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Get out and vote!

The timing couldn't have been better. Beth Jacob Synagogue's monthly Soul, Body and Mind program, featuring Stephen Adler, Director of Political Affairs for Canadian Jewish Congress, came just two days after the announcement of the upcoming federal election on May 2.

Adler, who grew up in the Beth Jacob Synagogue has been a political "insider" at both the provincial and federal levels for 25 years. Among other issues, Adler discussed the importance of engaging in the election process. Among his main points:

The Jewish community benefits when it brings its issues directly to the candidates.

Every person has an obligation to vote, regardless of their party affiliation.

Adler also stressed the importance of supporting organizations



Director of Political Affairs for Canadian Jewish Congress, Steven Adler

Photo by Wendy Schneider

like CJPAC, the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee. CJPAC provides support to candidates in each parties if they are supportive of Jewish political concerns. For more about the upcoming elections and how you can participate see pages 18 and 19.

Happy Passover!

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY'S DIVERSITY



Photo by Wendy Schneider

Hamilton's Jewish community is blessed by the rich diversity of our members. Above, Ye'ela, Gilad, Amichai, Shimon and Hadas Amar get into the spirit of the upcoming Passover holiday by dressing up in biblical costumes, a Moroccan custom. Read more about how families in our community are celebrating Passover, on pages 14 and 15.

Photo by Wendy Schneider

The end of an era



Photo by Rebecca Shapiro

Members of our community's professional staff came together recently to pay tribute to their respected colleague, Pat Morden, who is stepping down as Shalom Village's CEO this spring after 21 years with the organization. For the full story, see page 23.

Leaving no stone unturned

UJA LAUNCHES "75 FOR 75 FOR 75" INITIATIVE

Seventy five dollars. One thousand donors. Do the math and you get \$75,000. That's how much is needed to reach this year's UJA Campaign's goal of \$1.15 million, a goal that Campaign co-chairs Lisa Morris and Danna Horwood are determined to reach.

"Every effort is being made to successfully close this gap by the end of April," said Horwood, referring to a new closing strategy Campaign organizers are calling the "75 for 75 for 75" initiative.

Lisa Morris explained the concept. "We're celebrating Federation's 75th anniversary. The campaign is \$75,000 short. If 1,000 donors donate \$75 each, we can reach our goal."

Reaching that goal ensures the continuity of funding to vitally needed services in our community that assist the vulnerable and educate our children and sustains our

communal infrastructure. A successful UJA campaign also ensures ongoing support for the national infrastructure of United Israel Appeal, Canada Israel Committee and Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency, our partner in Israel.

The campaign leadership is leaving no stone unturned in its drive to reach the goal. "UJA works for the benefit of everyone in the community and we want to give every community member the opportunity to participate in the campaign," said Morris.

The "75 for 75 for 75" initiative will be primarily driven by a direct mail campaign with follow-up phone calls. Donors will have the option of pledging by return mail or pledging on the UJA Federation of Hamilton website. For further information or to make your commitment today, please go to www.jewishhamilton.org.



Lay leaders meet

What does our future hold?

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Office Administrator

A national Jewish organization with a Hamilton branch is looking for an Office Administrator to manage its local operation. This is a permanent part-time position of roughly 25 hours a week.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the role of the Office administrator will be to oversee and manage our fundraising campaigns, work with lay leadership, volunteers and staff, manage accounts payable and incoming pledges and donations. The role will also involve attending some meetings and acting on decisions taken by the Board.

The desired candidate must be a self-starter, be computer literate, be meticulous and well organized, be able to work under pressure and enjoy working within the community.

Interested candidates should apply in writing with a résumé no later than April 22, 2011 to nfp.employment@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DR. LARRY LEVIN, PRESIDENT,
UJA FEDERATION OF HAMILTON



Perspective on IAW

Once again, our campus and our community have endured the ugly spectacle of so-called Israel Apartheid Week (IAW). We were helped and supported by the very powerful statements against this phenomenon, coming from both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, as well as many editorial and op-ed pieces in the country. This consensus of anti-IAW opinion has assured us that this hateful display of antagonism has absolutely no traction in Canada.

It was very impressive to see how well the pro-Israel voices were prepared and received at McMaster. Our campus advocates, Jewish Students Association, Israel on Campus and the Jewish Faculty Association, working in cooperation with our national advocacy agencies, especially Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) and national Hillel, were fully activated and prepared to address this ugly libel.

The pro-Israel campus community, drawing heavily from CIJA's Size Doesn't Matter (SDM) campaign was extremely active, extending a very positive message about Israel to hundreds of people every day. The results are actually measurable. While it appeared that students were deliberately avoiding the IAW table, the pro-Israel information table in the student centre gave away all kinds of information and material. Perhaps the best indicator was the great increase in social media activity taking place on SDM's Facebook page and website.

I believe that in keeping with the well established national advocacy policy, a positive message about Israel, presented within the framework of "Shared Values" will always resonate more positively with Canadians than the hateful negativity that comes from the other side. I couldn't be more impressed with the capability and the effectiveness of our national advocacy groups, especially as it relates to campus affairs. Kol Hakavod to CIJA, CIC, UOC, national Hillel and the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students for their excellent leadership in addressing this distasteful situation.

On a related matter, Hamilton recently endured another visit from the discredited academic Norman Finkelstein. In keeping with national advocacy policy, our UJA Federation's Public Affairs Committee's deliberate strategy was to just ignore him. We understood that any confrontation in person or in the media over Finkelstein's appearance would only result in his receiving far more media exposure, which unfortunately occurred. The success of the pro-Israel groups at McMaster was achieved by working within the framework of the national "Shared Values" strategy. Finkelstein's media attention resulted from the unfortunate intervention by those who reject that strategy.

Our community expects and is entitled to benefit from responsible, accountable leadership. Hamilton's UJA Federation pledges to continue to provide just that.

Planning for the Future

Federation recently convened a meeting of the Jewish Leadership Forum, consisting of the President and Executive Director of every Jewish organization and agency (including both beneficiary and non-beneficiary) in Hamilton.

Federation's VP of Human Resources Development, Vivienne Epstein, initiated the discussions explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the planning process that would give each organization the best support as we move forward. Each organization was asked to tell the meeting what they saw as their major issues for the next ten years and what would help them achieve an invigorated agency.

David Shore ably chaired the meeting, and many ideas and concerns were voiced. Most fell into three areas: Human Resources – how to attract and retain Jewish families in Hamilton; Financial – how to improve funding; and Facility – how would improvements to our facilities help to achieve our objectives. A working group was struck, consisting of one representative from each agency to continue meeting and planning for the best possible Jewish future for our community.

In closing, allow me to extend best wishes from my family to yours, and from all of us at UJA Federation, for a Chag Kasher V'Sameach. Have a kosher and happy Pesach.

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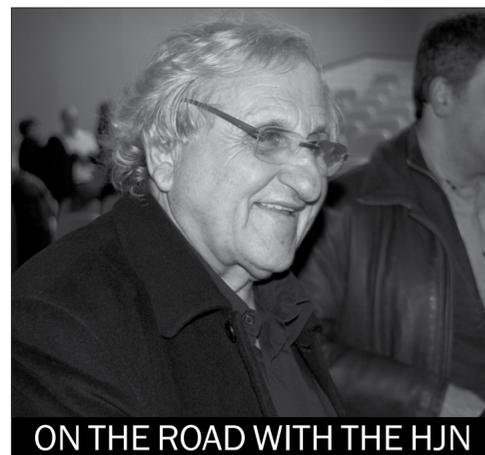
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- Estimated date of arrival May 31, 2011



ON THE ROAD WITH THE HJN

Photo by Wendy Schneider

Israeli novelist A.B. Yehoshua gave a public lecture in Toronto on March 24, that was sponsored by the University of Toronto's Centre for Jewish Studies. His talk, titled From Mythology to History, provided an overview of how Jewish identity came to be built on what Yehoshua calls "mythological consciousness". Quoting the late scholar Gershom Scholem who defined Zionism as "the Jewish return to history", Yehoshua called upon Israelis and Jews everywhere to strengthen their "historical consciousness" because only through learning history – both one's own and that of others – can a nation "improve, change and correct itself."

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NA'AMAT HAMILTON

Na'amat Hamilton is pleased to announce the 26th Annual Celebrity Author Luncheon to be held Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 12 noon, at the Adas Israel Congregation. This year, Dr. Brian Goldman will be our guest speaker.

Dr. Brian Goldman is an emergency room physician who has worked at Mount Sinai Hospital in downtown Toronto for more than 20 years. He is also a prominent medical journalist and the host of CBC Radio's White Coat, Black Art. Never one to shy away from controversy, Goldman specializes in kicking open the doors to the medical establishment, revealing what really goes on behind the scenes – and in the minds of doctors and nurses.

In The Night Shift, Goldman shares his experiences of working through the witching hours at Mount Sinai, as well as at the other hospitals where he has spent his long career. Written with Goldman's trademark honesty and with surprising humour, The Night Shift is also a frank look at many of the issues facing the medical profession today and a highly compelling view of an often shrouded world.

Na'amat is a non-profit charitable organization whose mission is to enhance and safeguard the status of women, children and families in Israel and in Canada. Na'amat programs benefit all Israeli women by providing shelters for abused women and children, legal counselling, recreational and retraining programs, and a countrywide network of daycare centres.

Tickets can be purchased at Bryan Prince Bookseller, 1060 King St. W., 905-528-4508 or by contacting annashkolnik@hotmail.com. General admission is \$20; students and seniors \$18. Ticket price includes the guest lecture, light lunch and door prizes.



Dr. Brian Goldman is this year's celebrity author at its annual luncheon.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

STEVEN BROCK

When it comes to Wendy Schneider and Billy Shaffir's monumental documentary, The Jewish Hamilton Project, no matter who watches it or how many times, one comment reverberates over and over. "I wish they would have had more from... I wanted to hear more." The truth is that the stories related by that eclectic group of "movers and shakers" from Hamilton's Jewish community are so compelling, that one can't help but want more. In their presentation last year to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Hamilton and Area (JGSH), Schneider and Shaffir noted that they had so much excellent material, if they had included everything that they

wanted, the video would have been 100 hours long.

