

Our Mission

"To advocate on behalf of adults with developmental disabilities and provide appropriate supports. This includes making services available in the community and in a home which honors Jewish cultural and religious traditions. While encouraging integration of residents into both the Jewish and broader Hamilton communities."



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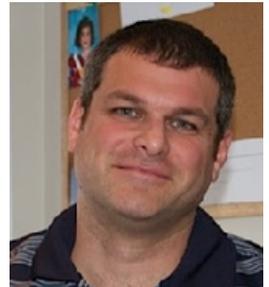
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A Message From the Executive Director

By: **Chris Barone, Executive Director**



This year (2021) has started off with hope for an end to the Covid virus. While we are likely to continue for much of this year with the processes, adapted lifestyle and cautions that we have lived with, we hope that with the vaccine there is light at the end of the tunnel. Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton has been one of the voices to government and Public Health about the importance of giving priority to the people we support and our staff. It is confirmed that our folks are included in phase two of the vaccine rollout. We are awaiting details of a date when we can expect the vaccine to be available to those clients who choose to receive it. The Foundation has material available to help people make the decision and has shared it with individuals in service, staff and families. This material has been provided by Public Health. Our continued cautious actions and vigilance will help the hopeful transition into a positive reality.

Beth Tikvah is entrusted with the responsibility of supporting more than 18 individuals. Their safety and wellbeing and that of their loved ones and all our staff are of utmost importance. In all the good that is happening in each of our homes, I respectfully remind all of us of the importance of keeping our guard up. This is the only assurance we can give one another that all our efforts to protect the people we support and one another will continue to be successful. None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our wonderful staff. I am so grateful for all you do.

New Office Space

By: Chris Barone, Executive Director

Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton's office is moving.....sort of. As of June 1, 2021 there will be additional office space leased as part of J Hamilton. The J Hamilton office is growing and will be leasing an additional 3,600 square feet of office space which is beside the current office space. An adjoining doorway will link the two offices together. Beth Tikvah Foundation will be moving and leasing more office space that is needed as a result of matching our growing management team with the rapid growth of our Foundation. We would also like to give a warm welcome to Hamilton Jewish Family Services who will be moving into the new office J Hamilton office.



COVID-19 Update Corner

By: Olthia Adili, Resource
Training Coordinator

It is hard to believe we have been in some form of lockdown since March 13th of last year. Beth Tikvah employees have endured, long lines at the grocery stores, created new ways to entertain our residents, regular education & revamping daily practices, managing the pandemic & safety measures, as well as, dealing with uncertainty & anxieties in general & possibly, mental health.

Reflecting on this time, one word comes to mind when I think of the staff and management team at Beth Tikvah: Resilience! Each team member has adapted to the evolution of paperwork, shift changes, PPE donning and doffing, outbreaks, testing, training updates and reviewing over 100 documents in regards to the pandemic. All staff should be proud of their efforts.

At the same time, we must not give up on our continued diligence to protect our residents, coworkers, the community and ourselves. We ask you to continue to help us to stop the spread of COVID-19.



Staff Reminders

Hand Hygiene: Ensure you perform hand hygiene often, during donning and doffing PPE, before entering the location, eating, cleaning, using the bathroom, between residents.

Wear PPE for the duration of your shift. Use surgical procedural masks provided prior to entry.

Face Shields are more effective during an outbreak. Properly don and doff PPE to avoid contamination

Cleaning: Clean at the designated times on each shift. High-touch surfaces should be disinfected regularly.

Physical Distancing: This works! With the VOC, the more distance the better. Remember to practice physical distancing with coworkers as well.

Respiratory Etiquette: Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze - use the inside of the elbow. When you use a tissue, throw it out. Perform hand hygiene after a sneeze, cough or using a tissue. Disinfect any known surfaces after they sneeze or cough.

Contact Time: Each product has a required time the surface should be saturated with the cleaning agent/product. Ensure you read the back of the label and follow directions - for example Lysol wipes must be on the surface for 4 min (wet) to ensure it has been disinfected adequately. Spray directly on the cloth to ensure even distribution on the surface

Staff: Answer screening questions accurately. Staff must only work at **one (1)** congregate care setting. Beth Tikvah's definition of a Congregate Care Setting is a group of people who share a living space such as bedrooms, kitchen & bathrooms and the staff have to provide direct support/care.

