar-Atzmoni), davening and Torah/Haftarah reading skills. We continue to offer Shabbat babysitting (currently twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Shabbatot of each month) as well as a Monday morning Parents and Tots program, thanks to the volunteer leadership of Emily Sztabyb. And we’re continuing to fashion our synagogue calendar towards the development of young leadership and attracting new families to Beth Tzedec.

We hope to develop ties with other synagogues and their USY youth chapters, so our children can begin to become aware of their connection

with Jewish children in other places. We are inviting all students in Grades 6-8 to join us for the upcoming Kadima Kinnus (weekend retreat) which will be taking place at Camp Solomon Schechter (in Olympia, Wash.) on the weekend of Dec. 2-4. More information will be forwarded to families soon about this exciting event.

This coming month, November is the time we change our clocks back – and with that, we go back to offering a weekly Se'udah Shlishit on Saturday afternoons (starting Nov. 12), between Mincha and Ma'ariv. The Saturday afternoon/evening service (from 4:30-6:00PM) offers the chance to enjoy the pleasant davening of the Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv, to enjoy a relaxed Kiddush with fellow congregants as we engage in Jewish study sessions with the Rabbi, and to enjoy the beauty and intimacy of the Havdalah.

Leonard Cohen

Ritual/Program Director



Jewish Meditation Minyan

**November 12th & 26th
3:30pm**

Jewish meditation is a practice that dates to ancient times, and provides a refreshing approach through which to achieve greater spiritual depth and connectedness to Hashem in one's worship. Based on the guides of Aryeh Kaplan, and borrowing from traditional practices of *hitbonenut* and *Musar*, Beth Tzedec's Jewish Meditation Minyan is designed to introduce learners to meditation as a meaningful Jewish religious practice. Ritual Director Leonard Cohen will facilitate these learner-oriented services, guiding participants in a variety of Jewish meditative models and techniques in order to help meditators discover the approaches most suitable to their needs.

From Your Sisterhood President...

Sisterhood President's Year End Report.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, October 30th, 2011 just days after this report's submission and so I would like to take the opportunity to report with pleasure on a productive, fun-filled year for the Sisterhood. Our Board of Directors, our members and many volunteers worked together tirelessly to enhance the many holidays celebrated at our Shul as well as the many programs.



Sitting on the Bima has enabled me to promote Sisterhood's visibility and also enabled me to introduce myself to many of the congregants. The Rosh Hashanah Services gave me an opportunity to address the congregation to communicate Sisterhood's mission and purpose as well as advertise future programming and events. Rabbi Osadchey, Leonard Cohen and Lorne Pearl made me feel very comfortable beside them on the Bima.

The Sisterhood's Annual Sukkah Decorating Party took place on Wednesday, October 12th, 2011, and was attended by children from the community and the Calgary Jewish Academy. The children exuberantly participated in the making of the decorations and then decorating the Sukkah. A big thank you to Leonard Cohen and Ian Brojges as well as the many volunteers who lent their time and energy in making the Sukkah Decorating Party such a successful event.

For Simchat Torah on October 20th, 2011, Sisterhood supplied the apples and chocolates and Florence Shustack and the Oy Train provided the music for the Hakafot for the rest of the evening.

I have to say that I very much enjoy presenting the Mitzvah Torah, the Five Books of Moses. It's a pleasure to have participated in the many B'nai/B'not Mitzvah as the year unfolded with the most recent Bat Mitzvah of Sierra Libin. Looking forward to Molly Joffe's on October 29th. I feel as proud of their accomplishments as I did with my own children.



The Maccabee Olympiad Chanukah Party took place on Sunday, December 5th, 2010 and was co-sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Congregation and the Sisterhood. An enjoyable time was had by over a 100 participants; young, old and in between. Todah Rabah to the many volunteers who helped with organizing the event, entertaining, shopping, setting up, cleaning up and everything in between. Our next Chanukah celebration will take place on December 18th, 2011.