Now you have the unique opportunity to get more of those stories, as the JGSH is proud to present The Jewish Hamilton Project Speaker's Series. Everyone is welcome to join us for this series of presentations where your favourite speakers get the chance to expand on some of the more compelling anecdotes only touched upon in the video.

Perennial favourite, Aaron Shiffman kicked off the series in October with his fascinating history of Hamilton's synagogues. On April 13, pillar of the business community, Cuppy Katz will regale us with stories about Hamilton's Jewish

businesses. May 11 brings us everyone's favourite restaurateur and caterer, the always enthralling Max Mintz, who will entertain us with his Tales from the Chicken Roost. Finally, the always classy, Blanche Levitt closes our season as she recounts her experiences and the history of the heyday of Hamilton's Hadassah. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss any of these special presentations.

The JGSH meets monthly at Temple Anshe Sholom, 215 Cline Ave. N., Hamilton. Please check our website, www.jgsh.org or contact Hazel Boon at 905-524-3345 or at jgshamilton@gmail.com. for more information.

HAMILTON JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

Volunteer Needed

Hamilton Jewish Social Services is seeking a volunteer to coordinate its tzedakah centrepieces. These are beautifully decorated food baskets used as an alternative to traditional centrepieces used for b'nai mitzvah celebrations. Many parents, looking for ways to make their simcha more meaningful, approach Jewish Social Services with a request for these centrepieces, the contents of which are donated to the kosher food bank. Parents, in turn, receive a tax receipt and their child experiences the joy of giving. The volunteer would be in charge of shopping for the food, putting the baskets together, working with the family to see what their needs and arranging for the centerpieces to be delivered to the food bank. If you'd like to help, call Carol

905-627-9922, ex 21 or e-mail carolkramesjss@hotmail.com.

Holocaust Asset Restitution

If you or your relatives had property that was confiscated, looted or forcibly sold during the Holocaust era, you could be entitled to participate in Project Heart. In order to qualify you must provide proof of your evacuation and your annual income cannot exceed \$23,000 for singles and \$27,000 for a couple. For more information visit www.heartwebsite.org.

There is also help available for survivors who are in need of home care. Assessment for this assistance is provided by Hamilton Jewish Social Services.

If you think you qualify or know a relative that may qualify please call Carol Krames at 905-627-9922 ex 21.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

Beth Jacob's Big Night is getting even bigger. This year's Big Night is being held on Monday, June 20 and features, as its headline performer, the hilariously funny, comedian Elon Gold.

"Hilarious," "original," "incredibly talented", "extremely handsome" and "the Jewish Jerry Seinfeld" are just a few of the terms Elon Gold uses to describe himself. Gold has established himself as one of the top comedians in the country, having appeared on numerous television shows, including four recent appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Gold is known for his impressions, including those of Jeff Goldblum, Howard Stern, Jay Leno and David Schwimmer. Most recently he demolished sold out gala audiences at the Montreal and Toronto comedy festivals with his one man show, Half Jewish Half Very Jewish.

With his clever wit, thoughtful observations and his warning that "some material may not be suitable for Gentiles," Gold tears apart cultural stereotypes while reinforcing many others. In his show, the Bronx native and orthodox Jew takes everyday life and turns it on its head.

Gold describes himself as a modern Orthodox Jew, and by modern he means "not so." The Bronx native jokes that he grew



Comedian Elon Gold will headline Beth Jacob's Big Night on June 20.

up in a family so religious that his grandparents had to keep two toilets: one for milk and one for meat.

"I really just want to be the poor man's Jackie Mason," he says. "I'll take my show wherever there are Jews who will watch it."

Sharing the Big Night spotlight with Elon Gold will be a draw for a vacation of your choice, with a value up to \$5,000 and live and silent auctions of many desirable items.

Tickets for the Big Night are \$100, which includes two admissions to the event and a chance to win the vacation. Single admission tickets can be purchased for \$36 each. All tickets can be purchased through the Beth Jacob office by calling 905-522-1351.

ADAS ISRAEL CONGREGATION



Photos courtesy of Adalia Schweitzer

Yes I Learn is a project by Adas Israel designed to encourage individuals to expand their minds and deepen their appreciation of Jewish wisdom. The carrot: Two free airline tickets (compliments of Avenue Travel) to be raffled at the Adas Israel closing barbeque on Monday, June 13.

The concept is simple: Sign up for a "Jewish Hour" and commit to learn about Judaism for one of the 168 hours in your week. At "Yes I Learn" participants

register at our website www.yesilearn.ca and choose classes from a selection of educational programs. Each week participants log in to claim their Jewish hour and earn points towards the year-end draw. Anyone over 18 years old is eligible.

Now is the time to explore new vistas in Jewish thought and, with some luck, Israel! For more information please call 905-528-0039 or e-mail office@adasisrael.ca.

Negev Dinner honours true friend of Israel

Jewish National Fund interviews Negev Dinner co-chairs Lorne Richter and Judy Mintz

This year's Negev Dinner will pay tribute to Dr. Kevin Smith, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Healthcare System. While Smith may not be a household name in the Jewish community, those who know him can attest to his commitment to, not only the Jewish people but to Israel as well. The Negev Dinner co-chairs, Judy Mintz and Lorne Richter discussed their involvement with the event.

Jewish National Fund (JNF): Lorne, why did you agree to become the co-chair? After all, it is a major commitment.

Richter: It was an easy decision. There's been a long tradition at St. Joe's of support for the Jewish community. They were the first hospital in the city to employ Jewish doctors and they have continued to support a Jewish presence there ever since. There have been many board chairs who have been Jewish, and there is a strong Jewish voice on the board including, I am proud to say, me. A few years ago St. Joe's created a fund honouring Jewish physicians including Dr. Joseph Minden, and they continue the trend of welcoming and celebrating our community. Kevin has been a big part of that, and besides, he's a great friend of Israel.

JNF: Judy, was it difficult for you to decide to accept the role of co-chair for this event?

Mintz: Absolutely not. Kevin has been a really good friend for

a long time. This is an opportunity to recognize someone who is a dedicated professional; not only to his profession but to the healthcare system, to education and to research. In addition to recognizing his continued support for the Jewish community and Israel, this dinner will recognize his achievements. He's not only running two hospitals, three long-term care facilities, a homecare agency, and an international outreach program in Haiti and Uganda, he was Chair of the Ontario Hospital Association and was also made Chair of the Board of Directors for the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), a \$6 billion independent organization founded by the Canadian Government to fund research infrastructure. Kevin has told me of his trips to Israel and he's very passionate about the level of scientific acumen and medical advances that he saw there. I myself am inspired by his passion.

JNF: Lorne, what would you say are the most important aspects of this year's dinner?

Richter: Well, in addition to honouring Kevin, I see this as a great opportunity to showcase some of the amazing work JNF is doing. The project that Kevin chose really speaks volumes about Kevin's interests and about some of the cutting edge research that JNF is doing with respect to water. You know, here in Canada we don't think too much about water shortages but in many countries



Lorne Richter Photo by Wendy Schneider



Judy Mintz Storey Wilkins Photography

around the world water is much more valuable than oil. This water research project will focus on furthering JNF and Israel's expertise in the use of recycled water. I don't think there's any country in the world that knows more about recycling water than Israel. What a

great story to tell!

JNF: Judy, are there going to be any surprises at this year's dinner?

Mintz: Yes. We're absolutely thrilled to have the former First Lady, Mrs. Laura Bush, as our keynote speaker. I can also tell you that people won't get bored. This dinner is going to move from start to finish... music, speeches, and much more. I suggest that this is one dinner that people will not want to miss. There will be something for everyone. We also want to make sure there is a strong message about Israel and the Jewish National Fund in the course of the program. After all, aside from paying tribute to a great Hamiltonian and wonderful friend to Israel, we want people to know just how amazing a country Israel is and that the money raised from this year's dinner will help strengthen JNF expertise in recycled water and its ability to help Israel's agricultural sector.

JNF: Is there one final message you would both like to express to the readers?

Richter: I think both Judy and I believe that this year's dinner will rank up there in terms of attendance, support and being a memorable event.

Mintz: We've got an amazing team and I would support what Lorne said and add that people should get their tickets early. We're going to have a sell-out crowd!

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Joy Zians incorporates sign language at the HHA's weekly playgroup for moms and babies. Photo courtesy of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy

The Hamilton Hebrew Academy is proud to bring this innovative approach to the babies of our community. Under the direction of Joy Zians, a weekly playgroup for moms and babies has been created incorporating sign language, music and movement.

Zians received her Masters degree in Special Education from Adelphi University in New York. Prior to receiving her degree, she was already fluent in sign language having assisted a close friend, who was deaf, through university. Upon graduation Zians was employed by the New York public school board as a special education teacher working with kids in kindergarten and above. With selfless dedication, Zians was intent on making a difference in the lives of these young children. For eight years she was heavily involved in training kids for the summer and winter Special Olympics in New York State. In this informal setting, Zians taught these students life values on how to break free from constraints and achieve their dreams.

As director of the HHA Kinder-Gan, Mrs. Zians has created a learning environment infused with the beauty and joy of Jewish living through interactive instruction, dynamic activities, art, song, stories and sign!

"My primary goal is to enable our mothers to truly enjoy their babies and bond with them," Zians said. "All of our activities at the playgroup strive to achieve that aim."

Whether the mommies and babies are signing through song, playing "Zoom to the Moon", the "Shaky Song" with musical shakies, or the ever favourite "Scoot & Toot Diaper Dance," the time is thoroughly enjoyable and educational.

The HHA mommy and baby playgroup meets each Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m. at the school located at 60 Dow Avenue, Hamilton. For more information please call 905-528-0330.

TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM

REBECCA MOSES

Here at the Temple, we are moving closer to the season where many of our students will be celebrating becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Again this year we have some amazing students celebrating this simcha with us. I am constantly impressed with how hard our students work to become shlichei tzibur, leaders of prayer. They work on perfecting not only the leading of the prayer service, the mastery of reading Torah, and the teaching of what they have learned from their parasha, but they also work hard at becoming role models to our younger students. At each of these simchas the rabbi says that while we are not commanded to learn, we are commanded to teach. One of the most profound ways our students tackle this is in the form of their mitzvah project. While I marvel at their poise on the bimah and

congratulate them on the wonderful job they do on the day of their celebration, the work I am most impressed by, and the work that, as a congregation and a community, we can most proud of, is their work to make our world a better place. We have students collecting money for the McMaster Children's Hospital, making and selling homemade arts and crafts to raise money and awareness for causes that are near and dear to them, visiting and volunteering at Shalom Village, and so many other wonderful projects. Their dedication to performing acts of g'milus chasadim, love and kindness is a testament to the strong Jewish community that has helped shaped them and to their commitment to making their community a better place. They are truly making a difference here in Hamilton, and in the world.