Social Gathering Requirements: The numbers are continuing to rise and as staff we ask all of you to be cautious and follow the current lockdown measures with social gathering guidelines. Please do not come to work if you are unwell.



Variants of Concern

When a virus attaches to a cell, it replicates or mutates. Another way to look at this is each time the virus replicates or mutates it creates a “mistake” - these ‘mistakes’ are called mutations. Sometimes these mutations can change the adaptation and function of the virus. The variant of concern (VOC) can increase severity and increases in transmission. There are three variants of concern (VOC): UK, South African, Brazil - named after the origin where they were first detected. In the community, 67% of the cases were VOC.

Outbreaks

After an entire year of the pandemic, Arkell and Westmount were declared in outbreak by Public Health. We continue to audit and review the outbreak to make improvements to our agency. All residents and staff have been resolved at those locations and the locations are no longer in outbreak status.



David Owoeye

I am honoured to be able to share with all of the Beth Tikvah staff what a great team member you are! Your diligence and detailed approach towards the work you do sets a benchmark for all. Your care and compassion for the Arkell individuals is present each time you are on shift. When you enter the house, the individuals light up and are full of chatter because they are excited to share their stories with you.

In the month of April, when we all had our plates full, you stepped up and were selfless and put your own personal needs aside. You worked many long hours and ensured each individual received the support they needed.

Your work ethic and involvement with the individuals is admirable, and we are fortunate to have someone as dedicated as you onboard!

From the management team and the individuals at Arkell, David, we thank you! You make everyone's lives better!

- Deborah Hagan, Resource Coordinator



David Dickson

Many of you working at Beth Tikvah may not know we have an artist among us! David Dickson, who resides at Arkell, continues to astonish us with his creative art! Due to the pandemic, it has been difficult to for him continue with his active lifestyle. Rather than sitting idle, David has harnessed his passion of painting, and in doing so, has filled up the home with joy and colour. Each new painting that is hung on the walls of the living room at Arkell creates a meaningful environment for both the other individuals who live there and the staff who work there.

Most recently David donated a fine piece of art to YWCA and he was ecstatic to know that his artwork was going to make another person very happy. In David's words, it's "OUTSTANDING"!

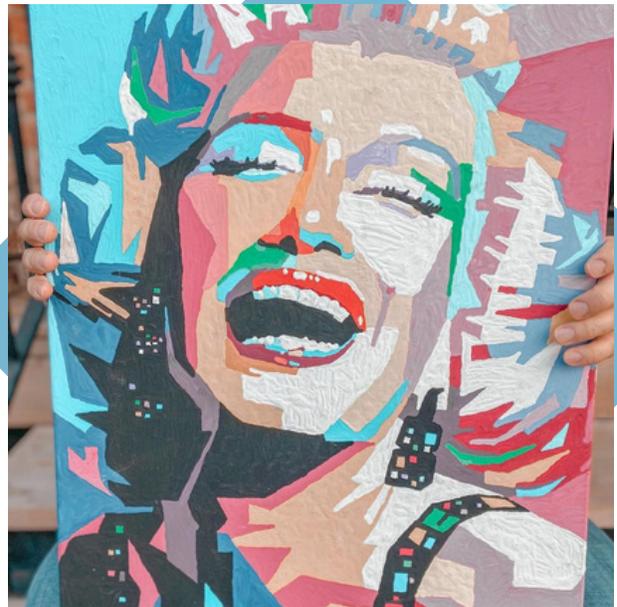
As well, the management team is moving to bigger office space at the beginning of June and David has been commissioned to paint some artwork for the new space! The management team is very excited to see what David will create!

At Beth Tikvah, we are so PROUD to have such a talented gentleman living with us. Keep your passion alive, David!

Please join and share his Instagram page. [DDpaintings1966](https://www.instagram.com/DDpaintings1966)

- Deborah Hagan, Resource Coordinator

*The Art
of
David
Dickson*



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Dates to Remember

July 1 - Canada Day

Sept 6 - Labour Day

Sept 7 & 8 - Rosh Hashanah

Sept 15 & 16 - Yom Kippur

Sept 21 & 22 - Sukkot

Sept 28 - Shmini Atzeret

Sept 29 - Simchat Torah

Oct 11 - Thanksgiving Day