Sisterhood cosponsored the Rabbi's Sunday Brunch Series on the following dates:

October 17th, 2010 "Greening the Beth Tzedec"

January 16th, 2011 "Women Rabbis Respond to Modern Halachic Questions"

March 6th, 2011 "Two Rabbis, Two Denominations, Two Perspectives on Conservative and Reform Judaism" Rabbi Osadchey was joined by Rabbi Voss-Altman. This event was a joint program with Na'amat Canada Calgary

It was such a pleasure to collaborate with Na'amat that we're planning on more joint programs to be held in the near future. Please join us for the next Brunch Series collaboration with Na'amat on Sunday, January 15th, 2012 on Stem Cell Research and Jewish Medical Ethics.

Sisterhood also cosponsored the "Walking with" series of weekly adult study covering a highly interactive series of mini-courses emphasizing spiritual, life-cycle, philosophical and ethical issues. A text-based program of studies published by the Ziegler Rabbinical School in Los Angeles and facilitated by Rabbi Osadchey.

Sisterhood was very pleased to donate \$300.00 to Vernissage – an initiative of the ATID & KADIMA kids who showcased their talent and artwork. Artwork was displayed and was available for sale. Refreshments and entertainment accompanied the event which took place January 20th, 2011.

On February 5th, 2011 over 46 women participated in all aspects of the Women's League Shabbat services. This is the largest percentage of participation by our Sisterhood members to date, and I would like to thank everyone involved for making it such a success and to especially recognize Lorie Abernethy for her outstanding organization of the Women's League Shabbat services this year. I would also like to extend a hearty Todah Rabah to the clergy and professional staff for their continual encouragement and support. I feel that everyone at the Beth Tzedec probably realizes that our sisterhood is a vital and dynamic organization.

Celebrations continued into the night with Vashti's Banquet. We were able to taste the sisterhood of ancient Persia with activities known to be enjoyed by women: Middle Eastern cuisine, music, belly dancing, henna painting and massage. A celebration of us... to pamper ourselves and to learn how our ancestors and matriarchs pampered themselves.

The next morning, Sunday, February 6th, 2011, Sisterhood volunteers prepared a Brunch for the World Wide Wrap – although minimally attended, it was nevertheless very informative and several attendees took the opportunity to learn the prayers and don tefillin for the first time.

Our next Women's League Shabbat Service is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th, 2012 and we're pleased to advise that the North by Northwest Region President, Anne Nicolson has graciously accepted our invitation to attend.

The Sisterhood's Senior's Purim Luncheon took place Sunday, March 20th with a modest attendance of just over 40 people. The lunch served was vegetable soup, salad, kugel, baked salmon, hamantaschen and fresh fruit. The hamantaschen were specially prepared by the USY, KADIMA and ATID youth groups of the Synagogue and were also packaged into the Mishloach Manot baskets that were delivered to seniors in Long Term Care facilities.

Our Yiddish Club is in its 9th year. The goals of the Club are to provide an opportunity for members to hear and speak Yiddish, and to educate those who are interested in learning the language. Sahbra Markus, the Chair of the Yiddish Club, also arranges for the viewing of Yiddish films throughout the year. These are open to the community at large. Yiddish club presented several movies, "The Dybbuk" on January 23rd, 2011, "A Letter to Mother" on February 20th, 2011 and most recently the "The Jester/Der Purimspieler" on Sunday October 23rd at 2:00pm. Funds collected from the movies are forwarded to Hadassah on behalf of an orphanage in Israel.

Our "Play Dates" program continues for Preschoolers and their moms or dads in the Shul basement one morning a week, when parents can drop in for a coffee and visit with each other while the children play.

For the past few years Sisterhood has organized an Oneg Shabbat Dinner for the Conversion Class to celebrate our new Jews by Choice who have gone through the classes provided by the Synagogue under Rabbi Osadchey's teaching. The members of both the Beth Tzedec Congregation board and the Sisterhood board are invited to attend. The Oneg Shabbat dinner was held on June 17th, 2011 this year, and again was a heart-warming experience for all who attended.

The Sisterhood operates a Judaica Gift Shop which carries a wide range of Judaica and jewellery, and offers a selection of gift ideas for every occasion. Sisterhood is pleased to offer our congregants, friends and others the opportunity to purchase a wide and wonderful selection of unique products from Israel and beyond that can be securely purchased using our new point-of-sale system that brings us forward into the 21st century.