Organization heads meet

Lay leaders grapple with question of how to thrive and overcome

UJA FEDERATION STAFF

The March 16th meeting of the Hamilton Jewish Leadership Forum marked the third year of conversations taking place among the lay and professional leaders of Jewish organizations in Hamilton. The forum is convened by the Executive Committee of UJA Federation of Hamilton and is implemented by Federation's Committee of Human Resources Development.

According to Federation President Larry Levin, "The forum was created to provide an opportunity for every organizational voice in our community to be heard on issues of shared community concern. One of its unique characteristics is that participation is not limited to UJA Federation beneficiary agencies alone. The forum also includes organizations outside of the UJA beneficiary framework including synagogues, women's organizations and Shalom Village."

As a step towards creating a stronger climate for cooperative future community planning, the March meeting was called to address two very broad questions: "Describe what your agency would need to grow and thrive and be invigorated and what it would look like in 2020 and identify the obstacles to overcome in achieving that vision."

The underlying context of the discussion was the acknowledgement of the serious implications every organization faces in light of recent census data that predicts an increase in the Jewish community's elderly population and an overall lack of growth over the next 10 years.



David Shore, pictured here with Vivienne Epstein, Vice President, Human Resources Development at UJA Federation, facilitated a recent discussion with the Lay Leadership Forum. Photo by Wendy Schneider

Responses to the questions varied on an agency by agency basis. However, there were many commonalities as well. Discussion facilitator David Shore identified the common themes. "What I heard from most organizations were concerns around demographic changes, the increasing challenges of developing new financial resources, the need for new leadership and in some cases, the need for new facilities."

Another theme that emerged from the discussion was the critical importance that excellent Jewish day school education plays in attracting and retaining young families. Questions were raised about why the number of students in Jewish day schools has dropped and where today's Jewish parents were enrolling their children. While there was some speculation that some Jewish students were attending other private schools,

no concrete data was available. There did, however, appear to be a consensus that a critical factor in helping to combat demographic trends is high calibre Jewish educational offerings from pre-school through high school.

The meeting closed with general agreement that the GroHamilton plan, a Federation initiative dating back six years, needs to be revisited and reinvigorated. A request was made for each agency to send a delegate, to form a working group of the Leadership Forum to continue working on the GroHamilton plan and review other issues such as redevelopment of the JCC. The intention is to follow up on this discussion with a meeting right after Pesach.

The feeling in the room was very positive and energetic, as everyone worked together for the betterment of our Jewish community's future.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CeCe Schreiber Volunteer Excellence Award

"Following In the Footsteps Of Excellence"

The CeCe Schreiber Volunteer Excellence Award was established by UJA Federation in 2007. Our most prestigious award, it is named in the honour of Hamilton's most beloved, respected and accomplished volunteers. This award is presented at the UJA Federation Annual General Meeting to an outstanding volunteer who meets the following criteria:

- Good standing with UJA
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- Serving the Federation's mission to ensure vibrant Jewish life in Hamilton
- Inspirational leadership, dedication, enthusiasm, creativity and innovation

UJA Federation seeks nominations for the 2011 CeCe Schreiber Volunteer Excellence Award. If there is someone in the community you wish to nominate, please send their name and volunteer resume to gfisher@jewishhamilton.org. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Apr. 29, 2011.



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McMaster Jewish Students host multi-cultural Shabbat dinner

LEANNA KATZ



Leanna Katz
Special to the Hamilton Jewish News

On February 5, 75 students and staff from the McMaster community shared a warm home-cooked Shabbat dinner organized by the Jewish Students Association, at Celebration Hall on campus. Guests included student leaders from the African Students Association, Ahmadiyya Muslims Students Association, Assyrian Chaldean Syriac Student Union, Bahai Faith group, Campus for Christ, Catholic Students Association, and Muslim Students Association, as well as other interfaith groups like the Tzedakah-Sadaqah Project, Human Rights and Equity Services, Diversity Services, the Daughters of Abraham Group, and the Campus Interfaith Issues Working Group. We also had special guests from the Hamilton Jewish Federation, the Chaplaincy Centre, McMaster Student Union president Mary Koziol and Professors Louis Greenspan, Ann Pearson and Eileen Schuller.

The evening began with Shabbat prayers, followed by a delicious meal that included Israeli salad, matzah ball soup, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, kugel, and cookies.

As the meal wound down, Ben Rosen, a first year McMaster medical student, and Avi Shack, a Masters student spoke about the Tzedakah-Sadaqah Project. "Tzedakah" and "Sadaqah" are the words for "charity" in both Hebrew and Arabic. The project brings together Muslim and Jewish students on university campuses throughout Canada by volunteering in their communities. At McMaster, the Muslim Students Association and the Jewish Students Association volunteer together at the Good Sheppard food bank downtown.

Rosen delivered a message of empowerment to the students by speaking about visionaries who have changed the world and

outlining his own vision for the project. Shack delivered a d'var Torah in which he told the story of a man who wanted to change the world, but when he found that he couldn't, lowered his expectations to his community. Still unsuccessful he focused on his family, and when that failed, settled on himself. But the man realized that because he changed himself, his family, community and the world were also changed.

Rosen and Shack then facilitated a discussion that centered on pressing social issues such as the environment and health care and encouraged students to speak about these issues from the perspective of their own faith background. Students came to see similarities between the different religious groups.

Dialogue may have started over matzah ball soup, but it did not end with dessert. Students and staff left with a renewed sense of community, one that crosses religious and cultural lines. Just like the man in Shack's story, dinner guests took a small step towards changing the world, by changing themselves and participating in an unfamiliar experience, challenging their preconceptions and learning something new.

Watch for Jewish Literary Festival in June

Pinking Shears Publications (Lil Blume and Ellen Jaffe) have received a fine collection of memoirs inspired by old letters, pictures, and items passed on from the writers' parents and grandparents: items whose stories have haunted them. Pinking Shears Publications hopes to launch the anthology in a Jewish literary festival at Temple Anshe Sholom on Sunday, June 12 at 11 a.m. We also intend to show the Jewish Hamilton Project DVD at the festival. This film features Jewish Hamiltonians reminiscing and reflecting on their experiences of living Jewish lives in Hamilton.



We all have family stories that deserve to be told – stories of our origins and stories of our lives right here in Hamilton. Stories passed from one generation to the next carry the values, culture, and unique mythology of that family. If you have been thinking of collecting family stories for your children and grandchildren, or for the Jewish Hamilton Project, come to a workshop run by Lil Blume. She will give you ideas for reviving memories and writing and organizing a family story project.

The first workshop will be held Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2011. To register, e-mail lilblume@rogers.com. For more information on Blume's workshops, see the "Writing Family Stories" link at www.lilblume.ca.

Public Affairs Committee attends Israel Advocacy workshop

UJA FEDERATION STAFF

Before the end of the calendar year, the Canadian Jewish community national advocacy structure will undergo a significant re-organization, with the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canada Israel Committee and the Canadian Institute of Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) becoming one single mega-agency.

Shimon Fogel, CEO of the, as yet un-named, national body was in Hamilton to meet with Federation's Public Affairs Committee (PAC) in February to discuss the newly evolving infrastructure and what these changes may mean to Jewish advocacy in the Hamilton area.

Fogel began by expressing his appreciation for the advocacy work done in Hamilton, citing Federation's Public Affairs Committee's success in strengthening ties with local media and elected officials and the organization's positive relationships with the existing national agencies.

While the final shape of the reorganization plan will only be presented at the June board meeting of United Israel Appeal of Canada, Fogel suggested that the new agency may be in a position to direct important new resources into the Hamilton area, either in the form of additional financial resources for programming or perhaps even a dedicated advocacy staff person.

Federation president Larry Levin raised the question of regionalizing the advocacy work of Federation's Public Affairs Committee to include communities as far east as Oakville, as far north as Guelph and perhaps as far southeast as St Catharines. Fogel responded enthusiastically to the proposal, as did Guelph community leader Michael Grand, who was present for the Hamilton briefing.

Public Affairs Committee Co-Chair Monte Levy was very pleased with the briefing. "It is very reaffirming to have our hard work recognized by the national

agency. The possibility of greater programming and staff resources will help immensely as we look to the future."

A week after meeting with Fogel, Federation's Public Affairs Committee participated in a workshop titled Understanding Shared Values. "Shared Values" refers to the Israel advocacy strategy developed by our national agencies in response to substantial research that has revealed that most Canadians don't know or care much about Jews, Israel or the conflict in the Middle East. The research also revealed that when messages about Jews, Israel or the conflict are presented in ways that suggest that Jews and Israel share core Canadian values, positive interest, understanding and empathy for Jews and Israel is aroused.

According to UJA Federation Director Gerald Fisher, "The advocacy challenge is in finding words and deeds that project those positive shared values messages and that avoid messages that are in conflict with what we know Canadians really care about. Learning how to address this challenge is the heart of what this workshop was about."

The workshop was delivered by the Canada Israel Committee's national manager of community services, Judy Zelikovitz with additional input from its media consultant Steve MacDonald. Zelikovitz, who has visited Hamilton several times before, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to deepen the understanding of Shared Values among Hamilton's dedicated Israel advocates.

"Hamilton is an excellent example of what can be accomplished for Israel advocacy, even in smaller communities, when dedicated volunteers use the best techniques to advance the general public's understanding and support for Israel while combating antisemitism."

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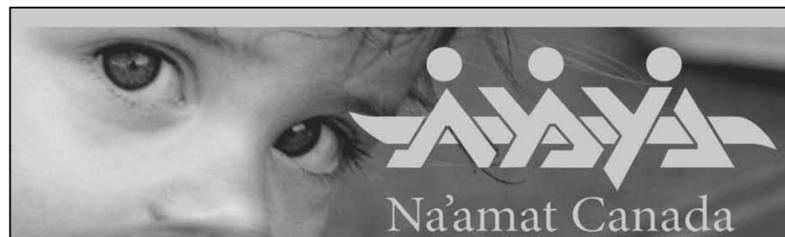
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Sunday, May 1

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featuring keynote speaker



Dr. Christopher Browning

Christopher Browning is an American historian of the Holocaust and author of Remembering Survival, the history of a Nazi slave-labor camp at Starachowice, in central Poland, where thousands of Jews were forced to work -- without compensation in any form and often under brutal conditions -- to produce munitions for the Nazi war machine. Browning was one of the leading witnesses for the defense when David Irving sued Deborah Lipstadt for libel in 2000. His most recent book, Remembering Survival: Inside a Nazi Slave Labor Camp (2010), is a case study of a complex of factory slave labors in Starachowice, Poland, based primarily on 292 survivor testimonies.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Yom Ha'atzmaut

(See opposite page)

Tuesday, May 10 at the JCC at 5:30 p.m.

Lag Ba'Omer

Bonfire and Fireworks; Bring your blankets and chairs
Sunday, May 22 at the JCC at 7 p.m.

Camp Kadimah Open House
Wednesday, June 1, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the JCC

TENNIS

Junior Group Lessons
Every Saturday
in May and June
Session 1: May 7 to 28
Session 2: June 4 to 25
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10 to 10:45 a.m.

Ages 10 to 12
10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 13 to 15
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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Session 1: May 4 to 25
Session 2: June 1 to 22
Cost: \$90 per session

Thursdays
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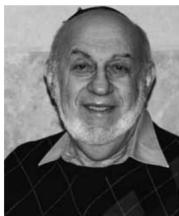
Day after day Jewish life in our community is enriched by dedicated volunteers who devote their time and energy to making their respective organizations thrive. On Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 pm at the Federation Annual General Meeting, the community will pay tribute to the people pictured on these pages, each of whom has been nominated by their organization for a Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award. We hope you will join us.

ADAS ISRAEL CONGREGATION ANDREA LEVY



All those who know Andrea Levy, are familiar with her heart of gold and her great community spirit. Andrea is dedicated to seeing her home town continue to grow and thrive. Andrea has earned the title of Adas Israel Volunteer of the Year through selfless dedication, remarkable leadership and a vast commitment of time. As a master chef at United Shabbat, Andrea has risen to the challenge nearly every month by coordinating menus, managing volunteers, and of course cooking. Our entire community is privileged to have Andrea Levy in our midst.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE PHILIP PRICE



Beth Jacob is proud to nominate Philip Price for this year's Shem Tov awards. For too many years to count, Philip has been responsible for giving out aliyot and assigning Torah and Haftara portions for Shabbat services and High Holidays and, second only to the Rabbi, oversees the daily operation of ritual life. He's present at almost every service, attentive to what needs to get done, and he often leads morning and evening minyan. If someone has a yahrzeit approaching, Philip will make sure there's a minyan. Philip's self-deprecating and modest demeanor cannot mask his depth of knowledge about Judaism. We feel so lucky to have Philip in our community and cannot imagine what we'd do without him.

BETH TIKVAH SANDY MORRIS



Beth Tikvah is delighted for this opportunity to honour Sandy Morris as our nominee for the Shem Tov award. Sandy has been a member of our board for years and she's always seen the importance of a community-supported Jewish home for the developmentally challenged. Sandy's commitment to Beth Tikvah's residents is far-reaching and she always helps out in whatever way she can. Her input on the board is always very valuable. We feel that Sandy deserves this honour not only for her volunteer activity at Beth Tikvah but for her commitment to all aspects of the Jewish community.

HAMILTON JEWISH MIDDLE SCHOOL MOLEIGH WIESENTHAL



Moleigh Wiesenthal is an active volunteer at both the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and the Hamilton Jewish Middle School. She is the mother of two students in the HJMS and her volunteer efforts over the years in both the HHA and HJMS are long standing. In particular, Moleigh has for many years made time in her busy schedule to pick up and deliver the deli lunch every week. Moleigh is always ready to lend a helping hand in school events and to provide special extras that enhance our school environments. Moleigh's caring help behind the scenes at the HHA and HJMS are always appreciated.

HAMILTON HEBREW ACADEMY JOCELYN KATZ



Jocelyn Katz is the mother of an HHA graduate as well as a current HJMS student. She has been an active volunteer for many years at the HHA. In the past, Jocelyn spear-headed fundraising projects and brought many creative ideas to the school. Currently, Jocelyn helps prepare Tuesday lunches for students at both the HHA and HJMS. She is always available to help drive students to a host of field trips and sports events and this is very much appreciated by teachers and students alike. Jocelyn has truly contributed to the HHA in so many ways and her efforts are deeply valued.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE HOWARD KATZ



From an early age the Delaware Avenue JCC was a home away from home for Howard, where he played basketball three to four times a week, attended Talmud Torah and became one of Max Rotman's "kids". As the years went on, Howard continued to be an integral part of the JCC. Howard's warm and welcoming presence infuses all his activities, whether it be sitting on the board, planning teen events, participating in three-on-three basketball tournaments or chairing the Max Rotman Humanitarian Awards. We are grateful to

Howard for his passion, dedication and all the volunteering that he contributes to the Centre.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND LORRAINE COHEN



The Jewish National Fund of Hamilton is pleased to select Lorraine Cohen for the Shem Tov award for 2011. Lorraine has been an integral part of the JNF operation for many years and has held the position of president and, in addition to continuing to be an active board member, she will be assuming her role on the JNF national board. Lorraine is also a key member of our annual Negev Dinner team. When asked if she would accept being the JNF Shem Tov nominee, she remarked, "I would be honoured. JNF is a great organization with great people. It's a fun place to be."

JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES CHARLES KRAVETSKY



Our agency could not manage without Charles, whose volunteer activities are always carried out with a smile and good humour. He acts as our volunteer mashgiach and has always been available to pick up food for our Passover food drive and wine for our annual fundraisers for the last several years. These are often not easy jobs. They require strength, knowing your products and commitment. By acting as a role model to his own children and the students he shuttles to and from Toronto, Charles is ensuring that future generations will continue to help others.

KEHILA JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL LUBA APEL



Kehila honours Luba Apel for her selfless contribution to our school. Luba has been involved with Kehila since 2001 when her daughter Misha came into our kindergarten class. Luba is truly a pioneer, boldly going where few have gone before. Since Luba and her family became part of the Kehila family, she has been a fabulous volunteer: lunch diva, part of the fundraising crew, help with spirit days, driving on fieldtrips and this year, a major participant in our PTA. Anything we ask of her she is one of the first to give her time and energy without hesitation. Thank you Luba for all you do and for who you are.

MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MADELEINE LEVY



It is an honour to nominate Madeleine Levy for a Shem Tov award for her outstanding support and contribution to the McMaster JSA. As chair of the campus services committee she makes an effort to get to know the students and executive. She is there for us in good times and bad, helping in the fight against anti-semitism on campus and joining the Jewish Faculty Association in endless meetings with the Human Rights and Equity office and the university president. She does this all with humour and warmth and an amazing ability to grasp a situation and help produce a positive result. We thank her for her commitment and concern for our well-being.

NA'AMAT HAMILTON DEENA SACKS



Na'amat Hamilton nominates Deena Sacks for the Shem Tov awards. Deena has been an enthusiastic member of Club Nitsan for the past 13 years, and during her presidency she led our group with spirit and dedication. After attending a leadership trip in Israel, the mission of Na'amat in enhancing the lives of women and children in Canada and Israel became even closer to her heart. Deena is always willing to help in whatever task needs attention. In an unassuming manner she always gets the job done. Most recently she has taken on the task of co-convening our next Celebrity Author Luncheon.

SHALOM VILLAGE DENNIS SCHWARTZ



It is with true joy and gratitude that the board of Shalom Village recommends Dennis Schwartz for the honour of receiving a Shem Tov volunteer recognition award. Shalom Village has been the fortunate recipient of Dennis's volunteer energy for many years. His leadership role in ensuring that all the residents at Shalom Village have the opportunity to participate in monthly Shabbat services and holidays adds so much to the quality, pleasure, and sense of home to so many residents and families. To see Dennis daven at Shalom Village is to see a man who truly gets the heartfelt need in each of our residents, to connect with the words, the meanings and the traditions. He quietly and compassionately helps residents kindle the joy of being a part of the community, being a Jew, being valued and being honoured as individuals.

TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM JOYCE DAIN



Temple Anshe Sholom is delighted to nominate Joyce Dain for the Shem Tov award. Joyce has held many positions at the Temple, including her membership in our Sisterhood, serving as dues secretary, helping with the numerous teas, fashion shows, luncheons and other fundraisers. Since the 1990s she's been a member of the Temple board and she currently chairs the TAS Breakfast Club. In 1997 she initiated bringing advertising into the Temple Bulletin, an effort that she continues to this day. Joyce was also chiefly responsible for obtaining a defibrillator for the Temple and arranging training in its use for staff members. Joyce has been a lifelong student, loving the learning experience that volunteering imparts.

UJA FEDERATION HARVEY KATZ AND JAY STATE



UJA Federation is delighted to honor Harvey Katz and Jay State as co-winners of the 2011 Shem Tov award. Harvey and Jay have co-chaired the legal division of United Jewish Appeal since 2002. Their commitment, creativity and good humour have created a winning team and measurable success in what can sometimes be a challenging environment. Other than the recession that affected the entire campaign, there has been an increased level of giving in the legal division every single year of their joint tenure.



Each a highly respected member of the Hamilton legal community, they have both accessed their significant personal networks to help grow the UJA Campaign both in terms of numbers of donors as well as dollars. Additionally, their focus on leadership development within the division has resulted in younger members of the profession stepping up to play increasingly enhanced roles in ensuring the success of the UJA Campaign. We are very grateful for their volunteer contribution and their leadership.

WHAT DOES OUR FUTURE HOLD?

Be part of UJA Federation's 75 years of Caring Community Capsule!

As part of UJA Federation's 75th anniversary celebrations we are asking community members of all ages to submit something to our "Future Capsule". Your submissions can be one or more of the following:

- a photograph
- a picture you drew
- a descriptive paragraph of where you see yourself in 25 years
- a descriptive paragraph of where you think our community will be in 25 years
- a poem



All items will be kept and viewed in 25 years at Federation's 100th anniversary. Items can be brought to the 75th Campaign Closing Celebrations at the JCC on May 10th.