The Women's League North by North West Region Spring conference took place in Richland, Washington May 13-15th, 2011 with five delegates of Beth Tzedec Sisterhood attending. We had a wonderful Women's League consultant, Aliza Goland, who previously came to Beth Tzedec in 2007 as a Women's League trainer. We bonded with others in the region and spent a majority of our time davening, learning, laughing and of course, eating. Our new Region President, Anne Nicolson, was installed on May 15th, 2011 and Lorie Abernethy is now the Region's immediate past president. Bev Dunn has taken on the role of Chair of Communication, Directory and Website on the Region board, Sharon Batshaw is Area Director on the Region board and I will continue in the role of Administrative

Secretary and have taken on the role as Parliamentarian for the Region board.

Sharon Batshaw, Bev Dunn and I attended the North by North West Region Fall Board meeting which took place in Seattle, Washington October 16th & 17th, 2011 in order to plan for the next Region Spring conference scheduled in Walnut Creek, California for April 29th – May 1st, 2012. Please consider attending our next Spring Conference, scholarships are available.

The Sisterhood's Annual Mitzvah Donor Luncheon honouring the 2011 Woman of Valour, Alexandra Cyngiser, was held on Sunday, September 11th, 2011 under the skylight at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

As always, our Mitzvah Donor Gala Luncheon is the kick off event for our Annual Mitzvah Donor Campaign. The Sisterhood supports programs and services that foster a sense of communal responsibility as well as Jewish living, and serves to advance the cause of Judaism by strengthening the bonds of unity among Jewish women. All this is accomplished because of committed women like Alexandra and the distinguished past recipients of the Women of Valour award.

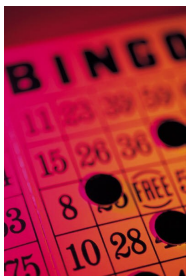


Sisterhood appreciates the tremendous support we receive from all of our members and congregants, without whom none of our programs and events would be possible. Without all of you, we could not do what we do! Todah Rabah! May we all go from strength to strength.

Respectfully submitted



WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM



BINGOS at the Grey Eagle Casino

Tuesday, November 8th, 2011

4:30pm-9:30pm & 9:30pm-Midnight

There is always a need for volunteers!

Sam Fishman 403-613-1848 or email:

sam.fishman@investorsgroup.com

Janice Middleman 403-243-1658

Shirley Grossman 403-234-0406

The Development & Art of Tefillah

Discover how to heighten your prayer experience, and increase your personal knowledge about Jewish Tefillot and the Prayer Book. This course will explore the Jewish prayer service, how it developed, and how it is meant to be experienced. Take your learning and davening to a whole different level!



5- week course: Mondays: November 14th, 21st, 28th and Dec. 5th, 12th

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Instructor: Leonard Cohen

Fee: Free for Beth Tzedec members, \$90 for non-members.

Look forward to seeing you there!

"A Taste of Judaism"

Outrageous Latkes II



Step into the kitchens of Beth Tzedec for a mouthwatering cooking class with Rabbi Shaul Osadchey. The two hour class features innovative recipes that will spice up your Chanukah latke menu! Whether you are a gourmet or novice cook, you will have fun in this popular class that ends with tasty nosh. Please register in advance as the class is limited to 15 participants.

Sunday, November 13th ☆ 10:00am-Noon

\$ 18 - members \$ 25 - non-members

RSVP to the synagogue office at

(403)255-8688 or info@bethtzedec.ca

Sam Libin

November 5th, 2011

8 Heshvan 5772



Sam Libin, son of Sean Libin and grandson of Gilbert Libin, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 5th, 2011.

Sam is an active participant in his school community of Woodman Junior High School and is also a strong contributor to his community at large, most notably through his 8 years of participation in Scouts Canada. Sam began to understand the importance of Tzedakah at an early age and has already raised over \$5,000 for pediatric cancer programs. Sam is very close to his younger brother Austin and they enjoy spending their summers together at Camp BB Riback at Pine Lake. When they're not wrestling or hanging out together, Sam loves to be active playing ball hockey (where he's an Assistant Captain), mountain biking, swimming and he enjoys skiing with his family. He has plans someday to become a lawyer. Yasher Koach to you, Sam!