Passover Practices

by WENDY SCHNEIDER, Hamilton Jewish News

We might be small in number but Hamilton's Jewish community is rich in diversity. Below is just a small sampling of how some local families are celebrating the upcoming Feast of Freedom.

JENNIFER AND CHOPPER FRIEDLAND SOUTH AFRICA



ABOVE: Some of the Friedland's extended family: Front row: Jennifer, Daniel, Samantha and Chopper Friedland. Back row, l to r: Michele Schneider, Johnny Fleisch, Adele Wolpert Zur, Ronit, Amir and Ron Mesterman. Photo by Wendy Schneider

Who's coming?
Jennifer: Thirty-five friends and family members.

What are you serving?
For starters: chopped liver, chopped hering, gefilte fish, mock crayfish, platter of eggs, smoked salmon and asparagus. Main course: Kneidlach soup, chicken, lamb chops, roast potatoes, mixture of carrots and squashes.

What's unique about your seder?
We've always had a very large group, even in South Africa. If it's just the immediate family sitting around the table, that's not yontiff. It's crazy and a tumult but it's nice. All the

generations are here and it's good.
What traditions do you follow?
We hide the matzah, the kids look for it and they get money when they find it. We never finish the Haggadah. For us, the holiday is more about about getting together and celebrating the occasion.

What's the biggest challenge?
Honestly, it goes like clockwork. I've been doing it for so many years it's not a challenge at all. Everybody brings something. Everybody helps. It's not a hassle.

What's the greatest pleasure?
We love getting together with family and friends.

LOUISE AND SOL ALGRANTI TURKEY

What's unique about your seder?
Louise: When I was a child in Turkey we used to wrap the afikoman in a long, rectangular embroidered cloth called a "bohtcha." The afikoman was passed from shoulder to shoulder during the reading of the Haggadah. It was meant to symbolize the departure from Egypt.

Have you started any new traditions?
We include chicken soup and matzah balls, an Ashkenazi custom, because my children like it.

What are you serving?
Growing up, our starters were spinach, leek and zucchini patties that represented the bitter herbs. They were served with very hard boiled eggs cooked with peppercorns and onion skin that would turn them into a brown colour. At my seder, the first course includes chicken soup and lightly breaded (with matzah meal) fried fish served with a lemon and egg sauce. Our main course includes a Sephardic kugel made with zucchini, onions and dill, chicken, beef and lamb. Dessert is almond cake and meringue.

What's the biggest challenge?
To make my children read in Hebrew.

What's the greatest pleasure?
I enjoy Passover very much, even though it's a lot of work. It brings back memories of my childhood.



Louise Algranti with her grandmother's "bohtcha". Photo by Wendy Schneider

GOLAN AND LIMOR AMAR ISRAEL (MORROCO/YEMEN)



The Amar Family, from l to r: Limor, Ye'ela, Gilad, Amichai, Shimon, Hadas and Golan. The Amar's eldest son, Amit is studying in Israel. Photo by Wendy Schneider

What's unique about your seder?
Golan: During the seder everyone sits on mattresses around a low table, because in the Mishna it says that in Temple times people used to sit in groups around low tables, tell the story of the going out from Egypt and eat the Passover sacrifice. In addition, all of us dress in biblical costumes. We do these things because it's more authentic and helps the children really feel the freedom.
Limor: During the HaLachma Anya prayer, Golan holds up the seder plate and waves it in a circle over each child's head, from the smallest to the biggest, so that each one will feel as if she or he came out from Egypt.

Have you started any new traditions?
Golan: Right before the Four Questions, the children perform a little play. They come to me with their packs and staffs and I ask

HERSHEL AND SIMA TEHRANZADEH IRAN

What's unique about your seder?
Hershel: Each person recites Halachma Anya individually, while holding the plate of three matzot in their hands and shaking it. The customs of Persian Jews have remained in place since the days of Esther and Mordecai and even before, because Jews never moved to Iran from other countries and there was no dilution of the original customs. Before we came to North America in 1980 we hadn't met any Jews who were from somewhere else. I grew up in Shiraz, where matzah was made by hand. One month before Pesach, families, including the children would go and help make it, dry it and pack it. There was no Fortinos where you could go and buy it. As Sephardim, we also eat rice. Eating rice when you are happy is an old Persian custom.

Anything else?
When we recite Dayenu, we make a game out of it for the kids. Every time they say the word Dayenu they hit the adults with some

them, "Who are you? Where are you coming from? What did you do in Egypt?" and they tell me the story. We also act out the 10 plagues, using plastic insects, frogs and finger puppets.

What's the biggest challenge?
Limor: Getting ready for the actual seder and still finding the feeling in my heart of freedom. Sometimes when you work so hard, you can lose that feeling, so I try to clean as fast as I can beforehand so that the children and I can rest in the afternoon. Then I can come with much strength and happiness and tell the children the story of Pesach.

What's the greatest pleasure?
The focus of our seder is on our children and we love to see them so excited.

green onions. It's meant to symbolize the beating of the slaves.

What do you do with the afikomen?
The father hides it and the kids find it. Once they find it we give them prizes. When it's time to eat the afikomen, we put a piece of it in our hand, lift it over our head and move it around and around before eating it, to symbolize how the children of Israel were wandering around and around the desert for so many years. After the second night we keep a piece of afikomen in our pockets until the end of the holiday in order to be reminded of the Exodus. It's supposed to bring good luck.

What's the biggest challenge?
It's the extensive cleaning, packing and clearing out of six boxes of dishes and pots and pans. We spend about two weeks preparing.

What's the greatest pleasure?
Our children really enjoy it.

Passover recipes

Louise Algranti's Spinach Fritada
450 to 500 g of baby spinach
4 sheets of matzah
5 eggs or 2 eggs plus ½ cup of egg whites
½ cup of crumbled feta cheese
1 cup of grated of any sharp cheese

Soak the matzah in water until soft. Chop the spinach. Once the matzah is soft, squeeze the water out and add it to the chopped spinach. Add the cheese and eggs. Mix well. Pour into a greased oven-proof dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Louise Algranti's Turkish Haroset
1 lb of chopped pitted dates or dark brown raisins (or half and half)
1 medium-sized navel orange peeled and cut into chunks and its rind
1 large apple, peeled, cored and cut into large pieces
½ to 1 cup of chopped walnuts or almonds
½ tsp cinnamon
4 tbsp sweet red Passover wine

Put all the ingredients except for the wine in a food processor fitted with a steel blade, if necessary in batches. Add the wine, and pulse to make a coarse mixture. If it's too coarse add a few tablespoons of water. Refrigerate and cover container and serve chilled. The haroset gets slightly firmer when chilled and should keep for a week.

Anna Shkolnik's Matzo Babka
a Russian breakfast
6 matzahs broken into pieces
1 finely chopped onion
2 tbsp oil
6 beaten eggs
Salt and pepper to taste

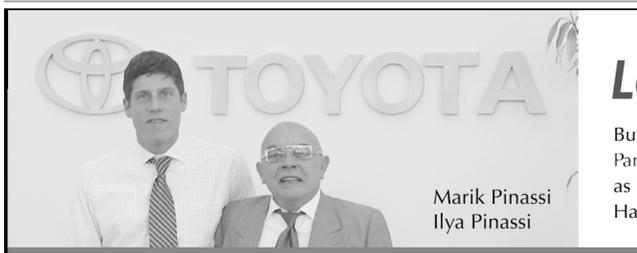
Place the broken matzah into a strainer and pour boiled water on it for about 20 seconds. Sauté onion until golden brown. In a mixing bowl add the eggs, onion, 2 tbsp of oil, salt and pepper. Add the matzah and mix well. Pour the mixture into a hot frying pan with a little bit of oil and smooth with

a spoon. Lower the heat to medium and fry for 10 to 15 minutes until the bottom is golden brown. With a dinner plate flip the "babka" upside down and place it back on the frying pan after adding more oil. Fry the other side for another 10 to 15 minutes.

Shirley Silberg's Teiglach*
1½ cups matzah meal
125 g margarine
60 g currants
60 g sultanas
60 g dates
1 tsp honey
2 tsp sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
2 eggs
A little water if necessary

Beat all ingredients except the cake meal very well. Add cake meal slowly using a wooden spoon. This should be a fairly soft dough. Turn out onto a board sprinkled with cake meal, knead and roll into 2 ½ cms. wide rolls. Cut into 4 cm lengths. Prepare the filling by boiling the raisins and dates together in a little orange juice until fruit is softened. Mix well. Press a teaspoonful of the fruit mixture into each small piece of dough and roll into balls. Boil syrup ingredients in a very large saucepan. Drop filled teiglach into the fast boiling syrup. Cover the saucepan with a sheet of heavy aluminum foil and then cover with lid. Allow the teiglach to boil on high for 20 minutes. Remove lid and foil being careful not to let water from lid drop into saucepan. Stir well. Cover again with foil and lid and cook on medium for a further hour and 15 minutes when the teiglach should be a rich golden brown. Stir at 20 minute intervals. Take out teiglach with slotted spoon, dip in sugar and ginger and leave on a board to cool.

* Teiglach are small, knotted pastries boiled in a honeyed syrup. They are a traditional Lithuanian Jewish treat.



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A message from Dr. Susan Denburg, President of the Shalom Village Board of Directors



Dr. Susan Denburg

Dr. Susan Denburg, President of the Board of Directors of Shalom Village, announced today that after 21 years of service to the organization, Chief Executive Coach Pat Morden will be leaving Shalom Village, effective June 30th, 2011. Pat will be moving to Stone Hill, the farm she and her husband recently purchased in the town of Durham, Ontario. "Pat has truly realized the vision that our Shalom Village founders and board members created: A place to honour our fathers and our mothers" stated Denburg.



Pat Morden

Shalom Village, under Pat's leadership has experienced significant growth and development both in physical terms and in reputation.

Our focus has been about continuous innovation, raising the bar for quality, and creating and building the AT HOME model of care. In partnership with other care providers, the Ministry of Health and Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) and our donors, unique programs and services have been

implemented such as the Club, the Ruth Sherman Centre for Education and Research, Goldie's Place, MilliMobile services, and Ontario Telemedicine in the Classic Theatre. These have enriched the lives of those who call Shalom Village home. The introduction of increased education and professional development for all staff and volunteers, the annual staff board dinner awards and a focus on creating a possibility-based coaching culture all have supported and nurtured the staff and volunteers who are the backbone of Shalom Village.

Life, growth and decisions at Shalom Village honour our values as a Jewish home. Discussion of the weekly Torah reading at the beginning of each senior staff meeting, the collaborative development of our synagogue, and the inclusion of a rabbi as a full time member of the staff team have all focused on ensuring that our mission to honour our fathers and our mothers within the context of our Jewish values and kashruth is visible each day at Shalom Village.

The awareness of Shalom Village in the local, provincial, national and international community has grown along with the growth of the organization. Shalom Village has been represented at the senior board level of the Ontario Long Term Care Association. Shalom Village staff members are sought-after guest speakers across the country.

Shalom Village has played significant roles in the development of policy at the provincial level and locally through the HNHB LHIN. Shalom Village's excellence was acknowledged by an affiliation agreement with McMaster University's Faculty of Health Sciences. Always seeking ways to improve our effectiveness, Shalom Village teams are taking an active role in learning how to create the future through quality improvement-based initiatives, as part of the Ontario Health Quality Council's Residents First Initiative.

"On behalf of the entire Shalom Village organization and the residents and families whose lives were made better under Pat's leadership, we offer her our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future" said Denburg.

A selection committee of the board has been formed and is working with Pat to ensure that the excellence and uniqueness of Shalom Village is continued into the future.

The members of the Search Committee are: Dr. Susan Denburg (chair), Dr. Michael Taylor, Jacki Levin, Helaine Ortmann, Dennis Schwartz, and Karen Saperson. The search committee can be contacted at CEOsearch@shalomvillage.ca

Emanuela's Deeper Experience nominated for SAGE Award

Eighth Annual Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence to be presented May 27th



Emanuela Dussin

Emanuela Dussin's efforts to bring creative expression to Shalom Village residents through dance, music, writing and drama have been recognized with a nomination for Service Award for Geriatric Excellence (SAGE).

The SAGE Awards were introduced in 2003 to formally recognize the

outstanding achievements of individuals and organizations who demonstrate excellence in positively influencing the quality of life of seniors and to highlight geriatrics as a critical area of health care.

"Emanuela has brought us something unique and wonderful," says Shalom Village CEO Pat Morden. "Her nomination for this award is an opportunity to share her gift with our community and will hopefully inspire other art and drama therapists to enrich the lives of those who live in long term care."

SAGE recognizes nominees from the Hamilton, Halton, Niagara, Haldimand, Wellington and Brant regions. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at Michaelangelo's Banquet Centre on May 27th.

Save June 23rd to help us celebrate with Pat Morden

Plan to join us on June 23rd as we thank Pat for all she has done for our parents, our spouses, our grandparents, our staff, our community and long term care. Details will be available soon.

Congratulations...

... to long-time Shalom Village volunteer and board member **Dennis Schwartz**, who has been nominated for a Shem Tov volunteer recognition award.

... to **Moe Green** and the rest of our friends at **Classic Care Pharmacy** who have been nominated for a SAGE Award in the Organization category.

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Purim Parade

"Reality TV star" Goldie Robbins joined residents and staff in our annual Purim parade on March 21st.

E-mail newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE! 30th Annual Tea July 7th

Ladies Auxiliary plans to refurbish original kitchen



Mark July 7th 2011 on your calendar. That is the day that Shalom Village celebrates the 30th Annual Ladies Auxiliary Tea.

This popular fundraiser has been a highlight of the summer social season

for three decades. The event has raised funds for many worthwhile projects at Shalom Village over the years, from electric lifts to telephones. Most recently, our long term care residents all received new high-low power assisted beds thanks to funds raised at the tea.

Kitchen Renovation

Ladies Auxiliary co-chairs Rochelle Waxman and Jo-Ann Pomerantz have announced that this year's tea will help pay for renovations to the kitchen in Shalom Village Original. More than 20 years of preparing up to 500 kosher meals a day have taken their toll and it is time to spruce things up a bit!

Ticket information will be available soon.

Guest Voices

A new form of tzedakah

Volunteer with AJWS discovers the joy of giving the gift of sustainability

SAMARA STRUB

This past February I was selected by American Jewish World Services (AJWS) to travel to Nicaragua with 11 other Jewish students from both Concordia and McGill universities. Our mission was to volunteer in the rural community of Pedro Jaquin Chomorro. There, we were to build ovens with two local families and several community members to provide the families with a sustainable source of income. Working with a grassroots non-governmental organization called Nochari, we discovered the links between social justice, service, and Judaism.

AJWS sends volunteers all around the Global South – Asia, Africa, and the Americas – to work closely with grassroots organizations to create important cultural exchanges and allow volunteers first-hand experiences in the developing world. While in Nicaragua, AJWS provided us with a rich curriculum that tied in our work to the global community, pointing out how my group could be a part of helping to end poverty.

Our trip truly emphasized the importance of working with, as opposed to, for the community. On the first day, when we started to build ovens, women from neighbouring houses came just to help, sometimes from an hour

away on foot. Entire families picked up shovels, moved rocks and mixed cement with us. The feeling of community was unlike anything I had ever experienced. I realized that these ovens were going to be built by the community with the support of Nochari, whether we helped or not. We were there to lay a foundation for the ovens as a part of the community, not to finish building them on our own. Our group also had the opportunity to explore Nicaraguan life. On one of our last days in Nandaime, where Nochari is located, the community celebrated Saint Santiago, the patron saint of a neighbouring city. Saints Day only happens once a year in each city and locals come from all the surrounding cities on horses to celebrate in the streets. There was a spectacular parade that included a local band. The trombonist struck up the first few notes of O Canada and my group immediately began cheering loudly. I remember getting chills as suddenly more and more voices from all around us joined in with cheer! As the band made its way out of our sight, continuing in the parade, I asked my group how the band knew that we were all Canadian? We had no Canadian flags in sight and could have very well been from anywhere in the

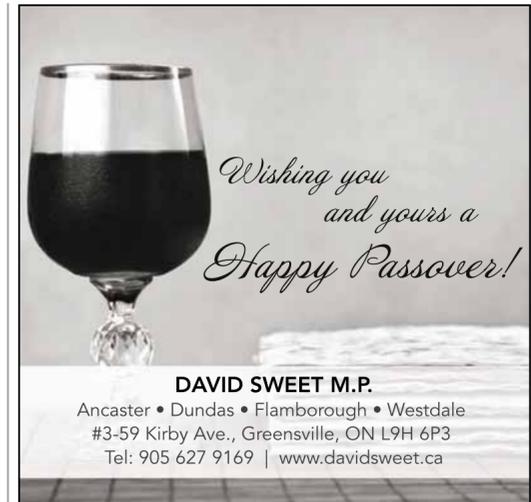


Samara Strub (middle) with her friend, Arielle Segal and Nandaime resident, Delilah.

world. It became clear that word had spread through Nandaime's population of around 20,000 that a group of Canadian volunteers had been helping out in the community. I was so impacted by the love and support of this community that I did not even consider how much our group had impacted all of them.

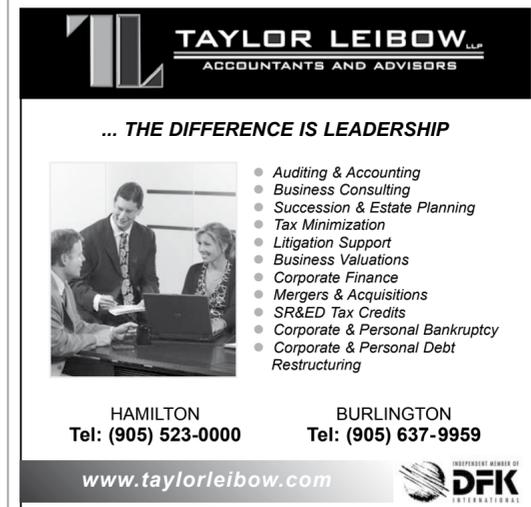
It was moving to see that in this developing country, there is so much hope and inspiration for the future. The trip opened my eyes to the importance of supporting sustainable development all over the world. It provided me the means to give a new form of tzedakah: the gift of sustainability.

Dundas born and raised Samara Strub is a second year student at McGill University.



Wishing you and yours a Happy Passover!

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Election fever hits community

Federation prepares to interview local candidates

UJA FEDERATION STAFF

With both federal and provincial elections approaching, UJA Federation's Public Affairs Committee will, once again, engage local candidates on matters of concern to the Jewish community.

Depending on schedules, the formats may include one on one meetings between a local candidate and members of the Public Affairs Committee, it may be a public forum with all the candidates on a party by party basis, or it may be an all candidates meeting on a riding by riding basis.

In the upcoming elections, Federation's reach will extend as far east as Oakville. It may also reach as far as Guelph and St Catharines, depending on the progress on implementation of the re-organization plan of the national advocacy infrastructure.

Federation will present an agenda to candidates that go beyond obvious concerns regarding Middle East policy.

"The Jewish community is not a one-issue community," said Gerry Fisher, Federation executive director. "Although support for Israel is our overarching concern, we also share concerns regarding matters addressed by our beneficiary agencies such as poverty, services to seniors, immigration, and education."

Federation President Larry Levin stressed that UJA Federation is a strictly non-partisan organization. It will not endorse any candidate or any party. "The exercise of meeting the candidates is to provide them with an opportunity to listen to our community's concerns and to give them the opportunity to inform our leadership of their positions on matters of vital interest to us." For more information on upcoming meetings with political candidates call Gerry Fisher at 905-648-0605, ext 305.



Steven Adler (centre) poses with David Somer, past president UJA Federation and Beth Jacob co-president, Ira Greenspoon at a recent breakfast program held at the synagogue. Photo by Wendy Schneider

An open letter to the Jewish community

As Canadians, it is not only our right, but our responsibility to participate in the democratic process and have our voices heard. Since its inception five years ago, the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee (CJPAC), has helped the Jewish community to have impact beyond its numbers. Through the engagement of our thousands of community members across Canada within the multi-partisan political process, CJPAC has advanced prospects for a safe and secure environment for Israel and the Canadian Jewish community.