Downtowners' Lunch & Learn



Gather with others working in Calgary's core for a kosher lunch and topical study at the law offices of
Leon Bickman Brener,
350 603 7th Ave SW.

November 4th & 18th from Noon - 1:30pm
Lunch is \$5 per person.



A MESSAGE FROM TODAH

Bobbie Osadchey

“What is Bikkur Cholim?”

Bikur cholim, "visiting the ill" in Hebrew, is a term encompassing a wide range of activities performed by an individual or a group to provide comfort and support to people who are ill, homebound, isolated and/or otherwise in distress. Bikur cholim can include such activities as: visiting patients in a hospital, rehabilitation center, or nursing home; visiting people who are restricted to their home because of physical or psychological impairment or social isolation; taking people who are ill or impaired on errands or field trips; providing telephone contact and reassurance to those who are ill or homebound.

The act of bikur cholim is a mitzvah, a moral and spiritual obligation incumbent upon all Jews to perform. The Bible tells us that human beings are created in the image of God and instructs us to aspire to be like God by emulating God's ways. God visits Abraham while he was recuperating after being circumcised (Genesis 17:26-18:1). The Talmud (Biblical Commentary) teaches us that "As He visited the sick, so shall you visit the sick . . ."

For members of our TODAH caring committee, Bikur cholim is an essential quality of good interpersonal relationships, both among ourselves and for those we humbly and gratefully serve. It reflects the primary Biblical value, "And you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). By fulfilling this role, we deeply enrich both our lives and the lives of those we visit. When we visit we attain a spiritual dimension that goes well beyond a simple personal expression of caring and links us with generations past, present and future. Indeed, we are linked not only to the entire Jewish people, but to all humanity, as well, emulating the Godly attributes of compassion and lovingkindness. However, there is more: The Talmud makes references to scholars and disciples making visits to the sick. Being part of a group of those who practice Bikur cholim, was one of the principle institutions established by Jewish communities, the first one formed at the time of the Middle Ages. Bikur cholim groups continue to exist to this day, in all parts of the world, with people making the commitment to care for one another, and bring the strength of community and connection of Jewish heritage to the bedside of those in need.

Why is Bikkur cholim important?

- Because people need to feel connected to the community especially when they are ill or homebound.
- Because bringing the community to the bedside lifts the spirit of those who

may feel forgotten.

- Because studies have shown that social contact and support positively influences those needing and receiving comfort.
- Because visiting and caring activities helps build community and character.
- Because we are acting in a God-like way when we visit.

What kinds of things do Bikur cholim visitors do? Bikur TODAH visitors are involved in manifold ways of helping - either as an individual, in a "chorus of one," or as part of a coordinated team effort. There are so many ways one can help, caring gestures include:

- Visit a patient in the hospital/nursing home, or visit the homebound.
- Call a homebound senior before Shabbat and if possible, bring them to services.
- Bring food to a family with a new baby.
- Drive someone to a doctor's appointment.
- Help a child, whose parent is hospitalized, with homework.
- Say psalms together or on behalf of the ill.
- Take someone's car to be filled with gas.
- Bring gift certificates from places which deliver food, so a family can make its own food choices and not feel dependent on what others cook for them.
- Call when you are at the store, and say "I am here. What can I pick up for you?"
- Share your hobbies, such as baking, singing or writing.
- Smile.
- Listen.
- The most important of all . . . *extend to them your hand.*

Opportunities to help are as varied as the individuals and groups who perform them.

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"If we perform no kind of deeds, we have not understanding. . . . The greater our good deeds, the greater our understanding." - Chassidic Anthology

"Our generation, as those before and after us, will be judged by how we listen to those who are sick and vulnerable and to those who care for them. In the end, there is no them. There is only us."

- Rabbi Simkha Weintraub in Sh'ma, March 2003

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By Dave Halpern, Shelley, Jackie, Nelson and Families

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By Morene Weinstein (of Winnipeg MN)

Evelyn Sheftel, on her joyous simcha

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By Sherry & Aaron Berman and Family

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By Karen & Sheldon Roth
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