The Jewish community's voting influence is restricted to 13 ridings across the country – yet there are 308 ridings at stake. Dozens of ridings are decided by the smallest margins. In the 2008 election, one candidate won by only two votes in a riding with a population of more than 49,000. Therefore, we must engage strategically, and most importantly we must vote.

At stake in this election are issues of concern to all Canadians, in addition to issues of special concern to the Canadian Jewish and pro-Israel community, including the Canada-Israel relationship. In order to have your say on these issues, it is up to you to get involved.

1. **It's up to you to become informed.**
Learn more about where the candidates and parties stand on these issues. Visit itsup2you.ca to learn about your local candidates, the positions of their respective parties and to read the candidate's responses to a questionnaire that we have designed.

2. **It's up to you to get involved.**
Volunteering for an election campaign is a great way to build relationships with Members of Parliament and other decision-makers. These relationships are essential to ensuring our collective voice is heard. It's also a great opportunity for networking, professional development and community involvement. Those who have volunteered in the past know how important and fun it can be. Fill out our volunteer form at itsup2you.ca and CJPAC will pair you with the campaign of your choice.

3. **It's up to you to support candidates.**
With election fundraising and spending limits it is easy to support friendly candidates in a significant way. Every dollar counts and there are generous tax credits for political donations. Through CJPAC, you can target your support to our community's friends who need it the most. We are also able to ensure that every dollar donated is sent with the message, "Thank you on behalf of the Jewish community for your support of our issues." Call Jonathan Ain at 1-866-929-9552 ext. 238 for more information on how to make your political dollars count for the Jewish community.

4. **Most of all, it's up to you to vote.**
By exercising your right to vote, you have a say in charting Canada's course on issues of importance to you and the community. Find out more about voting options at www.itsup2you.ca.

We can all help to strengthen our community's voice by being an integral part of the political process, helping to elect candidates who support our community, and by building relationships with leaders and decision-makers who will have an impact on our issues.

Elections are won and lost on the basis of citizen participation. We are turning to you to make a difference for our community!

Joel Reitman
Chair, CJPAC

Mark Waldman
Executive Director, CJPAC

What will **YOU** do this election to make our voice heard?

YOU can make a significant impact on this campaign.

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YONI PINTHUS
JERUSALEM MARATHON

Born in Rehovot, Israel, Yoni practices uro-oncology at the Juravinski Cancer Centre. At the time of writing he was training for the Jerusalem Marathon, his first. The marathon took place on March 25. A runner for several years, Yoni trained intensively for two-and-a-half months, either through solo runs or group runs with The Running Room. His longer runs of approximately 30 km took place on weekends and included alternating between hill and tempo training. His best advice to himself? “The most important thing is not to overdo it.” How did he feel in the days approaching the event? “I’m very excited because it combines two passions of mine. Running alone, which is very meditative, and being surrounded by people running in a landscape that I love.”



CHRISTINE NUSCA
BOSTON MARATHON

The upcoming Boston Marathon on April 18 will be UJA Federation assistant campaign director Christine Nusca’s seventh marathon. This will be her second time running the prestigious race and hopes to match her qualifying time of 3:45. Her past marathons have included the Red Hill Parkway run, New York and Mississauga where she did her qualifying run for Boston and came first in her age group of over-50. She began training intensively at the beginning of January, with weekday runs averaging 10 km and weekend runs of 20 km plus. The annual Around The Bay race provided another opportunity to get a long run in. Christine’s future goals including running the Chicago and Ottawa marathons.

Israel trip winner



Congratulations to Sari Campbell, winner of two airfare tickets to Israel. Sari’s name was drawn from all donors who made their pledge before the UJA Campaign deadline. Pictured above from left to right are UJA Campaign co-chair Danna Horwood, Sari Campbell and UJA Campaign co-chair Lisa Morris. The winner of this year’s draw will be announced at the UJA Campaign closing event on May 10.

Looking for ideas on how to enhance your Passover seder?

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Sharon Enkin Award for Holocaust Education

Madeleine Levy and Nadia Rosa, co-chairs of UJA Federation’s Holocaust Education Committee are delighted to announce the creation of an annual award for teaching excellence in the area of Holocaust education. The award is to be presented annually to an elementary or secondary school teacher in any discipline who has demonstrated a commitment to teaching students about the Holocaust and its important lessons for humankind.

The award of \$500 will be presented at the Federation’s Annual Student Symposium on the Holocaust at Mohawk College in May. The Sharon Enkin Award will be presented to a teacher or teachers who have shown exceptional interest and outstanding application of Holocaust educational skills, devotion to the subject and to student participation in educating students about the Holocaust.

This award was established in honor and memory of Mrs. Sharon Enkin for a lifelong involvement in education and community, affecting the lives of thousands of students. This award was made possible by her husband Lawrence and her children.

UJA Federation President Larry Levin praised the Enkin family for their philanthropy. “I am very grateful to the Enkins for their generosity and hope it opens opportunities for others to follow their example.”

Saying Shalom to Shalom

PAT MORDEN BIDS FAREWELL TO SHALOM VILLAGE

by WENDY SCHNEIDER, Hamilton Jewish News

Shalom Village and Pat Morden: The two are synonymous in the minds of both Jewish Hamiltonians and members of the provincial health care community. This June, Morden will step down after 21 years at Shalom Village – 15 as its CEO – but she leaves behind a robust and thriving organization, one that is universally regarded as the jewel in the crown among Hamilton’s Jewish organizations and held up by the provincial health care community as a paragon of cutting-edge, long-term care. Morden’s vision, leadership and passion have served this community well and we are all better for it.

Pat Morden was hired at a pivotal moment in Shalom Village’s history. It was 1990 and the existing seniors’ residence was thriving, but its board knew that the time had come to seriously look at expanding its services to include nursing home care. Morden was initially hired as a consultant to assist in planning for a future long-term facility and help develop staffing policies. But early in the process it became evident to both Morden and the board that she, herself was an ideal candidate to become its new director of nursing under then director, Sheila Burman. Morden was promoted to CEO in 1996.

Twenty-one years is a long time. In what ways was your own personal evolution reflected in your growth on the job?

When I came to Shalom, the board and I shared a vision of people being at home. More and more I came to realize that the key to putting life into the ideas was leadership. Because the dream of what being at home would happen through the staff so having them be the best they could be and strongly connect to the vision was the development of everybody’s personal leadership I had been on a big journey of learning about the models and skills of life-coaching and leadership and so we began to talk internally about people developing skills as coaches and leaders.

What is Shalom Village’s greatest achievement?

More than 10 years ago the board came up with the phrase, “At home at Shalom” after holding numerous focus groups to ask people what they meant by feeling at home... We’ve created a small village where people can feel their whole lives can happen under one roof. Their synagogue, their



Pat Morden helps the late Ida Foreman light the shabbat candles, circa 1995.

Photos courtesy of Shalom Village



Pat with Goldie Robbins at the Hanukkah Hustle.



Pat has long considered Aaron Shiffman to be her mentor.

theatre, hairdresser, restaurant – it really is a village. The board wanted Shalom to be a vibrant part of the community and they wanted it to be a vibrant community in and of itself We got better and better at making that vision come true.

Is there anything you wish you could have done at Shalom but for one reason or another were not able to?

For many, the worry about where they will live out their days, should home not be possible, is a dark burden. For those who call Shalom Village home and their families, this life change is lightened significantly by the confidence they have in Shalom Village.

I am proud of this. I certainly wish for the future that the community will help our team by building a substantial endowment in the foundation. This will be critical for the future. I focused on getting the right structure and partnerships and inspiring great people to create our future. The need now is to give them the resources to sustain the drive forward.

When you think back, what are some of the highlights of your time here?

All the highlights have been related to our creating ‘resident moments’, whether it’s celebrating the holidays, seeing people enjoying themselves at Bubby Bessie Café or at the synagogue



Pat Morden’s vision and leadership over 21 years contributed greatly to Shalom Village’s outstanding reputation.

Pat’s Legacy

She is Madame Shalom and she put Shalom on the map in Hamilton ... She’s a woman for all seasons.
Aaron Shiffman
Shalom Village mashgiach

Pat has created a legacy of leadership that has influenced all levels and systems of the Long Term Care Sector and beyond ... The impact of her legacy has been province wide programs, networks and relationships, ideas for change and inspired individuals, all working to create ideal long term care environments across the province. Pat’s ultimate goal ... has been for the benefit of our residents, and indeed for residents in all long term care homes, to support teams in providing a standard of care that we all wish for our loved ones who need to live closer to care.
Jeanette O’Leary, Chief Operating Coach for Health, Shalom Village

Where do you go from here?

What I’m going to do now is use all I know about leadership and take what I’ve learned at Shalom so that I can have a bigger impact on what’s happening in the province and move to my farm and live closer to the land. The residents are really excited for me. They say, ‘Pat you’re always talking about making possibilities possible. Live your life and go for it.’ I need to live that and step into new adventures and challenges as well. And my doing that has created possibilities for people I work with at Shalom to step into new possibilities. That’s the great thing about Shalom. We have an amazing team.

What will you miss most about Shalom?

I will miss the daily opportunity to feel the love and engagement of amazing people. The staff inspires me in so many ways and when I watch them I am always reminded of the power of dedication, hard work and the lasting impact of a laugh. The volunteers challenge me to do more with my life, to give of myself and my resources for the sheer knowing that this is why we are on Earth. The residents have enriched my being with their wisdom, their courage, and the reminder of the importance of a steadfast connection to family, beliefs and self.

The board and leadership team have challenged me to be the best, to continue to grow and learn. They have been a solid support for when we needed to shift gears from a wrong turn and celebrate the many right ones!

I will hold all of these lessons in my heart and never be far from Shalom Village wherever I am.

Pat is indefatigable. She has a constant yearning for newness while at the same time being very strongly anchored in the principles that guide Shalom and its at home model ... Within that framework she’ll look anywhere and everywhere for new opportunities to improve the experience of the residents and the staff. She’s given the staff continual opportunities to explore their potential and to be guided in that exploration so that it’s the most productive ... Pat’s created a culture of people wanting to take responsibility for themselves and their roles and they’re reinforced, lauded and recognized for what they do.
Susan Denburg,
President, Board of Directors of Shalom Village

If this purse could talk

The Kladovo Transport is one of the lesser-known incidents that took place during the Holocaust. But the recent donation of a purse made by one of its victims has uncovered a deeply moving and tragic story.

by WENDY SCHNEIDER, special to The Hamilton Jewish News

PICTURED CENTRE: Group portrait of members of the Hashomer Hatzair Zionist youth group from the Kladovo Transport. Erich Nachhaeuser (now Ehud Nahir), the group's leader and one of the survivors, is pictured standing second from the right.

INSET: Sylvia Cuberovic's purse on display at Beth Jacob Synagogue.



Archival photographs courtesy of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum



At a refugee camp established for members of the Kladovo Transport, two Jewish girls do the laundry in a trough outside their barracks.



Sylvia Cuberovic, pictured here with son Michael and husband Kresimir, received the purse as a gift from her goddaughter. Photo by Wendy Schneider

This is the story of a beaded purse and its connection to a little-known incident among thousands of similar incidents that took place during the Holocaust. It's a story of tenacity, hope and despair and of one woman's determination to ensure that a purse made by a Jew found its final resting place among Jews.

Kresimir, Sylvia and their son, Michael Cuberovic were among thousands of Yugoslavian immigrants who fled to Canada following the Communist takeover of their country in the mid-1950s. As a parting gift, Sylvia's goddaughter gave her a beautiful, handcrafted beaded purse that she had received from her parents. During the Second World War at their general store in the town of Kladovo, a Jewish refugee had sold it to them in exchange for food.

Kresimir, only seven years old at the time, remembers the refugees coming to the town.

"They came to my uncle's store," he said "They didn't have any money and that they were trying to get to Palestine."

The purse had apparently taken six months to craft and Sylvia's parents had willingly paid double the asking price.

Although Sylvia's goddaughter never used the purse herself, she recognized its value.

"They were poor because of Communism," said Sylvia, "and she had nothing else to give me but the purse." Sylvia recognized its beauty immediately. "It's a work of art, done by needlepoint. So much work went into it to make the front and back identical."

Michael said the purse was one of the few possessions his mother brought with her to Canada.

In Canada, the family continued to find connections with the Jewish community. A gifted seamstress, Sylvia worked for many years at Leed's Bridal Shop on King Street East, where she was one of the late Welf Gerofsky's leading designers. She used the purse on special occasions but in the back of her mind, she knew that she wanted to return it to Jewish hands.

"I had it for quite some time in a drawer," said Sylvia. "One day I thought I should donate this purse to maybe a Jewish museum to find its place. It came from Jewish people and I wanted to donate it back to the Jewish community here in Canada. I thought about it for a long time but I didn't have a chance to do anything about it."

In 1981, she got her chance when her son Michael married Trudy Webber, a woman with a close connection to a local Jewish family. Webber was one of 29 foster children raised by Morley and Joan Balinson, and Sylvia asked Michael to find out whether the Balinsons could help find a home for the purse. The Balinsons agreed and suggested the Beth Jacob Synagogue; they also informed the Hamilton Jewish News of its existence, and that could have been the end of the story.

A search of the word, Kladovo on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website displays a remarkable archive of 44 photographs that document the

Need to know

THE KLADOVO TRANSPORT

What: The Kladovo Transport was an illegal transport of 1,200 Central European Jewish refugees seeking to reach Palestine in the fall of 1939.

Organized by: The HeHalutz Zionist Youth Movement in Vienna in conjunction with the Mossad leAliyah Bet, a branch of the Haganah in British Mandate Palestine. The Mossad succeeded in bringing 20,000 Jewish immigrants to Palestine, primarily by sea prior to the outbreak of the Second World War.

Ultimate fate: Only one group, consisting of 207 Zionist youth, managed to secure legal immigration certificates and escape to Palestine. Most of the remaining refugees perished.

The photographs: The photographs were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Erich Nachhaeuser, one of the leaders chosen by HeHalutz to accompany the first group of 50 youth aliyah members out of Yugoslavia on March 15, 1941. Once in Palestine, he settled on Kibbutz Gan Shmuel with other members of his youth movement. Many of the Kladovo youth who were given certificates did not succeed in leaving Yugoslavia before the German invasion of April 6, and they perished with the rest of the transport in camps in Yugoslavia.

experiences of a group of 1,200 Central European Jewish refugees throughout an 18-month ordeal that would end tragically. The photographs were donated to the museum by Erich Nachhaeuser (now Ehud Nahir), one of the Kladovo Transport's 280 survivors, and they provide an indelible snapshot of a people who refused to allow the nightmare in which they were living to stifle their passion for life and their hope for a better future.

"The Kladovo Transport is not one of the most well known incidents in Holocaust history," said Judith Cohen, director of the Photographic Reference Collection at the museum. "Most people have not heard of it. But yet through these photographs it's become very vibrant to us because ... we have photographs of almost everybody who was on the transport ... and they've all been very well identified by the donor."

Looking through the photographs, which are available to the public at the museum's website, one can't help but wonder if the owner of the purse is among those pictured.

In November 1939, time was running out for European Jewry and Zionist leaders were desperately seeking ways to rescue as many as they could. Through negotiation and bribery, the Vienna-based Secretary General of HeHalutz, an umbrella organization of Zionist youth movements, arranged for a group of 120 Youth Aliyah members to join an illegal transport to Palestine. The following month, a total of 1,200 refugees assembled in Bratislava and they boarded a

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JUDITH COHEN
Director, Photographic Reference Collection
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Slovakian-owned riverboat named Uranus. The plan was for the Uranus to ferry its human cargo along the Danube, through Slovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia, to the Black Sea, where they would be transferred to a sea-worthy vessel (yet to be found) that would take them to Palestine. But a series of setbacks took the refugees further and further away from salvation.

The first obstacle happened a few days after the Uranus's departure, when its owners stopped the boat at the Hungarian boarder and ordered its return to Bratislava. Hope flickered again when Max Spitzer, president of the Association of Jewish

Communities, chartered three Yugoslavian-owned riverboats and convinced the authorities to allow the refugees to carry on with their journey. But the trip was aborted once again when the riverboats were stopped at the Romanian border, where authorities cited concerns about the imminent freezing of the Danube.

The refugees were now stranded in the harbour of Kladovo, where they remained throughout the winter, exposed to biting cold, malnutrition and overcrowding.

It wasn't until May 1940, that the refugees were finally allowed to leave the boats. Spitzer arranged for primitive accommodations for some, while others lived among families in the town. The encounter between the owner of the purse and Kresimir's uncle most likely occurred that summer.

Nahir's photographs reveal a rich cultural life, both in Kladovo and in Sabac, a town further up-river where the refugees were later transferred. They studied, played sports, sang and fell in love. In fact, 15 marriages took place. Hopes were continually being raised about an imminent departure, but none came to fruition and as the second winter approached, despair set in once again.

Finally in March 1941, 200 Youth Aliyah members received legal immigration certificates. They were told to leave in groups of 50 and three groups managed to reach Palestine before the German invasion of Yugoslavia in April. Nahir was among the lucky ones.



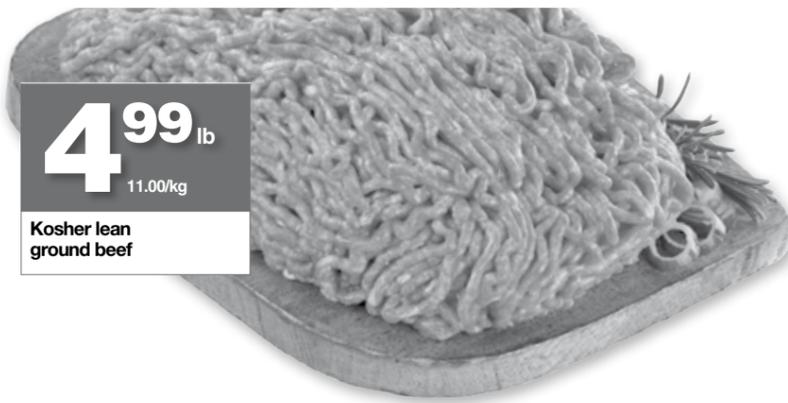
Group portrait of Zionist youth from the Kladovo Transport taken after the triple wedding of members of their group.

In October 1941, 21 German soldiers were killed by partisans. In retaliation, the Germans ordered the execution of 2,100 – 100 people for every German killed. All the men from the Kladovo Transport fell victim to this reprisal. Four months later, the Jewish women and children from the transport were taken to the concentration camp in Sajmiste, where they were all killed

in gas ovens over the next few months. Sylvia Cuberovic's purse has found its final home in a display case in Beth Jacob Synagogue. The accompanying text pays tribute to the Cuberovic family and their desire to have the purse find "its rightful home amongst the Jewish people." "The Jewish people made it," said Sylvia. "Now it's returning home."

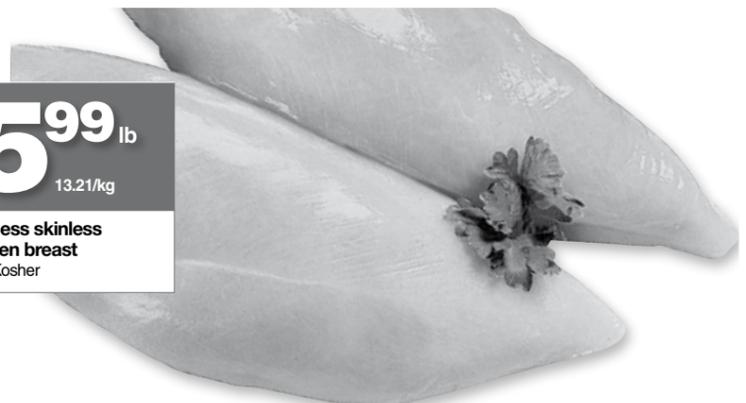


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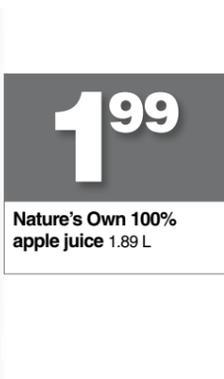
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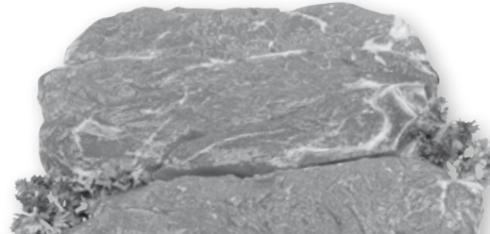


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